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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 Alaska Housing Authority.

A dwelling unit in Alaska 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.

In addition to the number of substandard units shown in the tables, there were 36 other units for which there was no report on either condition or the presence of one of the plumbing facilities. Had there been complete reporting on these items, some additional units might have been found to be substandard.

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.

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.

Primary family.--A primary family consists of two or more persons including the head of the household and all (one or more) persons in the household who are related to the head by blood, marriage, or adoption. It may include a subfamily consisting of a married couple with or without children, or one parent with one or more children under 18 years of age, living in the household and related to but not including the head of the household or his wife. The subfamily is considered a part of the primary family for all tabulation purposes.

Secondary family.--A secondary family consists of two or more persons, such as a lodger or servant and his relatives, living in a household and related to each other but not related to the household head. The secondary family is considered a separate family for tabulation purposes.

Minor.--A minor is an unmarried person under 21 years of age other than the head of a family or his wife.

Dilapidation.--A dwelling unit is considered to be dilapidated when it has serious deficiencies, is rundown or neglected, or is of inadequate original construction, so that it does not provide adequate shelter or protection against the elements or it endangers the safety of the occupants.

Plumbing facilities.--The following are the three plumbing facilities tabulated:

1. Flush toilet inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use;
2. Installed bathtub or shower inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use; and
3. Running water inside the structure.

Exclusive use.--Equipment is for "exclusive use" if it is used only by the occupants of one dwelling unit.

Shared.--Equipment is "shared" when occupants of two or more units use the same equipment.

Family income.--Family income is the sum of the income received during 1949, by all members of the family. The following items were asked separately for the head of the family and for each of the other members of the family:

1. The amount of money wages or salary received in 1949;
2. The amount of net money income received from self-employment in 1949; and

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3. The amount of other money income received in 1949, such as interest, dividends, veterans' allowances, pensions, or rents.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

The tables presented in this report were obtained by tabulating data transcribed from the 1950 Census schedules for all occupied substandard dwelling units. All of the data shown in this report are based on complete counts, and were obtained by tabulating the information as reported in the census.

Although the figures shown in the tables are based on the same data as the forthcoming 1950 Census tabulations of these items, they may differ from those to be published as part of the census. The present tables were obtained by transcribing and tabulating the data as received from the field offices of the Census Bureau and the figures, therefore, do not include all of the refinements that result from a careful examination of the schedules.

In addition, the data are subject to other biases due to errors of response or nonreporting which cannot be corrected in editing. Factors affecting the accuracy of enumeration include the respondent's knowledge of the facts and the ability of the enumerator to obtain accurate information on such items as income, rent, dilapidation and plumbing facilities. The regular 1950 tabulations are also subject to these biases.

Table 1.--STRUCTURAL AND OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS, CONDITION, AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY TENURE, FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA: 1950

(A substandard dwelling unit in Alaska is defined by the Public Housing Administration as a unit which is either dilapidated or does not have both a flush toilet and bath inside the structure for the unit's exclusive use)

Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter	Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number occupied substandard dwelling units.....	357	141	216	NUMBER OF LODGERS			
Percent of total.....	100.0	39.5	60.5	Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
NUMBER OF ROOMS				None.....	93.6	94.3	93.1
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	1 or more lodgers.....	6.4	5.7	6.9
1 room.....	22.7	18.4	25.5	CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES			
2 rooms.....	52.4	61.0	46.8	Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
3 rooms.....	13.4	7.1	17.6	Not dilapidated:			
4 rooms.....	6.2	6.4	6.0	With private flush toilet, no private bath.....	24.4	56.7	3.2
5 rooms.....	2.0	3.5	0.9	With running water, no private flush toilet.....	17.4	5.7	25.0
6 rooms.....	1.1	-	1.9	No running water inside the structure.....	6.7	9.9	4.6
7 rooms.....	1.4	2.1	0.9	Dilapidated:			
8 rooms or more.....	0.6	0.7	0.5	With private bath and private flush toilet.....	31.1	18.4	39.4
Not reported.....	0.8	0.7	-	With private flush toilet, no private bath.....	3.6	2.1	4.6
CONDITION				With running water, no private flush toilet.....	12.3	2.8	18.5
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	No running water inside the structure.....	2.5	2.1	2.8
Not dilapidated.....	48.5	72.3	32.9	Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities.....	2.0	2.1	1.9
Dilapidated.....	49.9	25.5	65.7	CONDITION BY NUMBER OF PLUMBING FACILITIES			
Not reported.....	1.7	2.1	1.4	Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
WATER SUPPLY				Not dilapidated:			
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	Lacking 1 facility.....	24.6	57.4	3.2
Piped running water inside structure...	90.2	87.2	92.1	Lacking 2 facilities.....	17.1	5.0	25.0
Piped running water outside structure..	4.8	1.4	5.9	Lacking 3 facilities.....	6.7	9.9	4.6
No piped running water.....	4.8	11.3	0.5	Dilapidated:			
Not reported.....	0.3	-	0.5	With all facilities.....	31.1	18.4	39.4
TOILET FACILITIES				Lacking 1 facility.....	3.9	2.1	5.1
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	Lacking 2 facilities.....	12.0	2.8	18.1
Flush toilet inside structure, exclusive use.....	59.7	78.0	47.7	Lacking 3 facilities.....	2.5	2.1	2.8
Flush toilet inside structure, shared..	13.7	2.1	21.3	Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities.....	2.0	2.1	1.9
Other toilet facilities (including privy).....	26.6	19.9	31.0	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
Not reported.....	-	-	-	Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
BATHING FACILITIES				1 dwelling unit.....	68.6	93.6	44.0
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	2 to 4 dwelling units.....	17.9	4.8	26.9
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, exclusive use.....	31.7	19.1	39.8	5 or more dwelling units.....	18.5	2.1	29.2
Installed bathtub or shower inside structure, shared.....	13.7	2.1	21.3				
Other or none.....	54.6	78.7	38.9				
Not reported.....	-	-	-				
NUMBER OF PERSONS							
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0				
1 person.....	56.8	67.4	49.1				
2 persons.....	22.4	16.3	26.4				
3 persons.....	9.2	6.4	11.1				
4 persons.....	5.0	2.1	6.9				
5 persons.....	3.4	3.5	3.2				
6 persons.....	1.7	2.1	1.4				
7 persons.....	1.4	0.7	1.9				
8 persons.....	0.6	1.4	-				
9 persons or more.....	-	-	-				

Table 2.—CONTRACT RENT OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS,
FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA: 1950

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

Monthly contract rent	Total
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units..	216
Percent of total.....	100.0
\$9 or less.....	11.6
\$10 to \$14.....	13.0
\$15 to \$19.....	17.6
\$20 to \$24.....	12.5
\$25 to \$29.....	9.3
\$30 to \$34.....	7.4
\$35 to \$39.....	6.5
\$40 to \$49.....	11.1
\$50 or more.....	7.4
Not reported.....	3.7

Table 3.—CONDITION AND PLUMBING FACILITIES OF RENTER-OCCUPIED SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY CONTRACT RENT,
FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA: 1950

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

Condition and plumbing facilities	Total	Monthly contract rent							
		\$19 or less	\$20 to \$24	\$25 to \$29	\$30 to \$34	\$35 to \$39	\$40 to \$49	\$50 or more	Not reported
Total number renter-occupied substandard dwelling units.....	216	91	27	20	16	14	24	16	8
Percent of total.....	100.0	42.1	12.5	9.3	7.4	6.5	11.1	7.4	3.7
Not dilapidated:									
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	3.2	2.3	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	-
With running water, no private flush toilet...	25.0	7.4	2.3	4.2	2.8	2.8	3.7	0.5	1.4
No running water inside structure.....	4.6	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dilapidated:									
With private bath and private flush toilet....	39.4	5.6	8.3	3.7	4.2	3.7	6.0	6.0	1.9
With private flush toilet, no private bath....	4.6	1.9	1.4	0.9	-	-	-	-	0.5
With running water, no private flush toilet...	18.5	15.2	-	-	0.5	-	0.9	0.9	-
No running water inside structure.....	2.8	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not reporting condition or plumbing facilities..	1.9	1.4	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.—CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES IN SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS BY TENURE,
FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA: 1950

