

Glossary:Overcrowding rate

Statistics Explained

The **overcrowding rate** is defined as the percentage of the population living in an overcrowded [household](#) .

A person is considered as living in an **overcrowded** household if the household does not have at its disposal a minimum number of rooms equal to:

- one room for the household;
- one room per couple in the household;
- one room for each single person aged 18 or more;
- one room per pair of single people of the same gender between 12 and 17 years of age;
- one room for each single person between 12 and 17 years of age and not included in the previous category;
- one room per pair of children under 12 years of age.

Related concepts

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- [Under-occupied dwelling](#)

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- [Living conditions in Europe - housing](#)