

DETERMINING FAMILY UNIT (VOUCHER) SIZE

For each family, the PHA determines the appropriate number of bedrooms under the PHA subsidy standards and enters the family unit size on the voucher that is issued to the family. The family unit size does not dictate the size of unit the family must actually lease, nor does it determine who within a household will share a bedroom/sleeping room.

The following requirements apply when the PHA determines family unit size:

- The subsidy standards must provide for the smallest number of bedrooms needed to house a family without overcrowding.
- The subsidy standards must be consistent with space requirements under the housing quality standards.
- The subsidy standards must be applied consistently for all families of like size and composition.
- A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family in determining the family unit size.
- A family that consists of a pregnant woman (*with no other persons*) must be treated as a two-person family.
- Any live-in-aide (*approved by the PHA to reside in the unit to care for a family member who is disabled or is at least 50 years of age*) must be counted in determining the family unit size;
- Unless a live-in-aide resides with a family, the family unit size for any family consisting of a single person must be either a zero- or one-bedroom unit, as determined under the PHA subsidy standards.

EPHA Policy

The EPHA will assign one bedroom for each two persons within the household, except in the following circumstances:

- Persons of the opposite sex (*other than spouses, and children under age 5*).
- Live-in-aide will be allocated a separate bedroom.
- Single person families will be allocated one bedroom.

The EPHA will reference the following chart in determining the appropriate voucher size for a family:

Voucher Size	Persons in Household (Minimum-Maximum)
1 Bedroom	1-2
2 Bedroom	2-4
3 Bedroom	3-6
4 Bedroom	4-8
5 Bedroom	6-10