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This report is based on a transcription and tabulation of data from the 1950 Census of Population and Housing. The statistics relate to dwelling units considered substandard by the Public Housing Administration, in accordance with the contract for these statistics between the Bureau of the Census and the Fayette County Housing Authority.

A dwelling unit is considered substandard by the Public Housing Administration if it is either dilapidated or does not have the following plumbing facilities: flush toilet and bath inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use, and hot running water. The Public Housing Administration considers the absence of hot running water to be evidence generally of poor quality of the dwelling unit, but there may be some localities in which the absence of hot running water is not deemed to be a sufficient indication by itself of poor quality. In such localities, a revised count of substandard units may be obtained from table 1 by subtracting from the total the units which lack hot water only. If it is desired to eliminate the units lacking hot water only from the total count of substandard units, the distributions shown in the tables will not be materially affected.

The criteria used to define substandard units in these tabulations are not identical with the housing characteristics included in the published reports from the 1940 Census. Therefore, any comparison of data in this report with the 1940 results must be made with extreme care. A direct comparison cannot be made with the 1940 results because information on hot running water was not collected at that time. Further, the 1940 data on condition were collected showing dwelling units "needing major repairs," whereas

in 1950 data on condition were collected showing units as "dilapidated." Because the definitions of these two terms differ significantly, the 1940 count of dwelling units needing major repairs and the 1950 count of dilapidated dwelling units are comparable only in a general way.

The data are presented in the series of attached tables. In table 1 the structural and occupancy characteristics are shown for all substandard dwelling units. Table 2 shows the rent paid for renter-occupied substandard units; table 3 shows the condition and plumbing facilities of these same units. Table 4 shows the characteristics of all families (both primary and secondary) living in the substandard units. Table 4a classifies the primary families by family income. Table 5 classifies primary families with no subfamily or secondary family present, by rent as a percent of family income.

In the contract rent tabulation, dwelling units occupied rent-free are tabulated in the "\$9 or less" category. In the gross rent tabulations, however, such units are tabulated as "not reporting," except when utilities were reported.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions used in this special tabulation are generally the same as those used in the 1950 Census of Population and Housing. Some of the more important definitions are given below.

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.

Table 1.--STRUCTURAL AND OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS, CONDITION, AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY TENURE AND COLOR OF OCCUPANTS, FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(A substandard dwelling unit is defined by the Public Housing Administration as a unit which is either dilapidated or does not have all of the following plumbing facilities: flush toilet and bath inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use, and hot running water)