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

Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter	Characteristic	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number of families..	135	39	96	NUMBER OF PERSONS PER ROOM IN DWELLING UNIT			
Percent of total.....	100.0	28.9	71.1		Total.....	100.0	(¹)
TYPE OF FAMILY				0.50 or less.....	8.9		
Total.....	100.0	(¹)	(¹)	0.51 to 0.75.....	14.1		
Primary family.....	100.0			0.76 to 1.00.....	38.5		
Secondary family.....	-			1.01 to 1.50.....	16.3		
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY				1.51 to 2.00.....	15.6		
Total.....	100.0	(¹)	(¹)	2.01 or more.....	5.9		
2 persons.....	46.7			Not reported.....	0.7		
3 persons.....	23.0			NUMBER OF MINORS IN FAMILY			
4 persons.....	11.9			Total.....	100.0	(¹)	(¹)
5 persons.....	8.9			No minors.....	48.1		
6 persons.....	5.2			1 minor.....	23.7		
7 persons.....	3.0			2 minors.....	11.1		
8 persons or more.....	1.5			3 minors.....	8.1		
				4 minors.....	5.2		
				5 minors.....	3.0		
				6 minors or more.....	0.7		

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

Table 4a.--INCOME IN 1949 OF PRIMARY FAMILIES IN SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS, BY NUMBER OF MINORS AND TENURE,
FOR KETCHIKAN, ALASKA: 1950

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

Family income by number of minors	Total	Owner	Renter	Family income by number of minors	Total	Owner	Renter
Total number of primary families.....	135	39	96	Two minors.....	11.1		
Percent of total.....	100.0	28.9	71.1	\$999 or less.....	0.7		
Total.....	100.0	(1)	(1)	\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	-		
\$999 or less.....	8.1			\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	-		
\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	3.7			\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	1.5		
\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	2.2			\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	1.5		
\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	5.9			\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	-		
\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	5.2			\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	0.7		
\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	7.4			\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	-		
\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	5.9			\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	0.7		
\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	7.4			\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	5.2		
\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	1.5			\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	-		
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	25.2			\$5,000 or more.....	0.7		
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	8.9			Not reported.....	-		
\$5,000 or more.....	17.8			Three or four minors.....	13.3		
Not reported.....	0.7			\$999 or less.....	-		
No minors.....	48.1			\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	0.7		
\$999 or less.....	5.2			\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	0.7		
\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	3.0			\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	-		
\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	1.5			\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	-		
\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	2.2			\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	0.7		
\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	2.2			\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	-		
\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	4.4			\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	0.7		
\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	3.0			\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	-		
\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	5.9			\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	5.9		
\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	-			\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	2.2		
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	8.9			\$5,000 or more.....	2.2		
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	3.0			Not reported.....	-		
\$5,000 or more.....	8.9			5 minors or more.....	3.7		
Not reported.....	-			\$999 or less.....	-		
One minor.....	23.7			\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	-		
\$999 or less.....	2.2			\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	-		
\$1,000 to \$1,249.....	-			\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	-		
\$1,250 to \$1,499.....	-			\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	-		
\$1,500 to \$1,749.....	2.2			\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	0.7		
\$1,750 to \$1,999.....	1.5			\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	-		
\$2,000 to \$2,249.....	1.5			\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	-		
\$2,250 to \$2,499.....	2.2			\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	-		
\$2,500 to \$2,749.....	0.7			\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	1.5		
\$2,750 to \$2,999.....	0.7			\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	1.5		
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	3.7			\$5,000 or more.....	-		
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	2.2			Not reported.....	-		
\$5,000 or more.....	5.9						
Not reported.....	0.7						

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