

Occupancy Limit per Dwelling Unit

City	State/ Province	City Population (thousands)	If all occupants are unrelated to each other	Fuller explanation: limits for unrelated individuals. (Family members are exempt from occupancy limits)	References (linked)
Vancouver	BC	643	5	(3 unrelated individuals or a family) + 2 unrelated individuals. Secondary suites get additional occupancy capacity.	Consultations with city staff and definition of “family,” Zoning & Development 3575, Section 2, municipal code
Seattle	WA	609	8	8 individuals, if any are nonfamily. No more than 2 nonfamily can be temporary boarders	Definition of “household,” 23.84 A.016, municipal code
Portland	OR	584	6	(family + 5) or 6	Definition of “family,” 33.91, municipal code
Surrey	BC	468	No limit	No limit. No more than 2 can be temporary boards.	Definition of “family,” Zoning Bylaw 1200, Part 1, municipal code; and Uses Permitted in Specific Zones: Bed and Breakfast and Boarding and Lodging, Zoning Bylaw 1200, Part 4, B, 2
Burnaby	BC	223	5	(family or 3) + 2	“Family,” Section 3 Definitions, Zoning Bylaw No 4742
Spokane	WA	209	7	family + 6, not counting residents' minor children	“Household,” Section 17A.020.080 “H” Definitions, municipal code
Boise	ID	206	5	5, if any nonfamily	“Dwelling Unit,” Section 11-01-03 Definitions, municipal code
Tacoma	WA	198	6	6, if any nonfamily	Definition of “family,” 13.06.700, municipal code
Richmond	BC	190	6	6, if any nonfamily	Definition of “family,” Zoning bylaw, Part A, Section 3.3
Yakima	WA	162	5	5, if any nonfamily	Definition of “family,” chapter 15-02, municipal codes
Eugene	OR	156	5	5, if any nonfamily. Special provision accommodates unmarried couples and their families.	“Family,” Eugene Code 9.0500 Definitions
Salem	OR	155	5	5, if any nonfamily	“Family,” 111.070. “F” Definitions, municipal code
Abbotsford	BC	133	3	family + 2-4. No more than two rooms for boarders, up to four people may share those rooms.	“Accessory Boarding Use” in Zoning Bylaws 120 – Definitions
North Vancouver	BC	132	5	(family or 3) + 2-5, depending on zone	Definition of “family,” Zoning Bylaw, 1995, Division 1, Part 2
Langley	BC	129	4	4, if any nonfamily	“Family,” Part 1, Section C Definitions, Zoning Bylaw.

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Coquitlam	BC	126	3	family + 2	"Family," Zoning Bylaw, 3000 Part 2 - Definitions and Boarding use: Zoning Bylaw, 3000 Part 5 General regulations
Bellevue	WA	122	6	6, if any nonfamily	"Family," in 20.50.020 F definitions, municipal code
Gresham	OR	106	5	family + 4	"Family," Article 3 Definitions, Planning Code
Everett	WA	103	4	(family + 2) or (4 adults + 4 children, if some nonfamily)	Definition of "family," Title 19, Chapter 4, Section 4.020, municipal code
Kent	WA	92	6	6, if any nonfamily	"Family," Chapter 15.02 Definitions, municipal code
Hillsboro	OR	92	5	(family + 3) or 5	"Family," Section 3 Definitions, Zoning Ordinance
Vancouver	WA	91	7	family + 6, not counting residents' minor children	Definition of "family," 20.150.040, municipal code
Beaverton	OR	90	5	(family + 4) or 5	Definition of family, in Chapter 90, municipal code
Victoria	BC	83	No limit	No limit	Definition of "family," Zoning Bylaw (No. 80-159) Schedule A
Nampa	ID	82	3	3, if nonfamily; no limit if owner is resident	Definition of "family," 10-1-2, municipal code
Bend	OR	77	No limit		Bend Development Code
Medford	OR	75	2	No limit in household definition, but city staff says limit of 2 unrelated, in boarding house rules. Restrictions on boarding houses: 2 boarders, unless owner occupied, in which case up to 5 boarders, with special use permit.	Definitions of "household" and "boarding or lodging home," section 10.010, municipal code
Meridian	ID	75	10	10, if any nonfamily	"Family," Title 11, Chapter 1, Article A, 11-A1-1 Definitions, municipal code
Idaho Falls	ID	57	No limit	No limit	Definition of "family," Article II, municipal code
Moses Lake	WA	20	5	5, if any nonfamily	Definition of "family," 18.06.230, municipal code
Sandpoint	ID	7	No limit	No limit	Definition of "family," Title 9, chapter 1, section 3, municipal code

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