Characteristic	Total			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number occupied substandard dwelling units.....	1,175	307	868	1,007	261	746	168	46	122
Percent of total.....	100.0	26.1	73.9	85.7	22.2	63.5	14.3	3.9	10.4
NUMBER OF ROOMS									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
1 room.....	8.7	2.0	11.1	8.3	1.1	10.9	10.7		12.3
2 rooms.....	20.7	4.6	26.4	22.5	5.0	28.7	9.5		12.3
3 rooms.....	24.5	16.0	27.5	25.8	17.2	28.8	16.7		19.7
4 rooms.....	25.0	31.9	22.6	23.4	32.2	20.4	34.5		36.1
5 rooms.....	10.2	21.8	6.1	8.8	18.8	5.4	18.5		10.7
6 rooms.....	7.1	15.0	4.4	7.5	16.9	4.3	4.8		4.9
7 rooms.....	2.1	5.2	1.0	1.8	5.0	0.7	4.2		3.3
8 rooms or more.....	1.4	3.6	0.7	1.4	3.8	0.7	1.2		0.8
Not reported.....	0.2		0.2	0.2	-	0.3	-		-
CONDITION									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
Not dilapidated.....	66.0	76.9	62.1	70.4	82.4	66.2	39.3		36.9
Dilapidated.....	33.7	22.8	37.6	29.2	17.2	33.4	60.7		63.1
Not reported.....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	-		-
WATER SUPPLY									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
Hot and cold piped running water inside structure..	68.1	66.1	68.8	73.5	71.6	74.1	35.7		36.1
Only cold piped running water inside structure....	30.1	33.6	28.9	24.8	28.0	23.7	61.9		60.7
No piped running water inside structure.....	1.8	0.3	2.3	1.7	0.4	2.1	2.4		3.3
Not reported.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
TOILET FACILITIES									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
Flush toilet inside structure, exclusive use.....	41.8	54.7	37.2	39.4	49.8	35.8	56.0		45.9
Flush toilet inside structure, shared.....	48.1	38.8	51.4	51.7	44.4	54.3	26.2		33.6
Other toilet facilities (including privy).....	9.8	5.9	11.2	8.4	5.0	9.7	17.9		20.5
Not reported.....	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.3	-		-
BATHING FACILITIES									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, exclusive use.....	16.3	16.0	16.5	16.1	14.2	16.8	17.9		14.8
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, shared.....	46.8	40.7	49.0	51.2	47.1	52.7	20.2		26.2
Other or none.....	36.7	42.7	34.6	32.5	38.0	30.6	61.9		59.0
Not reported.....	0.2	0.7	-	0.2	0.8	-	-		-
NUMBER OF PERSONS									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
1 person.....	20.1	18.6	20.6	20.2	19.5	20.4	19.6		22.1
2 persons.....	28.9	27.0	29.6	30.1	25.3	31.8	22.0		18.4
3 persons.....	20.6	17.6	21.7	20.6	19.2	21.0	20.8		23.4
4 persons.....	14.0	13.7	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.2	12.5		13.1
5 persons.....	8.3	11.0	7.3	8.6	11.9	7.5	6.0		5.7
6 persons.....	3.5	6.2	2.5	3.0	5.7	2.0	6.5		5.7
7 persons.....	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0		3.3
8 persons.....	1.4	2.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	4.8		2.5
9 persons or more.....	1.5	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.9	0.7	4.8		5.7
NUMBER OF LODGERS									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0
None.....	94.0	91.9	94.8	94.7	92.3	95.6	89.9		90.2
1 or more lodgers.....	6.0	8.1	5.2	5.3	7.7	4.4	10.1		9.8

¹ Percentage distribution is not shown where the number of cases is less than 100.

Table 3.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY GROSS RENT,
FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Condition and plumbing facilities	Total	Monthly gross rent							Not reported
		\$19 or less	\$20 to \$24	\$25 to \$29	\$30 to \$34	\$35 to \$39	\$40 to \$49	\$50 or more	
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units.....	868	165	122	135	151	79	115	70	31
Percent of total.....	100.0	19.0	14.1	15.6	17.4	9.1	13.2	8.1	3.6
Not dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	-	-	0.5	0.1	-
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	14.1	2.0	1.3	3.1	3.7	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.2
With running water, no private flush toilet...	45.5	7.3	6.3	5.8	7.5	5.0	7.1	4.5	2.1
No running water inside structure.....	0.3	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, hot and cold running water.....	11.4	0.6	0.7	1.3	3.0	1.6	2.4	1.4	0.5
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	1.8	-	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	-	0.1
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	7.9	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.7	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
With running water, no private flush toilet...	14.4	6.1	2.8	2.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.2
No running water inside structure.....	2.0	1.3	0.3	0.3	-	-	-	-	-
Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities..	0.6	0.1	-	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	0.1

