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PREFACE

This part of Volume I presents statistics on the general characteristics of dwelling units for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States, as well as their constituent subdivisions including standard metropolitan areas, counties, municipalities, judicial divisions, and urban places. The data are based on tabulations from the 1950 Census of Housing, taken as of April 1, 1950. Authorization for the 1950 Census of Housing as part of the decennial census was provided by the Housing Act of 1949. This act, which was approved July 15, 1949, provided that "The Director of the Census is authorized and directed to take a census of housing in each State, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Alaska, in the year 1950 and decennially thereafter in conjunction with, at the same time, and as a part of the population inquiry of the decennial census in order to provide information concerning the number, characteristics (including utilities and equipment), and geographical distribution of dwelling units in the United States."

Volume I, *General Characteristics*, contains data on practically all subjects enumerated in the 1950 Census of Housing. Chapters in this volume were published first as a series of bulletins, Series H-A. Bulletins were published for the United States, each State and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. Statistics in the United States Summary are summarizations or compilations of data from the individual State chapters.

The materials presented here were prepared under the direction of Howard G. Brunsman, Chief, Population and Housing Division, Wayne F. Daugherty, Assistant Chief for Housing, and Robert B. Voight, Assistant Chief for Operations, with the assistance of Edwin D. Goldfield, Program Coordinator. They were prepared by Joel Williams, Chief, Territories and Possessions Section, assisted by Laura L. Heriot and Mildred Swearngin. The compilation of the statistics was under the supervision of Morton A. Meyer and Milton D. Lieberman, assisted by Sigmund Schor, Sidney Forman, and Juanita A. Wright. The technical editorial work and planning were under the supervision of Mildred M. Russell, assisted by Dorothy M. Belzer.

The collection of the information on which these statistics are based was under the direction of Lowell T. Galt, then Chief, Field Division, with the assistance of Jack B. Robertson, John M. Bell, Leon S. Geoffrey, and Alfred I. Jacobs. The geographic work was under the direction of Clarence E. Batschelet, Chief, Geography Division. The tabulations were under the direction of C. F. Van Aken, Chief, Machine Tabulation Division, with the assistance of Ralph E. Mullendore and Betty S. Mitchell. Robert H. Brooks of the Administrative Service Division was responsible for printing arrangements. Other members of the staff have made significant contributions to the conduct of the housing census and to the materials presented in this volume.

In addition to those of the present staff, important contributions to the general planning of the 1950 Census were made by the late J. C. Capt, Director of the Census until his retirement on August 17, 1949, and Dr. Philip M. Hauser, Acting Director until March 9, 1950.

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HOUSING VOLUME I

This volume comprises 7 parts, with the States arranged alphabetically and followed by Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. Data for the United States and for each State (Territory or possession) are presented as separate chapters. The areas included in each part, by chapter number, are as follows:

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