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#### Preliminary Data

(The first report in this series, "Housing Characteristics of the United States: April 1, 1950," Series HC-5, No. 1, contains national summaries of the regional data in the present report. The second report in this series contains national statistics, and some regional data, on other housing items such as year built, household equipment, and cooking and heating fuel)

Home ownership was highest in the North Central Region; the average size of household was smallest in the West; and on the average, dwelling units had the largest number of rooms in the Northeast and North Central Regions. Values of nonfarm single family homes were highest in the West and the Northeast and lowest in the South. Rents of nonfarm units also were lowest in the South, but averaged about the same amount in the three other regions. Figures on these and other housing characteristics, based on preliminary sample data from the 1950 Census of Housing, were released today by Roy V. Peel, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Because the 1950 data in this report are based on a sample, the results are subject to sampling variability as explained in the section, "Reliability of 1950 estimates." The smaller figures should be interpreted with particular care, as should also small differences between figures.

The data are for the four regions as defined for the 1950 Census. The boundaries of the regions are shown on the map on the last page of this report. The data provide generalizations of the characteristics of dwelling units for the geographical region. There may be extreme variations between cities and areas within each region.

Inventory.--During the forties, the West grew faster than any other region; the number of dwelling units increased by 41 percent. The South was next; while the Northeast and North Central Regions, which are the older industrialized regions, had the smallest relative increases. The gains resulted largely from new construction, although substantial portions were added through conversions which increased the number of dwelling units in existing structures.

Table A.--DWELLING UNITS AND POPULATION IN DWELLING UNITS, BY REGION: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent not shown where less than 1)

Region	1950		1940		Change, 1940 to 1950	
	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent	Number	Per-cent
<b>DWELLING UNITS</b>						
United States.....	45,875,000	100	37,325,470	100	8,550,000	23
Northeast.....	11,938,000	26	10,312,732	28	1,625,000	16
North Central.....	13,691,000	30	11,597,471	31	2,094,000	18
South.....	13,823,000	30	10,876,056	29	2,947,000	27
West.....	6,422,000	14	4,539,211	12	1,883,000	41
United States, nonwhite.....	3,623,000	100	3,293,406	100	330,000	10
South, nonwhite.....	2,402,000	66	2,407,849	73	-6,000	...
<b>POPULATION IN DWELLING UNITS</b>						
United States.....	145,264,000	100	128,427,069	100	16,837,000	13
Northeast.....	37,636,000	26	34,965,083	27	2,671,000	8
North Central.....	42,935,000	30	38,223,350	31	4,712,000	9
South.....	46,003,000	32	40,877,396	32	5,126,000	13
West.....	18,690,000	13	13,361,240	10	5,329,000	40
United States, nonwhite.....	14,729,000	100	13,156,389	100	1,573,000	12
South, nonwhite.....	10,011,000	68	9,857,319	75	154,000	2

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In all regions except the West, the growth in dwelling units greatly exceeded the growth in population. In the West, with its large in-migration, the dwelling unit increase barely kept pace with the population increase.

Since 1940, the number of dwelling units occupied by nonwhites remained about the same in the South but increased in the rest of the Nation. In 1950, two-thirds (66 percent) of the nonwhite households in the United States were living in the South; this compares with approximately three-fourths (73 percent) in 1940. These results are evidence of the wide-scale movement of nonwhites out of the South, particularly during the war years when they migrated from the farms to urban areas of the North and West to seek defense work.

**Urban and rural.**--Urban dwelling units predominated in each of the regions. Urban housing ranged from 77 percent of the total dwelling units in the Northeast to 50 percent in the South. On the other hand, rural-farm dwelling units constituted an important sector of housing in the South, where they represented 23 percent of the inventory. One-half of the rural-farm dwelling units in the Nation were located in the South. Farm housing was least important in the Northeast where only 4 percent were rural-farm dwellings.

Table B.--URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION OF DWELLING UNITS, BY REGION: 1950

Region	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm	Rural farm
Percent of all dwelling units				
United States.....	100	64	22	14
Northeast.....	100	77	18	4
North Central.....	100	63	21	16
South.....	100	50	26	23
West.....	100	70	21	9
South, nonwhite.....	100	53	22	25
Percent of United States total				
United States.....	100	100	100	100
Northeast.....	26	32	22	8
North Central.....	30	29	29	33
South.....	30	24	36	50
West.....	14	15	13	9

**Vacancies.**--Although there were large increases in dwelling units during the decade, the supply of available vacancies was generally small, indicating a lack of balance between supply and demand for housing. Available vacancy rates ranged from 1.0 percent in the North Central Region to 2.6 percent in the West. Available vacancies are those being offered for rent or sale for year-round use and not dilapidated. In all regions, there were fewer available vacancies for sale than for rent.

Available farm vacancies generally were few. However, when compared with the national average of 0.7 percent among rural-farm units, the West stands out with a rate of 1.7 percent.

Table C.--AVAILABLE VACANT DWELLING UNITS, BY REGION: 1950  
(Percent of all dwelling units)

Region	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm	Rural farm
United States.....	1.6	1.7	1.8	0.7
Northeast.....	1.5	1.7	1.4	0.2
North Central.....	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.5
South.....	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.8
West.....	2.6	2.6	2.8	1.7

The gross vacancy rates ranged from 5.7 percent in the North Central Region to 8.3 percent in the Northeast. Although they are substantially higher than the available vacancy rates, the gross vacancy rates include, in addition to the available vacant units, some vacancies intended for seasonal occupancy, others which are not being offered for rent or sale, and still others which are dilapidated. In the Northeast, seasonal vacancies alone constituted about three-fifths of the total vacancies in that region; in the North Central Region, two-fifths of the vacancies were for seasonal use.

**Tenure.**--One of the most significant developments since 1940 was the substantial increase in home ownership in each of the regions. The West and the South experienced the greatest proportionate gains. The gain resulted from new construction and from the sale of existing rental homes for owner occupancy. In all regions except the West, the shift from renter to owner occupancy was so great that there was a loss in the number of rental units in spite of the large volume of rental units constructed since 1940. In the West, both renter- and owner-occupied dwelling units increased substantially during the decade; the increase in new rental units was so large that it more than offset the number of existing units which shifted from renter to owner occupancy.

Table D.--PERCENT CHANGE IN OWNER- AND RENTER-OCCUPIED DWELLING UNITS, 1940 TO 1950, BY REGION

Region	Owner occupied	Renter occupied
United States.....	54	-3
Northeast.....	46	-4
North Central.....	46	-10
South.....	64	-3
West.....	68	20
South, nonwhite.....	45	-15

This shifting in tenure resulted in marked changes in the proportion of home owners in the 10 years. In 1940, all the regions had more renters than owners. In 1950, however, home owners exceeded renters in every region except the Northeast where the proportions of owners and renters were about equal. The North Central Region had the highest home ownership rate in 1950 when 61 percent of the

occupied dwelling units were owner-occupied. It was among the highest in 1940 also, with 49 percent of the dwelling units occupied by their owners.

Table E.--OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING UNITS,  
BY REGION: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent of occupied dwelling units)

Region	1950	1940
United States.....	55	44
Northeast.....	49	38
North Central.....	61	49
South.....	54	41
West.....	57	49
South, nonwhite.....	35	24

**Type of structure.**--Although many dwelling units in various types of structures were added to the housing inventory and some were lost during the forties, the percentage distribution of dwelling units by their type of structure in each of the regions generally remained unchanged from the 1940 pattern.

In 1950, 1-dwelling-unit detached houses were still the most common type of house in each of the regions. The South led, with 1-dwelling-unit detached houses constituting 75 percent of its total housing inventory. The Northeast, with 40 percent, had by far the lowest proportion of units of this type; on the other hand, it had the highest proportion of units in the larger multi-unit structures. The Northeast, with its many large and closely built-up urban centers where multi-unit structures were prevalent, had 20 percent of its housing inventory in structures containing 5 or more dwelling units.

Table F.--TYPE OF STRUCTURE, BY REGION: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent of all dwelling units)

Region	Dwelling units in 1-dwelling-unit detached structures without business		Dwelling units in structures with 5 dwelling units or more	
	1950	1940	1950	1940
United States.....	62	64	11	11
Northeast.....	40	41	20	20
North Central.....	66	68	9	9
South.....	75	77	5	3
West.....	69	74	11	11

**Rooms and persons.**--In both the median number of rooms and median number of persons, there was less variation among the regions in 1950 than in 1940. The size of households generally became smaller during the 10 years.

In the regions with the largest dwelling units in 1940, the median number of rooms decreased; conversely, in the regions with the smallest dwelling units in 1940, the median remained the same or increased. As in 1940, the Northeast and North Central Regions had the largest dwelling units. In each region, there were relatively fewer 1-room units and relatively fewer units with 7 rooms or more.

Compared with 1940, households remained about the same size in the West but were smaller in each of the other regions. On the whole, there were relatively more 1-person households than in 1940 and relatively fewer units with 6 persons or more. Households containing 2 persons were more numerous than households of any other size.

On the average, the smallest size households were in the West, as in 1940. Of the four regions, it had the highest percentage of 1-person households and also the highest percentage of 1-room dwelling units in 1950. About 13 percent of the households in the West consisted of only 1-person and 5 percent of the dwelling units contained only one room.

Dwelling units occupied by nonwhites in the South contained fewer rooms but more persons than the average for the Nation as a whole.

Table G.--MEDIAN NUMBER OF ROOMS AND PERSONS,  
BY REGION: 1950 AND 1940

Region	Median number of rooms		Median number of persons	
	1950	1940	1950	1940
United States.....	4.6	4.7	3.1	3.3
Northeast.....	5.0	5.3	3.1	3.3
North Central.....	4.9	5.1	3.0	3.2
South.....	4.3	4.0	3.2	3.5
West.....	4.3	4.2	2.8	2.9
South, nonwhite.....	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.4

Rural-farm housing varied considerably from one region to another in the number of rooms and persons. It was consistent for all regions, however, in that dwelling units on farms had, on the average, more rooms and more persons than nonfarm dwelling units. The largest farm dwelling units were in the Northeast where the median was 7.0 rooms. The farms in the South, however, had the largest households; the median was 3.7 persons.

**Persons per room.**--The persons per room data indicate that, since 1940, the expansion of the housing inventory has resulted in less crowding. Based on the persons per room ratio, all four regions have improved their housing conditions, although in varying degrees. The decline in the proportion of units with more than 1.5 persons per room was most noticeable in the South where the proportion dropped from 17 percent to 11 percent; however, the South was still the highest of the four regions in 1950. The 23 percent for units occupied by nonwhites in the South reflects the crowding for that segment of housing. The crowding among nonwhites contributed partly to the high overall proportion for the South; however, even with nonwhite households excluded, the proportion for the South was 8 percent.

At the other end of the scale, there were relatively more dwelling units occupied by one person per room or less, also implying less crowding since 1940. Again, the South experienced the greatest change.

