

## Canadian Century Research Infrastructure

### ROOMS\_OCCUPIED

Definition: Refers to the total number of rooms the family enumerated is using for living purposes.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

| Census Year | Schedule 1a | Schedule 1b | Schedule 1c | Schedule 2 | Schedule 2a |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1911        |             |             |             |            |             |
| 1921        | 10          | 10          |             |            |             |
| 1931        | 9           | 9           |             |            |             |
| 1941        | 10          | 10          |             |            |             |
| 1951        |             |             |             |            |             |

### Census Guide, 1921

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| A. Census Question           | Rooms occupied by this family  |
| B. Question Number           | Column 10 of Forms 1A and 1B.  |
| C. Variable(s) and Codes     | ROOMS_OCCUPIED   |
| D. Reference Point           | As of Census Day, June 1, 1921.  |
| E. Total Target Population   | 1,764,129  |
| F. Statistical unit          | The family.  |
| G. Targeted Population       | Private dwellings.   |
| H. Enumerators' Instructions | 79. Enter in column 10 the number of rooms occupied by this family for living purposes. The entry must be made in the line opposite the head of the house. |
| I. Remarks                   |  |

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**Census Guide, 1931**

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| A. Census Question           | Rooms occupied by this family.   |
| B. Question Number           | 9 schedules 1A and 1B.   |
| C. Variable(s) and Codes     | ROOMS_OCCUPIED   |
| D. Reference Point           | As of census day, June 1, 1931.  |
| E. Total Target Population   | 2,419, 360   |
| F. Statistical unit          | The family.  |
| G. Targeted Population       | Head of each family enumerated.  |
| H. Enumerators' Instructions | <p>99. Column 9: Rooms occupied by this family. Enter in Column 9 the number of rooms occupied by this family for living purposes. The entry must be made in the line opposite the head of the house. In the cases of a hotel or boarding house the total number of rooms in the house should be entered opposite the head of said hotel or boarding house. If, however, a family occupies permanent quarters in a hotel or boarding house for living purposes, the number of rooms occupied by it for exclusive family purposes should be entered in Column 9 on the line opposite the name of the head of the family, and the number of rooms thus occupied as a private residence deducted from the total number of hotel rooms used for general purposes. For example if a hotel contains 100 rooms and a private family occupies permanently 10 rooms the number 10 will be entered opposite the head of the private family and the number 90 opposite the name of the head of the hotel family. (See Instruction 79.)</p> <p>79. Families in hotels. All the persons returned from a hotel should likewise be counted as a single "family," except that where a family of two or more members (as a husband and wife, or a mother and daughter) occupies permanent quarters in a hotel (or an apartment hotel) it should be returned as a separate and distinct family, leaving the "hotel family" as made up principally of individuals having no other family relations.</p> |
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**Census Guide, 1941**

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| A. Census Question           | Description of Home – Rooms occupied by each household.  |
| B. Question Number           | 10 on schedules 1A and 1B.   |
| C. Variable(s) and Codes     | ROOMS_OCCUPIED   |
| D. Reference Point           | As of census day, June 2, 1941.  |
| E. Total Target Population   | 2,575,744  |
| F. Statistical unit          | The household.   |
| G. Targeted Population       | Head of each household enumerated.   |
| H. Enumerators' Instructions | <p>76. Answers to these inquiries are to be entered for each household on the line used for the enumeration of the head, i.e., on each line where there is an entry in Column 3.</p> <p>80. Column 10.—Rooms occupied by each household. (1) The Enumerator shall enter, in Column 10, the number of rooms occupied by each household. If there are two or more households in a dwelling, the entry, on the same line as the head of each household, shall be the number of rooms in the portion of the dwelling which is occupied by each household.</p> <p>(2) Not to be counted. The following will not be counted as rooms: halls, bathrooms, closets, pantries and alcoves; attics and basements, unless finished off for living purposes; sunrooms and verandas unless suitably enclosed for occupancy at all seasons.</p> <p>(3) Hotels, lodging-houses and institutions.</p> <p>(a) Ordinarily, all persons living in a hotel, a lodging-house or an institution are members of the one household, but some cases will be encountered where there are housekeeping communities separate from the main households. Since each of these groups of people will be counted as a separate household, the number of rooms occupied by it shall be reported in Column 10. Only the rooms in which members of the main hotel, lodging-house, or institutional household live are to be entered opposite the name of the head of the household. For example, in a hospital where nurses, resident doctors, servants, etc., live in the institution, only the rooms occupied by these people will be marked in Column 10, opposite the name of the head,</p> |

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|            | and not all the rooms in the hospital.<br><br>(b)> Enumerators are cautioned to obtain the census information about a hotel from the proprietor or manager, or from a responsible person in charge of the hotel. |
| I. Remarks |  |

**Codes:**

90000001 "Boarder"  
 99999001 "Blank"  
 99999002 "Damaged"  
 99999003 "Illegible"  
 99999004 "In Error"  
 99999005 "Suspicious"  
 99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"  
 99999007 "Not Applicable"  
 99999008 "Not Mapped"  
 99999009 "Correction"  
 99999010 "Suggestion"  
 99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"  
 99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"  
 99999901 "None"  
 99999902 "Not Given"  
 99999903 "Unknown"  
 99999904 "Invalid Value"  
 99999999 "Uncodable"

Remarks: None