Table 3a.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY GROSS RENT,
FOR WHITE HOUSEHOLDS, FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Condition and plumbing facilities	Total	Monthly gross rent							Not reported
		\$19 or less	\$20 to \$24	\$25 to \$29	\$30 to \$34	\$35 to \$39	\$40 to \$49	\$50 or more	
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units.....	746	127	109	108	126	69	111	70	26
Percent of total.....	100.0	17.0	14.6	14.5	16.9	9.2	14.9	9.4	3.5
Not dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	-	-	0.4	0.1	-
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	13.8	2.3	1.2	2.8	3.2	0.9	2.0	1.1	0.3
With running water, no private flush toilet...	49.9	7.9	6.8	6.3	7.9	5.2	8.3	5.2	2.1
No running water inside structure.....	0.4	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, hot and cold running water.....	12.1	0.3	0.7	1.5	3.1	1.7	2.7	1.6	0.5
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	1.5	-	0.4	-	0.5	0.1	0.4	-	-
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	6.6	0.8	1.7	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
With running water, no private flush toilet...	11.5	3.9	2.8	1.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.1
No running water inside structure.....	1.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	-	-	-	-	-
Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities..	0.7	0.1	-	0.3	0.1	-	-	-	0.1

Table 3b.--CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY GROSS RENT, FOR NONWHITE HOUSEHOLDS, FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Condition and plumbing facilities	Total	Monthly gross rent							Not reported
		\$19 or less	\$20 to \$24	\$25 to \$29	\$30 to \$34	\$35 to \$39	\$40 to \$49	\$50 or more	
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units.....	122	38	13	27	25	10	4	-	5
Percent of total.....	100.0	31.1	10.7	22.1	20.5	8.2	3.3	-	4.1
Not dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	2.5	-	-	1.6	-	-	0.8	-	-
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	15.6	-	1.6	4.9	6.6	1.6	0.8	-	-
With running water, no private flush toilet....	18.9	3.3	3.3	2.5	4.9	3.3	-	-	1.6
No running water inside structure.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet, hot and cold running water.....	7.4	2.5	0.8	-	2.5	0.8	0.8	-	-
With private bath and private flush toilet, no hot running water.....	4.1	-	-	2.5	-	-	0.8	-	0.8
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	16.4	3.3	2.5	4.1	3.3	2.5	-	-	0.8
With running water, no private flush toilet....	32.0	19.7	2.5	5.7	3.3	-	-	-	0.8
No running water inside structure.....	3.3	2.5	-	0.8	-	-	-	-	-
Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.--CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY TENURE AND COLOR, FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Characteristic	Total			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number of families.....	934	249	685	799	209	590	135	40	95
Percent of total.....	100.0	26.7	73.3	85.5	22.4	63.2	14.5	4.3	10.2
TYPE OF FAMILY									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	(¹)
Primary family.....	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.7	100.0	99.7	99.3		
Secondary family.....	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	0.7		
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	(¹)
2 persons.....	38.9	36.1	39.9	39.7	34.0	41.7	34.1		
3 persons.....	25.5	21.7	26.9	25.7	23.9	26.3	24.4		
4 persons.....	17.1	16.1	17.5	17.9	17.2	18.1	12.6		
5 persons.....	9.3	13.3	7.9	9.9	14.4	8.3	5.9		
6 persons.....	3.9	6.4	2.9	3.3	6.2	2.2	7.4		
7 persons.....	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.7	3.7		
8 persons or more.....	3.4	4.8	2.9	2.0	2.9	1.7	11.9		
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER ROOM IN DWELLING UNIT									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	(¹)
0.50 or less.....	16.3	32.5	10.4	15.4	30.6	10.0	21.5		
0.51 to 0.75.....	23.3	24.1	23.1	24.4	28.2	23.1	17.0		
0.76 to 1.00.....	28.4	20.9	31.1	29.0	21.1	31.9	24.4		
1.01 to 1.50.....	20.0	15.7	21.6	19.9	14.8	21.7	20.7		
1.51 to 2.00.....	7.9	4.8	9.1	7.8	3.8	9.2	8.9		
2.01 or more.....	3.9	2.0	4.5	3.3	1.4	3.9	7.4		
Not reported.....	0.2	-	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	-		
NUMBER OF MINORS IN FAMILY									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	(¹)
No minors.....	43.4	48.2	41.6	44.2	48.8	42.5	38.5		
1 minor.....	24.3	18.9	26.3	24.5	18.7	26.6	23.0		
2 minors.....	17.0	16.5	17.2	17.9	17.2	18.1	11.9		
3 minors.....	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.6	8.0	8.9		
4 minors.....	3.5	4.0	3.4	3.0	3.8	2.7	6.7		
5 minors.....	1.3	2.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	5.2		
6 minors or more.....	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.6	2.4	1.4	5.9		

¹Percentage distribution is not shown where the number of cases is less than 100.