Table H.--PERSONS PER ROOM, BY REGION: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent of occupied dwelling units)

Region	1.00 or less persons per room		1.51 or more persons per room	
	1950	1940	1950	1940
United States.....	84	80	6	9
Northeast.....	89	86	3	4
North Central.....	87	85	5	6
South.....	76	67	11	17
West.....	86	82	6	9
South, nonwhite.....	61	56	23	27

Condition and plumbing facilities.--Approximately four-fifths (79 percent) of the dwelling units in both the Northeast and in the West were not dilapidated, had hot running water, and a private toilet and bath. Both regions were well above the average for the Nation as a whole, which was 64 percent. The same standard of housing was attained by less than one-half (46 percent) of the units in the South and by only 14 percent of the units occupied by nonwhite households in the South.

Table I.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES, BY REGION: 1950

(Percent of all dwelling units)

Region	Not dilapidated, with hot running water, private toilet and bath	Dilapidated or no running water
United States.....	64	21
Northeast.....	79	8
North Central.....	60	22
South.....	46	37
West.....	79	11
South, nonwhite.....	14	68

Units of poorest quality, those which were either dilapidated or had no running water, were most numerous in the South, where over one-third of the units were of this quality. Among rural-farm homes, the proportions of such units varied considerably--from 25 percent in the Northeast to 75 percent in the South. These higher proportions for farm housing were largely due to the lack of piped running water inside farm dwellings.<sup>1</sup>

Rent.--Rents for nonfarm rental housing were at about the same level in the Northeast, North Central, and West Regions. The medians in these three regions were little different from the median for the Nation as a whole, which was \$35 a month. In the South, rents were lower, especially among nonwhite renters who paid, on the average, only \$16 monthly. For units in the urban areas of each region, rents were substantially higher than for the nonfarm units in rural areas.

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of the Census, "Housing Characteristics of the United States: April 1, 1950," Preliminary Reports, 1950 Census of Housing, Series HC-5, No. 1.

Table J.--MONTHLY CONTRACT RENT OF NONFARM RENTAL DWELLING UNITS, BY REGION: 1950

Region	Median monthly contract rent	One-fourth rented for less than--	One-fourth rented for more than--
United States.....	\$35	\$23	\$50
Northeast.....	36	25	49
North Central.....	37	24	51
South.....	29	16	47
West.....	38	28	53
South, nonwhite.....	16	( <sup>1</sup> )	25

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$10.

Rent data for 1940 and 1950 do not necessarily reflect changes in rents for identical units. The addition of new units to the rental market through construction and conversion and the extensive shifts from renter to owner occupancy resulted in a largely different group of rental units in 1950. The change in the definition of farm and nonfarm residence since 1940 also affects the group of nonfarm units to which the rent data apply.

Rental units consist of renter-occupied dwelling units and available vacant units for rent.

Value.--The median price which nonfarm home owners of single family homes estimated their properties would sell for was \$8,500 in the West and \$8,300 in the Northeast. Both were substantially higher than the \$7,400 median for the United States as a whole. As with rent, the South was lowest, the median being \$6,100.

In all four regions, values for owner homes in urban areas were markedly higher than for nonfarm owner homes in rural areas.

Table K.--VALUES OF NONFARM OWNER UNITS IN 1-DWELLING-UNIT STRUCTURES, BY REGION: 1950

Region	Median value	One-fourth valued at less than--	One-fourth valued at more than--
United States.....	\$7,400	\$4,600	\$11,400
Northeast.....	8,300	5,600	12,500
North Central.....	7,300	4,600	11,200
South.....	6,100	3,100	9,600
West.....	8,500	5,500	12,400
South, nonwhite.....	2,400	( <sup>1</sup> )	4,500

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$2,000.

Owner units consist of 1-dwelling-unit owner-occupied structures with no other dwelling units on the property, and 1-dwelling-unit available vacant structures for sale.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The tables in the report show the results of the 1950 Census of Housing based on a preliminary sample of dwelling units. Data from the 1940 Census are also shown if the items are comparable and if

the 1940 data for such items were tabulated. Differences in definitions and procedures used in the 1950 and 1940 Censuses are explained below for each of the items.

Changes from the 1940 concepts were made, after consultation with users of census data, in order to improve the statistics, even though it was recognized that comparability would be adversely affected. When it has been feasible to do so, measures of the impact of the change on the statistics have been, or are being, developed.

Regions.--The regions, for which data are presented in this report, are the four geographic regions defined for the 1950 Census. In the 1940 publications of housing data, only three regions were established--the North, South, and West. The North of 1940 comprises the Northeast and the North Central Regions of 1950. The South and West are the same for both censuses. The boundaries of the four regions are shown on the map on the last page of this report.

Urban and rural areas.--According to the new definition adopted for the 1950 Census, urban areas comprise (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, towns,<sup>2</sup> and villages; (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining areas are classified as rural.

According to the old definition, urban areas comprised all places of 2,500 inhabitants or more which are incorporated places and areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

Farm and nonfarm residence.--In rural areas, dwelling units are subdivided into rural-farm units, which comprise all dwelling units on farms, and rural-nonfarm units which comprise the remaining rural units. However, the method of determining farm and nonfarm residence in the 1950 Census differs somewhat from that used in earlier censuses. In the 1950 Census, dwelling units on farms for which cash rent is paid for the house and yard only are classified as nonfarm. Furthermore, dwelling units on institutional grounds and in summer camps and tourist courts are classified as nonfarm.

Dwelling unit.--In general, a dwelling unit is a group of rooms or a single room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, by a family or other group of persons living together or by a person living alone.

A group of rooms, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, is a dwelling unit if it has separate cooking equipment or a separate entrance. A single room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, is a dwelling unit if it has separate cooking equipment,

or if it constitutes the only living quarters in the structure. Each apartment in a regular apartment house is a dwelling unit even though it may not have separate cooking equipment. Excluded from the dwelling unit count are living quarters in large rooming houses, institutions, dormitories, and transient hotels and tourist courts.

In the 1940 Census, a dwelling unit was defined as the living quarters occupied or intended for occupancy by one household. A household consisted of a family or other group of persons living together with common housekeeping arrangements, or a person living entirely alone.

The number of dwelling units, as shown in this report, may be regarded as comparable with the number of dwelling units shown in the reports of the 1940 Census. The instructions used for identifying a dwelling unit in the 1950 Census were more explicit than those used in the 1940 Census. As a result, some living quarters may have been classified as separate dwelling units by the one definition and not by the other. However, the net effect of the change in the instructions is probably small.

Data on occupied dwelling units and households.--A household consists of those persons who live in the dwelling unit, including not only family members, but also lodgers, servants, and other unrelated persons who live there.

By definition, the number of occupied dwelling units is the same as the number of households. Small differences between these two numbers may appear in the population and housing reports, however, because the data for the reports were processed independently.

Population in dwelling units.--The population count shown in table 1 represents the population in living quarters which are defined as dwelling units. It excludes practically all of the population in such structures as rooming houses, institutions, dormitories, and transient hotels and tourist courts. The population in dwelling units is used in computing population per occupied dwelling unit; in the 1940 Census Reports on Housing, the total population was used in the computation.

Vacant dwelling unit.--A dwelling unit is considered vacant if no persons are living in it at the time of enumeration. Vacant units are enumerated if they are intended for occupancy as living quarters regardless of their condition. New units not yet occupied are enumerated as vacant dwelling units if construction has proceeded to the extent that all the exterior windows and doors are installed and final usable floors are in place.

The classification "for rent" consists of vacant units offered for rent. The "for sale only" group is limited to those for sale only and not for rent. Vacant units "not for rent or sale" include units already rented or sold but not yet occupied, newly constructed units awaiting final completion and which have already been rented or sold, and units held off the market for other reasons.

<sup>2</sup> Except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are minor civil divisions of counties and are not necessarily densely settled centers like the towns in other States.

The enumeration of vacant units in the 1950 Census of Housing is not entirely comparable with the procedure used in the 1940 Census. In 1940, vacant units were enumerated if they were habitable; vacant units which were uninhabitable and beyond repair were omitted from the enumeration. Vacant units for sale and vacant units for rent were enumerated as one combined category. The "for sale or rent" vacancies included all habitable vacant units which were available for occupancy even though not actually being offered for rent or sale at the time of enumeration, that is, all dwelling units which were vacant except those held for occupancy of an absent household.

Vacant trailers, tents, houseboats, and railroad cars are excluded from the dwelling unit inventory in both 1950 and 1940.

Nonresident dwelling unit.--A nonresident dwelling unit is one which is occupied entirely by persons who usually live elsewhere. When not shown as a separate category, nonresident dwelling units are included with vacant dwelling units. A similar definition was used in the 1940 publications.

Type of structure.--A separate structure has open space on all four sides or has vertical walls dividing it from all other structures. A "1-dwelling-unit detached" structure has open space on all four sides and contains only one dwelling unit.

The definitions of type of structure used in the 1950 Census of Housing are slightly different from those used in the 1940 Census. However, except for trailers, a direct comparison can be made between the 1950 and the 1940 data as they are presented in this report. The category "1-dwelling unit detached without business" of 1950 is comparable to the "1-family detached" of 1940. Units in the "Other 1- to 4-dwelling unit" group of 1950 are comparable to the dwelling units in the combined 1940 count of "1-family attached," "2-family side-by-side," "2-family other," "3-family," "4-family," and "1- to 4-family with business." The classification of units in the larger structures, those with 5 or more dwelling units, is the same for both censuses.

Condition and plumbing facilities.--Data on condition of a dwelling unit are shown in combination with data for selected plumbing facilities and are, therefore, limited to units for which condition and all the plumbing items are reported. Plumbing facilities include water supply, toilet facilities, and bathing facilities.

A dwelling unit is reported with private toilet and bath if it has both a flush toilet and a bathtub or shower inside the structure for the exclusive use of the occupants of the unit. Running water and cold water refer to piped running water inside the structure. The "no running water" category refers to piped running water outside the structure and to other sources, such as a hand pump.

For the item on condition, dwelling units are classified as "not dilapidated" or "dilapidated." A dwelling unit is dilapidated when it has serious deficiencies, is run-down or neglected, or is of inadequate original construction, so that the dwelling unit does not provide adequate shelter or protection against the elements or it endangers the safety of the occupants. Dilapidated dwelling units are so classified either because of deterioration, as evidenced by the presence of one or more critical deficiencies or a combination of minor deficiencies; or because of inadequate original construction, such that they should be torn down, extensively repaired, or rebuilt.

In the 1940 Census, data on condition were collected showing dwelling units "needing major repairs." Dwelling units were classified as needing major repairs when such parts of the structure as floors, roof, plaster, walls, or foundation required repairs or replacements, the continued neglect of which would have seriously impaired the soundness of the structure and created a hazard to its safety as a place of residence.

Because the definitions of the two terms differ significantly, the 1940 count of dwelling units needing major repairs and the 1950 count of dilapidated dwelling units are not comparable.

Contract monthly rent.--Contract monthly rent is the rent contracted for by renters of nonfarm dwelling units at the time of enumeration. The rent is the amount contracted for regardless of whether it includes furniture, heating fuel, electricity, cooking fuel, water, or other services sometimes supplied. Dwelling units which are occupied rent free are not included with the units reporting rent.

