

What is Meant by “Doubling Up”?

“Doubling Up” Experiencing Homelessness



Loss of Housing:

- Eviction: unable to pay bills
- Serious damage to home
- Unhealthy conditions: pest, infestations, domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse in home

Shared Housing Not Experiencing Homelessness



Fixed, Regular, Adequate:

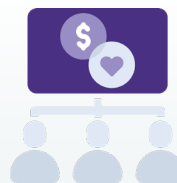
- Used on a regular, nightly basis
- Family has keys to residence and is free to come and go as they please
- Enough space for everyone



Sharing due to Hardship:

- No legal right to be in the home; host can be evicted
- Can be asked to leave at any time without legal recourse*
- Moved into the home as an urgent measure to avoid being in shelters or on the street
- Living situation is intended to be temporary

*Lacking rights afforded to a legal tenant on a lease.



Sharing Housing as a Choice:

- Intent of sharing is a long-term arrangement for cultural or economic reasons
- Moved in together to share a home and expenses
- Sharing home equally - not just guests in home
- Family not in fear of being asked to leave/kicked out