Table 5.--RENT AS PERCENT OF INCOME BY FAMILY INCOME IN 1949 OF PRIMARY FAMILIES WITH NO SUBFAMILY OR SECONDARY FAMILY, IN RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY PRESENCE OF MINORS AND COLOR, FOR UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA: 1950

(See table 1 for the Public Housing Administration definition of substandard dwelling unit)

Gross rent as percent of income by family income	Total			White			Nonwhite		
	Total	No minors	With minors	Total	No minors	With minors	Total	No minors	With minors
Number of families.....	646	265	381	562	232	330	84	33	51
Percent of total.....	100.0	41.0	59.0	87.0	35.9	51.1	13.0	5.1	7.9
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(¹)	100.0	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
9 percent or less.....	10.4	16.6	6.1	11.1		7.1			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	21.6	23.1	20.5	22.7		21.3			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	20.4	18.0	22.1	20.8		22.8			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	10.9	9.4	11.9	10.2		11.0			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	6.6	4.1	8.4	6.0		7.9			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	5.3	4.9	5.6	5.6		5.5			
35 percent or more.....	11.0	7.8	13.3	10.2		12.6			
Not reported.....	13.7	16.0	12.1	² 13.4		11.8			
\$1,499 or less.....	22.4	24.0	21.4	19.9		18.9			
9 percent or less.....	1.1	2.7	-	0.9		-			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	0.6	1.4	-	0.5		-			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	0.6	1.4	-	0.5		-			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	2.5	3.7	1.6	2.3		1.6			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	3.8	2.1	5.0	2.8		3.9			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	4.1	4.9	3.5	4.2		3.1			
35 percent or more.....	9.8	7.8	11.2	8.8		10.2			
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	12.2	9.5	14.1	10.6		12.6			
9 percent or less.....	0.3	0.8	-	-		-			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	1.0	0.4	1.5	0.5		0.8			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	4.8	6.1	3.9	4.6		3.9			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	3.7	2.3	4.6	2.8		3.1			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	0.4	-	0.7	0.5		0.8			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	0.8	-	1.4	0.9		1.6			
35 percent or more.....	1.2	-	2.0	1.4		2.4			
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	15.3	10.4	18.8	16.2		20.5			
9 percent or less.....	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9		0.8			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	3.4	4.3	2.7	3.7		3.1			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	6.0	1.7	9.0	6.0		9.4			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	2.7	1.4	3.7	2.8		3.9			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3		2.4			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	0.4	-	0.7	0.5		0.8			
35 percent or more.....	-	-	-	-		-			
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	11.2	9.2	12.6	12.0		13.4			
9 percent or less.....	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.4		1.6			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	4.3	2.3	5.7	4.6		6.3			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.2		3.9			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.9		1.6			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	-	-	-	-		-			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	-	-	-	-		-			
35 percent or more.....	-	-	-	-		-			
\$3,000 or over.....	25.1	30.9	21.1	27.8		22.8			
9 percent or less.....	7.0	11.2	4.1	7.9		4.7			
10 percent to 14 percent.....	12.3	14.8	10.6	13.4		11.0			
15 percent to 19 percent.....	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.6		5.5			
20 percent to 24 percent.....	0.4	-	0.7	0.5		0.8			
25 percent to 29 percent.....	0.4	-	0.7	0.5		0.8			
30 percent to 34 percent.....	-	-	-	-		-			
35 percent or more.....	-	-	-	-		-			
Not reporting income or rent	13.7	16.0	12.1	² 13.4		11.8			

¹Percentage distribution is not shown where the number of cases in the sample is less than 100.

²Of the 13.4 percent 4.1 represents families reporting zero income in 1949.