A similar definition was used in the 1940 Census except that estimated monthly rents were reported and tabulated for the nonfarm units which were occupied rent free.

Monthly rent for vacant dwelling units is the amount asked for the dwelling unit at the time of enumeration, and is presented in 1950 for the nonseasonal not dilapidated vacant units for rent. The 1940 rent data for vacant dwelling units, however, applied to all vacant units classified as for sale or rent. Because the 1950 rent data in this report are combined for renter-occupied and selected vacant dwelling units, they are not comparable with the 1940 results.

Value.--Value data are shown for nonfarm owner-occupied dwelling units and vacant nonseasonal not dilapidated units which are for sale only. Value is shown only if the unit is in a 1-dwelling-unit structure without business and if it is the only dwelling unit included in the property. The value represents the amount for which the owner estimates that the property, including such land as belongs with it, would sell under ordinary conditions and not at forced sale. For vacant units, it is the sale price asked by the owner.

Units for which value data were published from the 1940 Census included owner-occupied dwelling units in multi-dwelling-unit structures as well as in 1-dwelling-unit structures. If the owner-occupied unit was in a structure containing more than one dwelling unit, or if a part of the structure was used for business purposes, the value reported in 1940 represented only that portion occupied by the owner and his household. No value data were collected for vacant units in 1940.

**Median.**--The median is the figure which divides the number of dwelling units reporting on a characteristic into two equal groups--one group containing units for which the figures for the characteristic are smaller than the median, and the other containing units for which the figures for the characteristic are larger than the median. For example, the median contract monthly rent is the rent which divides the units into two equal groups, one having rents lower than the median and the other having rents higher than the median.

**SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF DATA**

**Source of data.**--The 1950 figures presented in this report are based on a sample of approximately 46,000 dwelling units selected from those enumerated in the 1950 Census of Housing. These dwelling units are located in about 14,000 census enumeration districts systematically selected from all enumeration districts throughout the Nation. The distribution of the sample among the regions was approximately as follows:

Region	Dwelling units in sample	Enumeration districts in sample
Northeast.....	11,300	3,700
North Central.....	14,300	4,000
South.....	10,200	3,300
West.....	10,200	3,000

The 1940 figures in this report are the results of the complete enumeration in the 1940 Census of Housing. These and more detailed figures on the same subjects may be found in the 1940 Census Reports on Housing.

Each of the 1950 figures is independently rounded to the nearest thousand; therefore the detailed figures do not necessarily add to the totals. Percentages for 1950 are based on the rounded absolute figures.

**Reliability of 1950 estimates.**--Because the 1950 estimates are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability. Although the smaller figures are subject to large relative sampling variability, they are shown in the tables to permit the analysis of various combinations which would have smaller relative sampling variability.

The following table presents the approximate sampling variability of estimates of selected sizes (except for dwelling units occupied by nonwhites). The sampling variability is about the same in the Northeast and North Central Regions. In the South it is somewhat higher; while in the West it is somewhat lower. The sample on which the data are based was designed in such a way that the variability for a given proportion of the total number of occupied dwelling units would be approximately the same for all regions. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference due to sampling variability between an estimate and the figure which will be available later from the complete tabulations of the 1950 Census is less than the sampling variability indicated below:

Size of estimate of 1950 data	Sampling variability of 1950 data in--		
	Northeast and North Central	South	West
10,000.....	8,000	8,000	6,000
25,000.....	12,000	13,000	9,000
50,000.....	18,000	19,000	13,000
100,000.....	25,000	27,000	19,000
250,000.....	38,000	42,000	30,000
500,000.....	55,000	60,000	42,000
1,000,000.....	76,000	84,000	58,000
3,000,000.....	132,000	137,000	100,000
5,000,000.....	170,000	179,000	126,000
7,000,000.....	200,000	203,000	...
10,000,000.....	237,000	237,000	...
12,000,000.....	...	241,000	...

To illustrate, there were an estimated 5,044,000 renter-occupied dwelling units in the North Central Region. The sampling variability is about 170,000. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the figure obtained from the complete tabulation of the 1950 Census will be between 4,874,000 and 5,214,000.

The above figures represent the sampling variability of characteristics of all dwelling units and all occupied dwelling units. However, for dwelling units occupied by nonwhites in the South, the sampling variability is about one and one-half times the variability shown above.

The 1950 data in the tables in the report also include percent distributions. In general, the reliability of an estimated percentage depends upon both the size of the percentage and the size of the total on which it is based. The table on page 8 presents the approximate sampling variability of estimated percentages based on totals of selected sizes.

To illustrate, of the estimated 4,854,000 renter-occupied dwelling units in the North Central Region reporting on condition and plumbing facilities, 12.0 percent were not dilapidated and had no running water. The sampling variability is about 1.1 percent. The chances are about 19 out of 20 that the percentage obtained from the final tabulation of the 1950 Census will be between 10.9 percent and 13.1 percent.

If the estimated 1950 percentage is:	And if the size of the base is:						
	100,000	250,000	500,000	1,000,000	2,500,000	5,000,000	11,000,000
	Then the chances are about 19 out of 20 that the difference due to sampling variability between the estimated percentage and the percentage which will be available later from the complete tabulation of the 1950 Census is less than:						
	Northeast and North Central						
2 or 98	3.3	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3
5 or 95	5.1	3.3	2.3	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5
10 or 90	7.1	4.5	3.2	2.2	1.4	1.0	0.7
25 or 75	10.2	6.5	4.6	3.2	2.0	1.4	1.0
50	11.8	7.5	5.3	3.7	2.4	1.7	1.1
	South						
2 or 98	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.3
5 or 95	5.8	3.7	2.6	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.5
10 or 90	8.0	5.1	3.6	2.5	1.6	1.1	0.7
25 or 75	11.6	7.3	5.2	3.7	2.3	1.6	1.0
50	13.4	8.5	6.0	4.2	2.7	1.9	1.2
	West						
2 or 98	2.7	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	...
5 or 95	4.2	2.4	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.6	...
10 or 90	5.7	3.4	2.6	1.8	1.1	0.8	...
25 or 75	8.3	4.9	3.7	2.6	1.7	1.2	...
50	9.6	5.6	4.3	3.0	1.9	1.4	...

Some of the tables in the report show the percent change from 1940 to 1950. The 1940 figure is used as the base in computing the percent change. Since the 1940 data are not based on a sample, the sole cause of the sampling variability in these percentages is the variability of the 1950 estimates. The sampling variability of any percent change, therefore, is the sampling error of the estimated number of dwelling units possessing that particular characteristic in 1950, divided by the 1940 figure for that characteristic.

Although the figures are based on data obtained from the 1950 Census, there may be differences between the data in the present report and the data to

be published in the final 1950 Census reports, apart from differences caused by the sampling variability. The main reason for such differences is that the preliminary estimates do not include all of the refinements that result from the careful examination of the schedules and tables to which the census data will be subject prior to the publication of the final report.

In addition to sampling variation and limitations of the types mentioned above, the estimates are subject to biases due to errors of response and to nonreporting. The possible effect of such biases is not included in the measures of reliability; data obtained from a complete count of all dwelling units are also subject to these biases.

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Table 1.—OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS OF DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH COLOR FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950

