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DWELLING UNITS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., STANDARD METROPOLITAN AREA:
APRIL 1, 1950

(The preliminary counts of dwelling units in this report are compiled in field offices. Preliminary counts of population may be obtained from Series PC-2, No. 49 report)

On April 1, 1950, there were approximately 426,000 dwelling units in the Washington, D. C., Standard Metropolitan Area, according to a report issued today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. Washington, D.C., the central city of this standard metropolitan area, had 234,734 dwelling units, which constituted 55.1 percent of the total dwelling units in the area.

In 1940, Washington, D. C. had 185,128 dwelling units or 69.6 percent of the total dwelling units of the standard metropolitan area. In the past 10 years, the number of dwelling

units in Washington, D. C. increased by 49,606, or 26.8 percent, and the dwelling units in the standard metropolitan area increased by 159,891, or 60.1 percent.

The counts are based on preliminary field tabulations from the 1950 Census of Housing. The figures may differ from the final verified count of dwelling units because of minor corrections and because the field counts include, in addition to dwelling units, a small number of living quarters which will not be classified as dwelling units in the final tabulations.

Area	Dwelling units		Percent increase, 1940 to 1950
	Preliminary count, April 1, 1950	April 1, 1940	
Standard metropolitan area total.	425,888	265,997	60.1
Washington, D.C.....	234,734	185,128	26.8
Balance of area.....	191,154	80,869	136.4
Montgomery County, Md.....	47,342	23,255	103.6
Prince Georges County, Md.....	54,673	22,348	144.6
Alexandria city, Va.....	18,891	9,220	104.9
Arlington County, Va.....	41,246	16,444	150.8
Fairfax County, Va.....	26,806	19,602	179.2
Falls Church city, Va.....	2,196	719	205.4

¹ The 1940 Fairfax County total includes 719 dwelling units of Falls Church town which was incorporated as a city and became independent of Fairfax County in 1948.