Region and occupancy characteristic	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm						Rural farm	
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm		Number	Percent
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<b>NORTHEAST</b>										
Occupancy										
All dwelling units.....	11,938,000	100.0	11,425,000	100.0	9,242,000	100.0	2,183,000	100.0	513,000	100.0
Occupied dwelling units.....	10,920,000	91.5	10,420,000	91.5	8,855,000	95.8	1,595,000	73.1	471,000	91.8
Owner occupied.....	5,297,000	44.4	4,933,000	43.2	3,836,000	41.5	1,097,000	50.3	364,000	71.0
Renter occupied.....	5,623,000	47.1	5,517,000	48.3	5,019,000	54.3	498,000	22.8	106,000	20.7
Nonresident dwelling units.....	25,000	0.2	25,000	0.2	12,000	0.1	13,000	0.6	-	-
Vacant dwelling units.....	992,000	8.3	951,000	8.3	373,000	4.1	576,000	26.4	42,000	8.2
Nonseasonal, not dilap., for rent or sale	183,000	1.5	184,000	1.6	153,000	1.7	31,000	1.4	1,000	0.2
For rent.....	107,000	0.9	106,000	0.9	87,000	0.9	19,000	0.9	1,000	0.2
For sale only.....	78,000	0.7	78,000	0.7	66,000	0.7	13,000	0.6	-	-
Nonseasonal, not dilapidated, not for rent or sale.....	163,000	1.4	149,000	1.3	76,000	0.8	73,000	3.3	15,000	2.9
Nonseasonal dilapidated.....	43,000	0.4	39,000	0.3	25,000	0.3	14,000	0.6	4,000	0.8
Seasonal.....	601,000	5.0	579,000	5.1	122,000	1.3	458,000	21.0	22,000	4.3
Population										
Population in dwelling units.....	37,636,000	-	35,681,000	-	30,027,000	-	5,654,000	-	1,955,000	-
Population per occupied dwelling unit.....	3.4	-	3.4	-	3.4	-	3.5	-	4.2	-
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>										
Occupancy										
All dwelling units.....	13,691,000	100.0	11,537,000	100.0	8,601,000	100.0	2,935,000	100.0	2,155,000	100.0
Occupied dwelling units.....	12,887,000	94.1	10,897,000	94.5	8,395,000	97.6	2,502,000	85.2	1,990,000	92.3
Owner occupied.....	7,843,000	57.3	6,458,000	56.0	4,710,000	54.8	1,748,000	59.6	1,385,000	64.3
Renter occupied.....	5,044,000	36.8	4,439,000	38.5	3,684,000	42.8	754,000	25.7	605,000	28.1
Nonresident dwelling units.....	18,000	0.1	15,000	0.1	7,000	0.1	8,000	0.3	3,000	0.1
Vacant dwelling units.....	787,000	5.7	625,000	5.4	199,000	2.3	425,000	14.5	162,000	7.5
Nonseasonal, not dilap., for rent or sale	139,000	1.0	129,000	1.1	89,000	1.0	40,000	1.4	10,000	0.5
For rent.....	87,000	0.6	81,000	0.7	37,000	0.7	25,000	0.9	6,000	0.3
For sale only.....	52,000	0.4	47,000	0.4	32,000	0.4	15,000	0.5	4,000	0.2
Nonseasonal, not dilapidated, not for rent or sale.....	240,000	1.8	173,000	1.5	67,000	0.8	106,000	3.6	67,000	3.1
Nonseasonal dilapidated.....	103,000	0.8	45,000	0.4	21,000	0.2	25,000	0.9	58,000	2.7
Seasonal.....	304,000	2.2	277,000	2.4	23,000	0.3	255,000	8.7	27,000	1.3
Population										
Population in dwelling units.....	42,935,000	-	35,421,000	-	27,263,000	-	8,158,000	-	7,514,000	-
Population per occupied dwelling unit.....	3.3	-	3.3	-	3.2	-	3.3	-	3.8	-
<b>SOUTH</b>										
Occupancy										
All dwelling units.....	13,823,000	100.0	10,595,000	100.0	6,946,000	100.0	3,649,000	100.0	3,228,000	100.0
Occupied dwelling units.....	12,795,000	92.6	9,881,000	93.3	6,634,000	95.5	3,248,000	89.0	2,914,000	90.3
Owner occupied.....	6,872,000	49.7	5,137,000	48.5	3,352,000	48.3	1,782,000	48.8	1,735,000	53.7
Renter occupied.....	5,923,000	42.8	4,744,000	44.8	3,279,000	47.2	1,466,000	40.2	1,179,000	36.5
Nonresident dwelling units.....	26,000	0.2	24,000	0.2	15,000	0.2	8,000	0.2	2,000	0.1
Vacant dwelling units.....	1,002,000	7.2	690,000	6.5	297,000	4.3	393,000	10.8	312,000	9.7
Nonseasonal, not dilap., for rent or sale	246,000	1.8	221,000	2.1	143,000	2.1	78,000	2.1	25,000	0.8
For rent.....	194,000	1.4	169,000	1.6	106,000	1.5	63,000	1.7	25,000	0.8
For sale only.....	53,000	0.4	53,000	0.5	38,000	0.6	15,000	0.4	-	-
Nonseasonal, not dilapidated, not for rent or sale.....	262,000	1.9	191,000	1.8	90,000	1.3	101,000	2.8	71,000	2.2
Nonseasonal dilapidated.....	287,000	2.1	140,000	1.3	47,000	0.7	94,000	2.6	146,000	4.5
Seasonal.....	206,000	1.5	177,000	1.7	17,000	0.2	120,000	3.3	69,000	2.1
Population										
Population in dwelling units.....	46,003,000	100.0	33,816,000	100.0	21,751,000	100.0	12,065,000	100.0	12,187,000	100.0
White.....	35,993,000	78.2	26,981,000	79.8	17,111,000	78.7	9,869,000	81.8	9,012,000	73.9
Nonwhite.....	10,011,000	21.8	6,835,000	20.2	4,640,000	21.3	2,196,000	18.2	3,175,000	26.1
Population per occupied dwelling unit.....	3.6	-	3.4	-	3.3	-	3.7	-	4.2	-
<b>WEST</b>										
Occupancy										
All dwelling units.....	6,422,000	100.0	5,833,000	100.0	4,466,000	100.0	1,367,000	100.0	589,000	100.0
Occupied dwelling units.....	5,917,000	92.1	5,398,000	92.5	4,224,000	94.6	1,173,000	85.8	520,000	88.3
Owner occupied.....	3,371,000	52.5	2,999,000	51.4	2,293,000	51.3	706,000	51.6	372,000	63.2
Renter occupied.....	2,547,000	39.7	2,399,000	41.1	1,931,000	43.2	468,000	34.2	148,000	25.1
Nonresident dwelling units.....	24,000	0.4	21,000	0.4	15,000	0.3	6,000	0.4	3,000	0.5
Vacant dwelling units.....	481,000	7.5	415,000	7.1	227,000	5.1	187,000	13.7	67,000	11.4
Nonseasonal, not dilap., for rent or sale	165,000	2.6	155,000	2.7	116,000	2.6	38,000	2.8	10,000	1.7
For rent.....	125,000	1.9	117,000	2.0	89,000	2.0	28,000	2.1	8,000	1.4
For sale only.....	40,000	0.6	38,000	0.7	27,000	0.6	10,000	0.7	3,000	0.5
Nonseasonal, not dilapidated, not for rent or sale.....	139,000	2.2	115,000	2.0	71,000	1.6	44,000	3.2	24,000	4.1
Nonseasonal dilapidated.....	51,000	0.8	41,000	0.7	22,000	0.5	19,000	1.4	10,000	1.7
Seasonal.....	126,000	2.0	103,000	1.8	18,000	0.4	86,000	6.3	23,000	3.9
Population										
Population in dwelling units.....	18,690,000	-	16,823,000	-	12,895,000	-	3,927,000	-	1,867,000	-
Population per occupied dwelling unit.....	3.2	-	3.1	-	3.1	-	3.3	-	3.6	-

Table 2.--TENURE OF DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH COLOR FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

Region and tenure	1950										1940, total		Percent change, 1940 to 1950
	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm						Rural farm		Number	Percent	
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm		Number	Percent			
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent					
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	10,920,000	100.0	10,490,000	100.0	8,855,000	100.0	1,595,000	100.0	471,000	100.0	9,479,318	100.0	15.2
Owner occupied.....	5,297,000	48.5	4,933,000	47.2	3,836,000	43.3	1,097,000	68.8	364,000	77.3	3,624,622	38.2	46.1
Renter occupied.....	5,623,000	51.5	5,557,000	52.8	5,019,000	56.7	498,000	31.2	106,000	22.5	5,854,696	61.8	-4.0
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	12,887,000	100.0	10,897,000	100.0	8,395,000	100.0	2,502,000	100.0	1,990,000	100.0	10,963,388	100.0	17.5
Owner occupied.....	7,843,000	60.9	6,458,000	59.3	4,710,000	56.1	1,748,000	69.9	1,385,000	69.6	5,383,127	49.1	45.7
Renter occupied.....	5,044,000	39.1	4,439,000	40.7	3,684,000	43.9	754,000	30.1	605,000	30.4	5,580,261	50.9	-9.6
<b>SOUTH</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	12,795,000	100.0	9,881,000	100.0	6,634,000	100.0	3,248,000	100.0	2,914,000	100.0	10,278,204	100.0	24.5
White.....	10,394,000	81.2	8,076,000	81.7	5,363,000	80.8	2,712,000	83.5	2,318,000	79.5	7,870,355	76.6	32.1
Nonwhite.....	2,402,000	18.8	1,806,000	18.3	1,270,000	19.1	535,000	16.5	596,000	20.5	2,407,849	23.4	-0.2
Owner occupied.....	6,872,000	53.7	5,137,000	52.0	3,355,000	50.6	1,782,000	54.9	1,735,000	59.5	4,183,022	40.7	64.3
White.....	6,021,000	47.1	4,466,000	45.2	2,918,000	44.0	1,548,000	47.7	1,554,000	53.3	3,597,292	35.0	67.4
Nonwhite.....	851,000	6.7	671,000	6.8	437,000	6.6	234,000	7.2	180,000	6.2	585,730	5.7	45.3
Renter occupied.....	5,923,000	46.3	4,744,000	48.0	3,279,000	49.4	1,466,000	45.1	1,179,000	40.5	6,095,182	59.3	-2.8
White.....	4,373,000	34.2	3,609,000	36.5	2,445,000	36.9	1,164,000	35.8	764,000	26.2	4,273,063	41.6	2.3
Nonwhite.....	1,550,000	12.1	1,135,000	11.5	833,000	12.6	302,000	9.3	416,000	14.3	1,822,119	17.7	-14.9
<b>WEST</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	5,917,000	100.0	5,398,000	100.0	4,224,000	100.0	1,173,000	100.0	520,000	100.0	4,133,622	100.0	43.1
Owner occupied.....	3,371,000	57.0	2,999,000	55.6	2,293,000	54.3	706,000	60.2	372,000	71.5	2,004,992	48.5	68.1
Renter occupied.....	2,547,000	43.0	2,399,000	44.4	1,931,000	45.7	468,000	39.9	148,000	28.5	2,128,630	51.5	19.7

Table 3.--TYPE OF STRUCTURE OF DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent for 1950 not shown where less than 0.1)

Region and type of structure	1950										1940, total	
	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm						Rural farm		Number	Percent
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm		Number	Percent		
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
<b>NORTHEAST</b>												
All dwelling units.....	11,938,000	100.0	11,425,000	100.0	9,242,000	100.0	2,183,000	100.0	513,000	100.0	10,312,732	100.0
1 dwelling unit detached without business.....	4,779,000	40.0	4,342,000	38.0	2,672,000	28.9	1,670,000	76.5	437,000	85.2	4,200,574	40.7
Other 1 to 4 dwelling unit.....	4,738,000	39.7	4,666,000	40.8	4,221,000	45.7	444,000	20.3	73,000	14.2	4,062,520	39.4
5 to 9 dwelling unit.....	791,000	6.6	790,000	6.9	761,000	8.2	29,000	1.3	1,000	0.2	665,981	6.5
10 to 19 dwelling unit.....	449,000	3.8	449,000	3.9	428,000	4.6	21,000	1.0	-	-	405,031	3.9
20 dwelling unit or more.....	1,161,000	9.7	1,161,000	10.2	1,148,000	12.4	12,000	0.5	-	-	978,626	9.5
Trailers.....	20,000	0.2	18,000	0.2	12,000	0.1	6,000	0.3	2,000	0.4	(1)	(1)
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
All dwelling units.....	13,691,000	100.0	11,537,000	100.0	8,601,000	100.0	2,935,000	100.0	2,155,000	100.0	11,597,471	100.0
1 dwelling unit detached without business.....	9,077,000	66.3	7,012,000	60.8	4,596,000	53.4	2,416,000	82.3	2,065,000	95.8	7,928,233	68.4
Other 1 to 4 dwelling unit.....	3,250,000	23.7	3,165,000	27.4	2,729,000	31.7	435,000	14.8	86,000	4.0	2,662,712	23.0
5 to 9 dwelling unit.....	597,000	4.4	595,000	5.2	569,000	6.6	26,000	0.9	2,000	0.1	450,079	3.9
10 to 19 dwelling unit.....	295,000	2.2	295,000	2.6	283,000	3.3	12,000	0.4	-	-	226,597	2.0
20 dwelling unit or more.....	356,000	2.6	356,000	3.1	355,000	4.1	-	-	-	-	329,850	2.8
Trailers.....	117,000	0.9	114,000	1.0	68,000	0.8	46,000	1.6	3,000	0.1	(1)	(1)
<b>SOUTH</b>												
All dwelling units.....	13,823,000	100.0	10,595,000	100.0	6,946,000	100.0	3,649,000	100.0	3,228,000	100.0	10,876,056	100.0
1 dwelling unit detached without business.....	10,374,000	75.0	7,255,000	68.5	4,096,000	59.0	3,159,000	86.6	3,120,000	96.7	8,411,363	77.3
Other 1 to 4 dwelling unit.....	2,664,000	19.3	2,563,000	24.2	2,136,000	30.8	427,000	11.7	101,000	3.1	2,091,726	19.2
5 to 9 dwelling unit.....	357,000	2.6	353,000	3.3	331,000	4.8	22,000	0.6	4,000	0.1	202,399	1.9
10 to 19 dwelling unit.....	215,000	1.6	215,000	2.0	202,000	2.9	13,000	0.4	-	-	85,369	0.8
20 dwelling unit or more.....	146,000	1.1	146,000	1.4	143,000	2.1	3,000	0.1	-	-	85,199	0.8
Trailers.....	66,000	0.5	63,000	0.6	38,000	0.5	25,000	0.7	3,000	0.1	(1)	(1)
<b>WEST</b>												
All dwelling units.....	6,422,000	100.0	5,833,000	100.0	4,466,000	100.0	1,367,000	100.0	589,000	100.0	4,539,211	100.0
1 dwelling unit detached without business.....	4,421,000	68.8	3,862,000	66.2	2,742,000	61.4	1,120,000	81.9	559,000	94.9	3,357,442	74.0
Other 1 to 4 dwelling unit.....	1,199,000	18.7	1,178,000	20.2	999,000	22.4	179,000	13.1	21,000	3.6	682,602	15.0
5 to 9 dwelling unit.....	328,000	5.1	326,000	5.6	296,000	6.6	30,000	2.2	3,000	0.5	173,686	3.8
10 to 19 dwelling unit.....	221,000	3.4	220,000	3.8	215,000	4.8	5,000	0.4	1,000	0.2	137,269	3.0
20 dwelling unit or more.....	166,000	2.6	166,000	2.8	163,000	3.6	3,000	0.2	1,000	0.2	188,212	4.1
Trailers.....	88,000	1.4	81,000	1.4	51,000	1.1	30,000	2.2	6,000	1.0	(1)	(1)

<sup>1</sup> 1940 data not available.

Table 4.—NUMBER OF ROOMS IN DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940  
(Percent change, 1940 to 1950, not shown where 1950 figure is less than 100,000)

Region and number of rooms	1950								1940, total		Percent change, 1940 to 1950		
	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm				Rural farm		Number	Percent			
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm						
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
All dwelling units....	11,938,000	-	11,425,000	-	9,242,000	-	2,183,000	-	513,000	-	10,312,732	-	15.8
Number reporting.....	11,553,000	100.0	11,051,000	100.0	9,026,000	100.0	2,025,000	100.0	502,000	100.0	10,160,929	100.0	-
1 room.....	175,000	1.5	167,000	1.5	125,000	1.4	42,000	2.1	7,000	1.4	186,930	1.8	-6.4
2 rooms.....	607,000	5.3	598,000	5.4	436,000	4.8	162,000	8.0	9,000	1.8	451,491	4.4	34.4
3 rooms.....	1,554,000	13.5	1,543,000	14.0	1,373,000	15.2	170,000	8.4	11,000	2.2	1,224,460	12.1	26.9
4 rooms.....	2,304,000	19.9	2,255,000	20.4	1,848,000	20.5	408,000	20.1	49,000	9.8	1,770,954	17.4	30.1
5 rooms.....	2,235,000	19.3	2,130,000	19.7	1,818,000	20.1	362,000	17.9	55,000	11.0	1,894,132	18.6	18.0
6 rooms.....	2,372,000	20.5	2,286,000	20.7	1,896,000	21.0	392,000	19.4	84,000	16.7	2,247,131	22.1	5.6
7 rooms.....	1,010,000	8.7	937,000	8.5	733,000	8.1	204,000	10.1	73,000	14.5	980,470	9.6	3.0
8 rooms or more.....	1,297,000	11.2	1,083,000	9.8	797,000	8.8	286,000	14.1	214,000	42.6	1,405,361	13.8	-7.7
Median number of rooms.....	5.0	-	4.9	-	4.9	-	5.1	-	7.0	-	5.3	-	-
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
All dwelling units....	13,691,000	-	11,537,000	-	8,601,000	-	2,935,000	-	2,155,000	-	11,597,471	-	18.1
Number reporting.....	13,396,000	100.0	11,301,000	100.0	8,466,000	100.0	2,835,000	100.0	2,095,000	100.0	11,464,151	100.0	-
1 room.....	378,000	2.8	356,000	3.2	266,000	3.1	91,000	3.2	22,000	1.1	372,181	3.2	1.6
2 rooms.....	859,000	6.7	847,000	7.5	642,000	7.6	205,000	7.2	52,000	2.5	733,967	6.4	23.5
3 rooms.....	1,511,000	11.5	1,438,000	12.7	1,068,000	12.6	370,000	13.1	103,000	4.9	1,196,930	10.4	28.7
4 rooms.....	2,569,000	19.2	2,287,000	20.2	1,671,000	19.7	616,000	21.7	281,000	13.4	1,875,346	16.4	37.0
5 rooms.....	3,117,000	23.3	2,750,000	24.3	2,141,000	25.3	610,000	21.5	366,000	17.5	2,590,229	22.6	20.3
6 rooms.....	2,456,000	18.3	2,031,000	18.0	1,557,000	18.4	474,000	16.7	423,000	20.2	2,185,944	19.1	12.3
7 rooms.....	1,239,000	9.2	858,000	7.7	627,000	7.4	241,000	8.5	371,000	17.7	1,243,647	10.0	8.3
8 rooms or more.....	1,198,000	8.9	722,000	6.4	494,000	5.8	228,000	8.0	476,000	22.7	1,365,907	11.9	-12.3
Median number of rooms.....	4.9	-	4.8	-	4.8	-	4.7	-	6.0	-	5.1	-	-
<b>SOUTH</b>													
All dwelling units....	13,823,000	-	10,595,000	-	6,946,000	-	3,649,000	-	3,228,000	-	10,876,056	-	27.1
Number reporting.....	13,499,000	100.0	10,375,000	100.0	6,820,000	100.0	3,555,000	100.0	3,124,000	100.0	10,732,969	100.0	-
1 room.....	404,000	3.0	355,000	3.4	249,000	3.7	106,000	3.0	49,000	1.6	419,832	3.9	-3.8
2 rooms.....	1,241,000	9.2	1,030,000	9.9	644,000	9.4	387,000	10.9	211,000	6.8	1,463,237	13.6	-15.1
3 rooms.....	2,519,000	18.7	2,023,000	19.5	1,393,000	20.4	630,000	17.7	496,000	15.9	2,187,421	20.4	15.2
4 rooms.....	3,443,000	25.5	2,544,000	24.5	1,526,000	22.4	1,018,000	28.6	898,000	28.7	2,364,267	22.0	45.6
5 rooms.....	2,739,000	20.3	2,117,000	20.4	1,391,000	20.4	726,000	20.4	622,000	19.9	1,827,956	17.0	49.8
6 rooms.....	1,929,000	14.3	1,456,000	14.0	1,008,000	14.8	448,000	12.6	474,000	15.2	1,337,242	12.6	42.1
7 rooms.....	601,000	4.5	436,000	4.2	319,000	4.7	117,000	3.3	165,000	5.3	513,111	4.8	17.1
8 rooms or more.....	623,000	4.6	414,000	4.0	291,000	4.3	123,000	3.5	209,000	6.7	601,933	5.6	3.3
Median number of rooms.....	4.3	-	4.2	-	4.2	-	4.1	-	4.4	-	4.0	-	-
Nonwhite occupied.....	2,402,000	-	1,806,000	-	1,270,000	-	535,000	-	596,000	-	2,407,849	-	-0.2
Number reporting.....	2,352,000	100.0	1,776,000	100.0	1,247,000	100.0	528,000	100.0	576,000	100.0	2,375,186	100.0	-
1 room.....	123,000	5.2	113,000	6.4	92,000	7.4	20,000	3.8	10,000	1.7	143,109	6.0	-14.1
2 rooms.....	330,000	14.0	267,000	15.0	161,000	12.9	106,000	20.1	63,000	10.9	495,702	20.9	-33.4
3 rooms.....	698,000	29.7	557,000	31.4	434,000	34.8	123,000	23.3	142,000	24.7	704,868	29.7	-1.0
4 rooms.....	886,000	24.9	396,000	22.3	242,000	19.4	153,000	29.0	191,000	33.2	566,976	23.9	3.4
5 rooms.....	321,000	13.6	236,000	13.3	176,000	14.1	61,000	11.6	84,000	14.6	243,301	10.2	31.9
6 rooms.....	193,000	8.2	144,000	8.1	97,000	7.8	47,000	8.9	49,000	8.5	143,769	6.1	34.2
7 rooms.....	61,000	2.6	36,000	2.0	28,000	2.2	8,000	1.5	26,000	4.5	39,028	1.6	-
8 rooms or more.....	40,000	1.7	28,000	1.6	17,000	1.4	11,000	2.1	12,000	2.1	38,833	1.6	-
Median number of rooms.....	3.5	-	3.4	-	3.4	-	3.6	-	3.9	-	3.3	-	-
<b>WEST</b>													
All dwelling units....	6,422,000	-	5,833,000	-	4,466,000	-	1,367,000	-	589,000	-	4,539,211	-	41.5
Number reporting.....	6,263,000	100.0	5,695,000	100.0	4,377,000	100.0	1,318,000	100.0	569,000	100.0	4,474,137	100.0	-
1 room.....	282,000	4.5	256,000	4.5	165,000	3.8	90,000	6.8	26,000	4.6	328,431	7.3	-14.1
2 rooms.....	695,000	11.1	645,000	11.3	487,000	11.1	137,000	11.9	51,000	9.0	568,728	12.7	22.2
3 rooms.....	1,020,000	16.3	955,000	16.8	725,000	16.6	230,000	17.5	65,000	11.4	722,761	16.2	41.1
4 rooms.....	1,468,000	23.4	1,337,000	23.5	972,000	22.2	366,000	27.8	131,000	23.0	881,423	19.7	66.5
5 rooms.....	1,483,000	23.7	1,359,000	23.9	1,096,000	25.0	263,000	20.0	123,000	21.6	989,736	22.1	49.8
6 rooms.....	795,000	12.7	709,000	12.4	580,000	13.3	129,000	9.8	85,000	14.9	531,313	11.9	49.6
7 rooms.....	276,000	4.4	234,000	4.1	197,000	4.5	37,000	2.8	42,000	7.4	231,491	5.2	19.2
8 rooms or more.....	244,000	3.9	200,000	3.5	155,000	3.5	45,000	3.4	45,000	7.9	220,254	4.9	10.8
Median number of rooms.....	4.3	-	4.2	-	4.3	-	4.0	-	4.6	-	4.2	-	-

Table 5.--NUMBER OF PERSONS IN OCCUPIED DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

(Percent change, 1940 to 1950, not shown where 1950 figure is less than 100,000)

Region and persons in dwelling unit	1950								1940, total		Percent change, 1940 to 1950		
	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm				Rural farm		Number	Percent			
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm						
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	10,920,000	100.0	10,450,000	100.0	8,855,000	100.0	1,595,000	100.0	471,000	100.0	9,479,318	100.0	15.2
1 person.....	931,000	8.5	913,000	8.7	785,000	8.9	128,000	8.0	18,000	3.8	662,028	7.0	40.6
2 persons.....	2,907,000	26.6	2,794,000	26.7	2,264,000	26.7	431,000	27.0	113,000	24.0	2,266,149	23.9	28.3
3 persons.....	2,618,000	24.0	2,508,000	24.0	2,123,000	24.0	384,000	24.1	110,000	23.4	2,160,587	22.8	21.2
4 persons.....	2,159,000	19.8	2,079,000	19.9	1,800,000	20.3	279,000	17.5	80,000	17.0	1,821,712	19.2	18.5
5 persons.....	1,214,000	11.1	1,149,000	11.0	955,000	10.8	194,000	12.2	65,000	13.8	1,149,156	12.1	3.6
6 persons.....	568,000	5.2	542,000	5.2	452,000	5.1	91,000	5.7	26,000	5.5	652,660	6.9	-13.0
7 persons.....	276,000	2.5	244,000	2.3	206,000	2.3	38,000	2.4	32,000	6.8	352,808	3.7	-21.8
8 persons or more.....	248,000	2.3	221,000	2.1	171,000	1.9	49,000	3.1	28,000	5.9	414,218	4.4	-40.1
Median number of persons....	3.1	-	3.1	-	3.1	-	3.1	-	3.5	-	3.3	-	-
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	12,887,000	100.0	10,897,000	100.0	8,395,000	100.0	2,502,000	100.0	1,990,000	100.0	10,963,388	100.0	17.5
1 person.....	1,152,000	8.9	1,045,000	9.6	750,000	8.9	296,000	11.8	106,000	5.3	836,339	7.6	37.7
2 persons.....	3,809,000	29.6	3,281,000	30.1	2,531,000	30.1	750,000	30.0	528,000	26.5	2,840,156	25.9	34.1
3 persons.....	2,906,000	22.5	2,479,000	22.7	1,967,000	23.4	512,000	20.5	427,000	21.5	2,521,734	23.0	15.2
4 persons.....	2,396,000	18.6	2,032,000	18.6	1,589,000	18.9	443,000	17.7	364,000	18.3	2,017,260	18.4	18.8
5 persons.....	1,312,000	10.2	1,053,000	9.7	811,000	9.7	243,000	9.7	259,000	13.0	1,249,818	11.4	5.0
6 persons.....	682,000	5.3	537,000	4.9	399,000	4.8	138,000	5.5	146,000	7.3	701,236	6.4	-2.7
7 persons.....	303,000	2.4	227,000	2.1	161,000	1.9	66,000	2.6	76,000	3.8	373,534	3.4	-19.9
8 persons or more.....	326,000	2.5	242,000	2.2	187,000	2.2	55,000	2.2	84,000	4.2	423,311	3.9	-23.0
Median number of persons....	3.0	-	3.0	-	3.0	-	2.9	-	3.3	-	3.2	-	-
<b>SOUTH</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	12,795,000	100.0	9,881,000	100.0	6,634,000	100.0	3,248,000	100.0	2,914,000	100.0	10,278,204	100.0	24.5
1 person.....	1,011,000	7.9	870,000	8.8	599,000	9.0	271,000	8.3	141,000	4.8	638,444	6.2	58.4
2 persons.....	3,350,000	26.2	2,715,000	27.5	1,912,000	28.8	803,000	24.7	635,000	21.8	2,322,219	22.6	44.3
3 persons.....	2,837,000	22.2	2,275,000	23.0	1,553,000	23.4	722,000	22.2	562,000	19.3	2,196,007	21.4	29.2
4 persons.....	2,339,000	18.7	1,887,000	19.1	1,291,000	19.5	596,000	18.3	502,000	17.2	1,803,431	17.5	22.5
5 persons.....	1,393,000	10.9	1,022,000	10.3	554,000	9.9	368,000	11.3	372,000	12.8	1,238,857	12.1	12.4
6 persons.....	768,000	6.0	510,000	5.2	285,000	4.3	225,000	6.9	257,000	8.8	809,866	7.9	-5.2
7 persons.....	428,000	3.3	265,000	2.7	146,000	2.2	119,000	3.7	164,000	5.6	512,716	5.0	-16.5
8 persons or more.....	619,000	4.8	397,000	3.4	194,000	2.9	144,000	4.4	281,000	9.6	756,724	7.4	-18.2
Median number of persons....	3.2	-	3.1	-	3.0	-	3.3	-	3.7	-	3.5	-	-
Nonwhite occupied.....	2,402,000	100.0	1,806,000	100.0	1,270,000	100.0	535,000	100.0	596,000	100.0	2,407,849	100.0	-0.2
1 person.....	261,000	10.9	222,000	12.3	158,000	12.4	65,000	12.1	39,000	6.5	228,633	9.5	14.2
2 persons.....	593,000	24.7	483,000	26.7	352,000	27.7	132,000	24.7	110,000	18.5	576,195	23.9	2.9
3 persons.....	414,000	17.2	342,000	18.9	240,000	18.9	102,000	19.1	72,000	12.1	444,971	18.5	-7.0
4 persons.....	334,000	13.9	248,000	13.7	186,000	14.6	62,000	11.6	85,000	14.3	338,393	14.1	-1.3
5 persons.....	257,000	11.1	198,000	11.0	143,000	11.2	55,000	10.3	69,000	11.6	250,509	10.4	6.6
6 persons.....	152,000	6.3	105,000	5.8	66,000	5.2	39,000	7.3	47,000	7.9	182,921	7.6	-16.9
7 persons.....	120,000	5.0	73,000	4.0	48,000	3.8	25,000	4.7	47,000	7.9	131,566	5.5	-8.8
8 persons or more.....	260,000	10.8	134,000	7.4	79,000	6.2	55,000	10.3	126,000	21.1	254,661	10.6	2.1
Median number of persons....	3.3	-	3.1	-	3.0	-	3.2	-	4.4	-	3.4	-	-
<b>WEST</b>													
All occupied dwelling units.....	5,917,000	100.0	5,398,000	100.0	4,224,000	100.0	1,173,000	100.0	520,000	100.0	4,133,622	100.0	43.1
1 person.....	793,000	13.4	752,000	13.9	618,000	14.6	134,000	11.4	41,000	7.9	540,470	13.1	46.7
2 persons.....	1,796,000	30.4	1,672,000	31.0	1,327,000	31.4	345,000	29.4	124,000	23.8	1,201,937	29.1	49.4
3 persons.....	1,260,000	21.3	1,152,000	21.3	923,000	21.9	229,000	19.5	108,000	20.8	917,840	22.2	37.3
4 persons.....	1,065,000	18.0	960,000	17.8	740,000	17.5	220,000	18.8	105,000	20.2	682,122	16.5	56.1
5 persons.....	547,000	9.2	476,000	8.8	346,000	8.2	130,000	11.1	72,000	13.8	374,694	9.1	46.0
6 persons.....	244,000	4.1	207,000	3.8	149,000	3.5	58,000	4.9	37,000	7.1	196,155	4.7	24.4
7 persons.....	114,000	1.9	94,000	1.7	65,000	1.5	29,000	2.5	20,000	3.8	101,497	2.5	12.3
8 persons or more.....	98,000	1.7	85,000	1.6	57,000	1.3	28,000	2.4	14,000	2.7	118,907	2.9	-
Median number of persons....	2.8	-	2.7	-	2.7	-	3.0	-	3.4	-	2.9	-	-

Table 6.--PERSONS PER ROOM IN OCCUPIED DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950 AND 1940

Region and persons per room	1950								1940, total			
	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm				Rural farm		Number	Percent		
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm					
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
<b>NORTHEAST</b>												
All occupied dwelling units..	10,920,000	-	10,450,000	-	8,855,000	-	1,595,000	-	471,000	-	9,479,318	-
Number reporting.....	10,771,000	100.0	10,306,000	100.0	8,741,000	100.0	1,565,000	100.0	466,000	100.0	9,366,451	100.0
1.00 or less.....	9,560,000	88.8	9,137,000	88.7	7,761,000	88.8	1,376,000	87.9	423,000	90.8	8,081,731	85.3
1.01 to 1.50.....	933,000	8.7	899,000	8.7	758,000	8.7	141,000	9.0	34,000	7.3	943,681	10.1
1.51 or more.....	279,000	2.6	270,000	2.6	222,000	2.5	48,000	3.1	9,000	1.9	341,039	3.6
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
All occupied dwelling units..	12,887,000	-	10,897,000	-	8,395,000	-	2,502,000	-	1,990,000	-	10,963,388	-
Number reporting.....	12,703,000	100.0	10,756,000	100.0	8,288,000	100.0	2,468,000	100.0	1,947,000	100.0	10,852,131	100.0
1.00 or less.....	11,079,000	87.2	9,340,000	86.8	7,224,000	87.2	2,115,000	85.7	1,739,000	89.3	9,231,274	85.1
1.01 to 1.50.....	1,046,000	8.2	908,000	8.4	681,000	8.2	228,000	9.2	137,000	7.0	1,001,181	9.2
1.51 or more.....	578,000	4.6	508,000	4.7	384,000	4.6	124,000	5.0	70,000	3.6	619,676	5.7
<b>SOUTH</b>												
All occupied dwelling units..	12,795,000	-	9,881,000	-	6,634,000	-	3,248,000	-	2,914,000	-	10,278,204	-
Number reporting.....	12,571,000	100.0	9,732,000	100.0	6,540,000	100.0	3,193,000	100.0	2,839,000	100.0	10,149,775	100.0
1.00 or less.....	9,612,000	76.5	7,669,000	78.8	5,316,000	81.3	2,354,000	73.7	1,943,000	68.4	6,814,885	67.1
1.01 to 1.50.....	1,587,000	12.6	1,127,000	11.6	690,000	10.6	437,000	13.7	460,000	16.2	1,565,649	15.4
1.51 or more.....	1,372,000	10.9	936,000	9.6	535,000	8.2	401,000	12.6	437,000	15.4	1,769,241	17.4
Nonwhite occupied.....	2,402,000	-	1,806,000	-	1,270,000	-	535,000	-	596,000	-	2,407,849	-
Number reporting.....	2,352,000	100.0	1,776,000	100.0	1,247,000	100.0	528,000	100.0	576,000	100.0	2,375,186	100.0
1.00 or less.....	1,440,000	61.2	1,161,000	65.4	834,000	66.9	327,000	61.9	279,000	48.4	1,324,956	55.8
1.01 to 1.50.....	381,000	16.2	261,000	14.7	176,000	14.1	85,000	16.1	120,000	20.8	416,590	17.5
1.51 or more.....	531,000	22.6	354,000	19.9	237,000	19.0	117,000	22.2	177,000	30.7	633,680	26.7
<b>WEST</b>												
All occupied dwelling units..	5,917,000	-	5,398,000	-	4,224,000	-	1,173,000	-	520,000	-	4,133,622	-
Number reporting.....	5,818,000	100.0	5,310,000	100.0	4,164,000	100.0	1,145,000	100.0	508,000	100.0	4,078,675	100.0
1.00 or less.....	5,020,000	86.3	4,614,000	86.9	3,700,000	88.9	914,000	79.8	406,000	79.9	3,354,248	82.2
1.01 to 1.50.....	473,000	8.1	414,000	7.8	297,000	7.1	117,000	10.2	59,000	11.6	368,461	9.0
1.51 or more.....	324,000	5.6	281,000	5.3	167,000	4.0	115,000	10.0	43,000	8.5	355,966	8.7

Table 7.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950

(Percent not shown where base is less than 100,000)

Region and condition and plumbing facilities	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm				Rural farm			
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm			
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<b>NORTHEAST</b>										
All dwelling units.....	11,938,000	-	11,425,000	-	9,242,000	-	2,183,000	-	513,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities.....	11,448,000	100.0	10,955,000	100.0	8,941,000	100.0	2,014,000	100.0	492,000	100.0
<b>Not dilapidated</b>										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	9,001,000	78.6	8,753,000	80.0	7,554,000	84.5	1,199,000	59.5	248,000	50.4
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water....	395,000	3.5	375,000	3.4	277,000	3.1	97,000	4.8	20,000	4.1
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath...	1,091,000	9.5	989,000	9.0	677,000	7.6	311,000	15.4	103,000	20.9
No running water.....	382,000	3.3	316,000	2.9	35,000	0.4	280,000	13.9	66,000	13.4
<b>Dilapidated</b>										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	219,000	1.9	213,000	1.9	200,000	2.2	13,000	0.6	6,000	1.2
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath...	359,000	3.1	310,000	2.8	198,000	2.2	112,000	5.6	49,300	10.0
All renter occupied.....	5,623,000	-	5,517,000	-	5,019,000	-	498,000	-	106,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities.....	5,438,000	100.0	5,340,000	100.0	4,869,000	100.0	471,000	100.0	98,000	-
<b>Not dilapidated</b>										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	4,157,000	76.4	4,116,000	77.1	3,895,000	80.0	221,000	46.9	41,000	-
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water....	220,000	4.0	217,000	4.1	195,000	4.0	23,000	4.9	3,000	-
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath...	590,000	10.8	565,000	10.6	473,000	9.7	91,000	19.3	25,000	-
No running water.....	91,000	1.7	76,000	1.4	5,000	0.1	71,000	15.1	15,000	-
<b>Dilapidated</b>										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	159,000	2.9	159,000	3.0	155,000	3.2	4,000	0.8	-	-
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath...	222,000	4.1	207,000	3.9	147,000	3.0	60,000	12.7	15,000	-

Table 7.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH), URBAN AND RURAL: 1950--Con.  
(Percent not shown where base is less than 100,000)

Region and condition and plumbing facilities	Total		Urban and rural nonfarm						Rural farm	
	Number	Percent	Total		Urban		Rural nonfarm		Number	Percent
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>										
All dwelling units.....	13,691,000	-	11,537,000	-	8,601,000	-	2,935,000	-	2,155,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	13,242,000	100.0	11,139,000	100.0	8,335,000	100.0	2,805,000	100.0	2,103,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	7,982,000	60.3	7,485,000	67.2	6,310,000	75.7	1,175,000	41.9	497,000	23.6
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	476,000	3.6	427,000	3.8	298,000	3.6	128,000	4.6	49,000	2.3
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	1,913,000	14.4	1,532,000	13.8	1,047,000	12.6	484,000	17.3	382,000	18.2
No running water.....	1,927,000	14.6	989,000	8.9	218,000	2.6	771,000	27.5	938,000	44.6
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	142,000	1.1	134,000	1.2	113,000	1.4	21,000	0.7	8,000	0.4
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	802,000	6.1	573,000	5.1	348,000	4.2	225,000	8.0	229,000	10.9
All renter occupied.....	5,044,000	-	4,439,000	-	3,684,000	-	754,000	-	605,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	4,854,000	100.0	4,256,000	100.0	3,533,000	100.0	724,000	100.0	598,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	2,678,000	55.2	2,582,000	60.7	2,335,000	66.1	247,000	34.1	96,000	16.1
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	197,000	4.1	181,000	4.3	146,000	4.1	35,000	4.8	16,000	2.7
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	927,000	19.1	817,000	19.2	679,000	19.2	138,000	19.1	111,000	18.6
No running water.....	581,000	12.0	277,000	6.5	78,000	2.2	200,000	27.6	304,000	50.8
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	75,000	1.5	75,000	1.8	65,000	1.8	9,000	1.2	-	-
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	396,000	8.2	324,000	7.6	230,000	6.5	94,000	13.0	71,000	11.9
<b>SOUTH</b>										
All dwelling units.....	13,823,000	-	10,595,000	-	6,946,000	-	3,649,000	-	3,228,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	13,031,000	100.0	9,883,000	100.0	6,529,000	100.0	3,354,000	100.0	3,148,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	5,983,000	45.9	5,625,000	56.9	4,447,000	68.1	1,178,000	35.1	358,000	11.4
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	509,000	3.9	430,000	4.4	270,000	4.1	160,000	4.8	79,000	2.5
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	1,733,000	13.3	1,375,000	13.9	900,000	13.8	474,000	14.1	359,000	11.4
No running water.....	2,664,000	20.4	1,254,000	12.7	304,000	4.7	950,000	28.3	1,410,000	44.8
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	132,000	1.0	128,000	1.3	107,000	1.6	20,000	0.6	4,000	0.1
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	2,010,000	15.4	1,071,000	10.8	500,000	7.7	571,000	17.0	939,000	29.8
All renter occupied.....	5,923,000	-	4,744,000	-	3,279,000	-	1,466,000	-	1,179,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	5,373,000	100.0	4,214,000	100.0	2,961,000	100.0	1,253,000	100.0	1,159,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	2,168,000	40.3	2,108,000	50.0	1,751,000	59.1	357,000	28.5	60,000	5.2
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	211,000	3.9	194,000	4.6	143,000	4.8	50,000	4.0	17,000	1.5
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	846,000	15.7	753,000	17.9	566,000	19.1	187,000	14.9	93,000	8.0
No running water.....	1,075,000	20.0	552,000	13.1	150,000	5.1	402,000	32.1	523,000	45.1
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	63,000	1.2	63,000	1.5	51,000	1.7	12,000	1.0	-	-
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	1,011,000	18.8	544,000	12.9	299,000	10.1	245,000	19.6	467,000	40.3
Nonwhite occupied.....	2,402,000	-	1,806,000	-	1,270,000	-	535,000	-	596,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	2,094,000	100.0	1,504,000	100.0	1,046,000	100.0	458,000	100.0	590,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	288,000	13.8	282,000	18.7	268,000	25.6	14,000	3.1	5,000	0.8
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	88,000	4.2	86,000	5.7	86,000	8.2	-	-	2,000	0.3
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	300,000	14.3	288,000	19.1	256,000	24.5	33,000	7.2	11,000	1.9
No running water.....	674,000	32.2	420,000	27.9	178,000	17.0	241,000	52.6	254,000	43.1
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	17,000	0.8	17,000	1.1	17,000	1.6	-	-	-	-
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	727,000	34.7	411,000	27.3	241,000	23.0	170,000	37.1	316,000	53.6
<b>WEST</b>										
All dwelling units.....	6,422,000	-	5,833,000	-	4,466,000	-	1,367,000	-	589,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	6,194,000	100.0	5,633,000	100.0	4,333,000	100.0	1,301,000	100.0	560,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	4,906,000	79.2	4,612,000	81.9	3,762,000	86.8	850,000	65.3	294,000	52.5
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	59,000	1.0	53,000	0.9	30,000	0.7	22,000	1.7	7,000	1.2
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	555,000	9.0	473,000	8.4	318,000	7.3	155,000	11.9	82,000	14.6
No running water.....	270,000	4.4	168,000	3.0	43,000	1.0	125,000	9.6	102,000	18.2
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	131,000	2.1	117,000	2.1	84,000	1.9	32,000	2.5	14,000	2.5
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	273,000	4.4	211,000	3.7	95,000	2.2	116,000	8.9	62,000	11.1
All renter occupied.....	2,547,000	-	2,399,000	-	1,931,000	-	468,000	-	148,000	-
Number reporting condition and plumbing facilities....	2,444,000	100.0	2,305,000	100.0	1,862,000	100.0	443,000	100.0	140,000	100.0
Not dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	1,841,000	75.3	1,786,000	77.5	1,504,000	80.8	282,000	63.7	54,000	38.6
With private toilet and bath, and only cold water...	20,000	0.8	19,000	0.8	12,000	0.6	7,000	1.6	1,000	0.7
With running water, lacking private toilet or bath..	300,000	12.3	271,000	11.8	214,000	11.5	58,000	13.1	29,000	20.7
No running water.....	89,000	3.6	61,000	2.6	23,000	1.2	38,000	8.6	27,000	19.3
Dilapidated										
With private toilet and bath, and hot running water..	66,000	2.7	61,000	2.6	45,000	2.4	16,000	3.6	5,000	3.6
Lacking hot water, private toilet, or private bath..	129,000	5.3	106,000	4.6	64,000	3.4	42,000	9.5	24,000	17.1

Table 8.--CONTRACT MONTHLY RENT OF URBAN AND RURAL-NONFARM RENTER-OCCUPIED AND SELECTED VACANT DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH); 1950

Region and contract monthly rent	Urban and rural nonfarm		Urban		Rural nonfarm	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>NORTHEAST</b>						
All renter-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for rent.....	5,623,000	-	5,106,000	-	517,000	-
Number reporting <sup>2</sup> .....	5,270,000	100.0	4,858,000	100.0	412,000	100.0
Under \$10.....	73,000	1.4	30,000	0.6	43,000	10.4
\$10 to \$19.....	598,000	10.6	425,000	8.7	173,000	32.5
\$20 to \$29.....	1,168,000	22.2	1,060,000	21.8	108,000	26.2
\$30 to \$39.....	1,210,000	23.0	1,156,000	23.8	53,000	12.9
\$40 to \$49.....	945,000	17.9	911,000	18.8	34,000	8.3
\$50 to \$59.....	493,000	9.4	479,000	9.9	14,000	3.4
\$60 to \$74.....	370,000	7.0	353,000	7.3	17,000	4.1
\$75 to \$99.....	284,000	5.4	277,000	5.7	6,000	1.5
\$100 or more.....	169,000	3.2	166,000	3.4	3,000	0.7
Median rent.....	\$36	-	\$37	-	\$22	-
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>						
All renter-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for rent.....	4,520,000	-	3,741,000	-	779,000	-
Number reporting <sup>2</sup> .....	4,051,000	100.0	3,475,000	100.0	576,000	100.0
Under \$10.....	109,000	2.7	57,000	1.6	52,000	9.0
\$10 to \$19.....	525,000	13.0	357,000	10.3	167,000	29.0
\$20 to \$29.....	797,000	19.7	641,000	18.4	156,000	27.1
\$30 to \$39.....	766,000	18.9	694,000	20.0	73,000	12.7
\$40 to \$49.....	780,000	19.3	717,000	20.6	62,000	10.8
\$50 to \$59.....	518,000	12.8	473,000	13.6	45,000	7.8
\$60 to \$74.....	303,000	7.0	293,000	8.4	10,000	1.7
\$75 to \$99.....	188,000	4.6	182,000	5.2	6,000	1.0
\$100 or more.....	66,000	1.6	61,000	1.8	5,000	0.9
Median rent.....	\$37	-	\$39	-	\$24	-
<b>SOUTH</b>						
All renter-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for rent.....	4,913,000	-	3,385,000	-	1,529,000	-
Number reporting <sup>2</sup> .....	4,207,000	100.0	3,131,000	100.0	1,075,000	100.0
Under \$10.....	470,000	11.2	217,000	6.9	253,000	23.5
\$10 to \$19.....	955,000	22.7	605,000	19.3	350,000	32.6
\$20 to \$29.....	742,000	17.6	556,000	17.8	186,000	17.3
\$30 to \$39.....	604,000	14.4	485,000	15.5	119,000	11.1
\$40 to \$49.....	487,000	11.6	412,000	13.2	75,000	7.0
\$50 to \$59.....	347,000	8.2	308,000	9.8	39,000	3.6
\$60 to \$74.....	295,000	7.0	262,000	8.4	33,000	3.1
\$75 to \$99.....	227,000	5.4	219,000	7.0	8,000	0.7
\$100 or more.....	79,000	1.9	68,000	2.2	11,000	1.0
Median rent.....	\$29	-	\$33	-	\$18	-
Nonwhite renter occupied.....	1,135,000	-	833,000	-	302,000	-
Number reporting <sup>3</sup> .....	960,000	100.0	777,000	100.0	182,000	100.0
Under \$10.....	255,000	26.6	145,000	18.7	110,000	60.4
\$10 to \$14.....	132,000	13.7	109,000	14.0	23,000	12.6
\$15 to \$19.....	243,000	25.3	219,000	28.2	25,000	13.7
\$20 to \$29.....	166,000	17.3	150,000	19.3	17,000	9.3
\$30 to \$39.....	76,000	7.9	73,000	9.4	2,000	1.1
\$40 or more.....	87,000	9.1	81,000	10.4	6,000	3.3
Median rent.....	\$16	-	\$18	-	( <sup>3</sup> )	-
<b>WEST</b>						
All renter-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for rent.....	2,516,000	-	2,020,000	-	496,000	-
Number reporting <sup>2</sup> .....	2,227,000	100.0	1,860,000	100.0	368,000	100.0
Under \$10.....	35,000	1.6	20,000	1.1	14,000	3.8
\$10 to \$19.....	164,000	7.4	95,000	5.1	68,000	18.5
\$20 to \$29.....	409,000	18.4	328,000	17.6	81,000	22.0
\$30 to \$39.....	564,000	25.3	484,000	26.0	81,000	22.0
\$40 to \$49.....	389,000	17.5	346,000	18.6	43,000	11.7
\$50 to \$59.....	275,000	12.3	239,000	12.8	36,000	9.8
\$60 to \$74.....	192,000	8.6	164,000	8.8	27,000	7.3
\$75 to \$99.....	139,000	6.2	129,000	6.9	10,000	2.7
\$100 or more.....	61,000	2.7	54,000	2.9	7,000	1.9
Median rent.....	\$38	-	\$40	-	\$22	-

<sup>1</sup> Excludes seasonal and dilapidated vacant units.

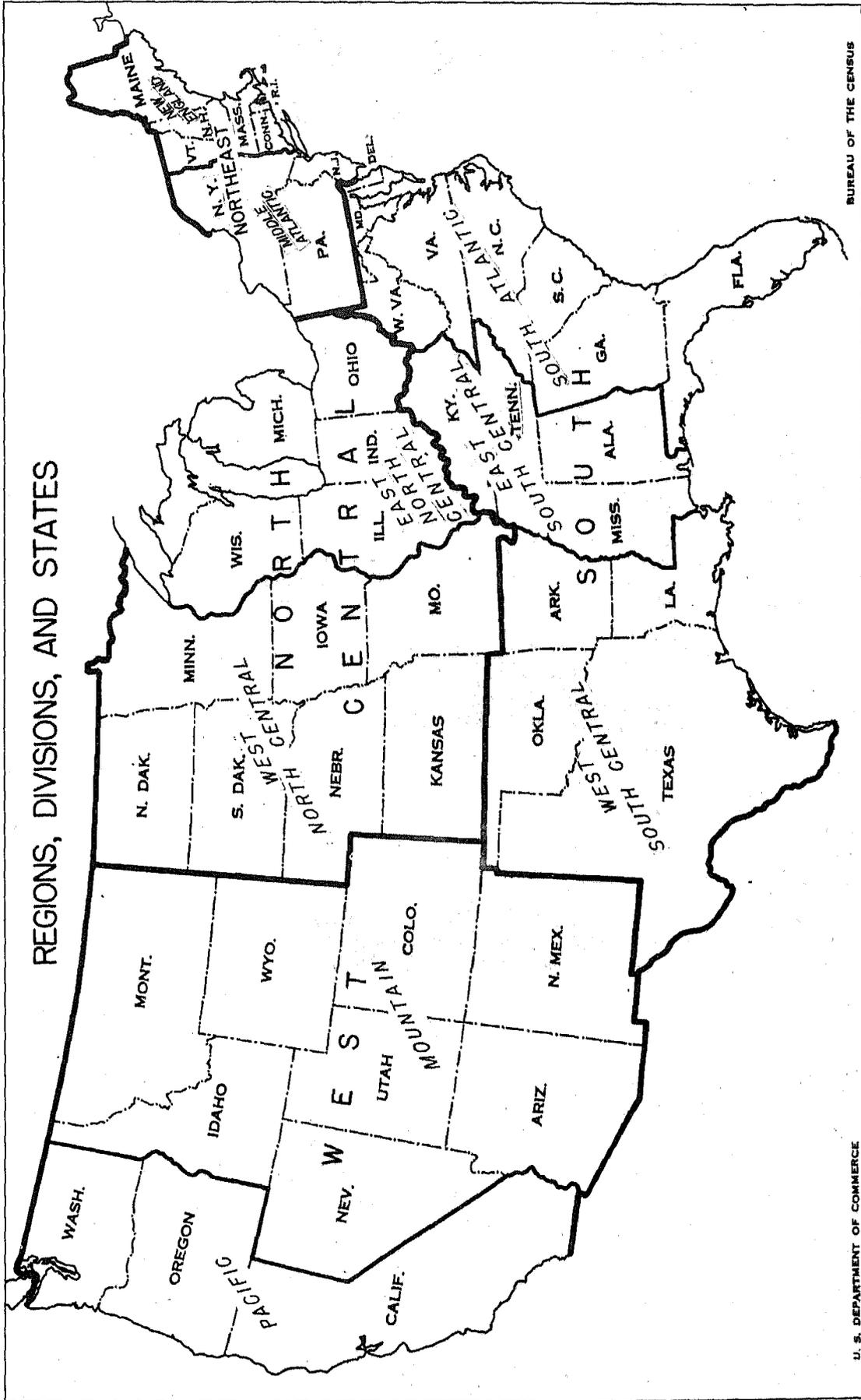
<sup>2</sup> Excludes units occupied rent-free.

<sup>3</sup> Less than \$10.

Table 9.—VALUE OF URBAN AND RURAL-NONFARM OWNER-OCCUPIED AND SELECTED VACANT DWELLING UNITS, FOR REGIONS (WITH NONWHITE FOR THE SOUTH); 1950

Region and value of one-dwelling-unit structures	Urban and rural nonfarm		Urban		Rural nonfarm	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
NORTHEAST						
Owner-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for sale only.....	3,648,000	-	2,711,000	-	937,000	-
Number reporting.....	3,492,000	100.0	2,622,000	100.0	870,000	100.0
Under \$3,000.....	213,000	6.1	86,000	3.3	127,000	14.6
\$3,000 to \$4,999.....	446,000	12.8	259,000	9.9	187,000	21.5
\$5,000 to \$7,499.....	827,000	23.7	604,000	23.0	223,000	25.6
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	729,000	20.9	582,000	22.2	147,000	16.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	780,000	22.3	675,000	25.7	105,000	12.1
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	281,000	8.0	239,000	9.1	42,000	4.8
\$20,000 or more.....	215,000	6.2	176,000	6.7	39,000	4.5
Median value.....	\$8,300	-	\$9,000	-	\$6,300	-
NORTH CENTRAL						
Owner-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for sale only.....	5,268,000	-	3,738,000	-	1,530,000	-
Number reporting.....	4,982,000	100.0	3,607,000	100.0	1,375,000	100.0
Under \$3,000.....	639,000	12.8	256,000	7.1	382,000	27.8
\$3,000 to \$4,999.....	746,000	15.0	418,000	11.6	328,000	23.9
\$5,000 to \$7,499.....	1,171,000	23.5	840,000	23.3	331,000	24.1
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	918,000	18.4	757,000	21.0	161,000	11.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	1,042,000	20.9	921,000	25.5	121,000	8.8
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	267,000	5.4	237,000	6.6	31,000	2.3
\$20,000 or more.....	198,000	4.0	178,000	4.9	21,000	1.5
Median value.....	\$7,300	-	\$8,400	-	\$4,800	-
SOUTH						
Owner-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for sale only.....	4,333,000	-	2,754,000	-	1,579,000	-
Number reporting.....	3,987,000	100.0	2,668,000	100.0	1,320,000	100.0
Under \$3,000.....	946,000	23.7	406,000	15.2	540,000	40.9
\$3,000 to \$4,999.....	628,000	15.8	361,000	13.5	267,000	20.2
\$5,000 to \$7,499.....	902,000	22.6	647,000	24.3	255,000	19.3
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	598,000	15.0	494,000	18.5	103,000	7.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	536,000	13.4	445,000	16.7	91,000	6.9
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	225,000	5.6	186,000	7.0	39,000	3.0
\$20,000 or more.....	153,000	3.8	128,000	4.8	25,000	1.9
Median value.....	\$6,100	-	\$7,100	-	\$3,800	-
Nonwhite owner occupied.....	584,000	-	379,000	-	205,000	-
Number reporting.....	540,000	100.0	362,000	100.0	178,000	100.0
Under \$2,000.....	224,000	41.5	119,000	32.9	106,000	59.6
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	97,000	18.0	64,000	17.7	33,000	18.5
\$3,000 to \$4,999.....	112,000	20.7	86,000	23.8	25,000	14.0
\$5,000 to \$7,499.....	57,000	10.6	51,000	14.1	5,000	2.8
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	19,000	3.5	15,000	4.1	5,000	2.8
\$10,000 or more.....	31,000	5.7	26,000	7.2	5,000	2.8
Median value.....	\$2,400	-	\$2,900	-	(?)	-
WEST						
Owner-occupied dwelling units; and vacant <sup>1</sup> units for sale only.....	2,508,000	-	1,905,000	-	603,000	-
Number reporting.....	2,376,000	100.0	1,846,000	100.0	530,000	100.0
Under \$3,000.....	193,000	8.1	86,000	4.7	107,000	20.2
\$3,000 to \$4,999.....	280,000	11.8	168,000	9.0	114,000	21.5
\$5,000 to \$7,499.....	505,000	21.3	386,000	20.9	119,000	22.5
\$7,500 to \$9,999.....	508,000	21.4	434,000	23.5	75,000	14.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	600,000	25.3	524,000	28.4	76,000	14.3
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	172,000	7.2	152,000	8.2	20,000	3.8
\$20,000 or more.....	118,000	5.0	99,000	5.4	18,000	3.4
Median value.....	\$8,500	-	\$9,100	-	\$5,900	-

<sup>1</sup> Excludes seasonal and dilapidated vacant units.  
<sup>2</sup> Less than \$2,000.



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