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BY STATES: 1950

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Each of 11 States in the United States contained over 1.0 million households in 1950, according to figures from the 1950 Census released by Robert W. Burgess, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. New York led with 4.3 million households, followed by California with 3.3 million, and Pennsylvania with 2.9 million. At the other extreme, only 50,288 households were reported in Nevada. For the entire United States, the census showed that there were 42.9 million households in 1950 containing 145.0 million persons, or an average of 3.38 persons per household. The remaining 5.7 million persons lived in quasi households, that is, in institutions, rooming houses, military barracks, etc. Among the States, the variation in the average number of persons per household was relatively small in 1950, ranging from 3.00 persons per household in Nevada to 4.01 persons in South Carolina. In general, the largest households were found in the South and in rural-farm areas.

About 91.6 percent of the Nation's population in 1950 lived in families. The census count showed a total of 38.3 million families, with an average of 3.60 persons per family. About 11 million persons, or 8.4 percent of the entire population in 1950, were not living as family members; these persons include unrelated individuals and inmates of institutions. Among the States, the average family size ranged from 3.29 persons in California to 4.19 persons in South Carolina.

There were 35.0 million married couples in the United States in 1950, of whom 32.7 million, or 93.4 percent, were living in households of their own. The remaining 2.3

million married couples were "doubling up" with relatives or nonrelatives or were living in quasi households. The percentage of married couples without own households ranged from 3.5 percent in the Mountain States of Utah and Idaho to 8.7 percent in Virginia; the corresponding figure for the Nation as a whole was 6.6 percent.

A married couple is defined as a husband and his wife enumerated as members of the same household or quasi household. Married couples are classified as "with own household" if the husband is head of the household. A family, as defined in the 1950 Census, is a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, and living together; all such persons are regarded as members of one family. Unrelated individuals are persons (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. A household includes all the persons, without regard to relationship, who occupy a house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a room that constitutes a dwelling unit. A person living alone in a dwelling unit, or a group of unrelated persons sharing a dwelling unit, is counted as a household. The count of households excludes groups of persons living as quasi households, that is, living in quarters not classified as dwelling units, in such places as houses with at least five lodgers, hotels, institutions, labor camps, or military barracks. The institutional population includes those persons living as inmates in such places as homes for delinquent or dependent children, homes and schools for the mentally or physically handicapped, places providing specialized medical care, homes for the aged, prisons, and jails.

Table 47.—MARRIED COUPLES, FAMILIES, UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS, HOUSEHOLDS, AND QUASI HOUSEHOLDS, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1950

[Asterisk (*) denotes statistics based on 20-percent sample. Percent not shown where less than 0.1 or where base is less than 500]

Area	*Married couples				Families			Unrelated individuals*	Households			Quasi households		
	Total	With own household	Without own household		Number of families*	Population in families ¹	Population per family		Number of households	Population in households	Population per household	Population in quasi households	Institutional population	Other population
			Number	Percent										
United States.....	35,006,330	32,704,380	2,301,950	6.6	38,310,980	138,079,600	3.60	11,051,050	42,857,335	145,030,888	3.38	5,666,473	1,566,718	4,099,762
Urban.....	22,888,935	21,251,250	1,637,685	7.2	25,373,215	87,282,802	3.44	8,411,855	28,509,435	92,414,222	3.24	4,053,464	773,036	3,280,435
Rural nonfarm.....	6,945,150	6,598,950	346,200	5.0	7,517,570	28,386,433	3.78	2,001,210	8,580,048	29,634,663	3.45	1,546,662	793,682	752,980
Rural farm.....	5,172,245	4,854,180	318,065	6.1	5,420,195	22,410,365	4.13	637,985	5,767,852	22,982,003	3.98	66,347	...	66,347

¹ Based in part on 20-percent sample.

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Table 69.—MARRIED COUPLES, FAMILIES, UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS, HOUSEHOLDS, AND QUASI HOUSEHOLDS, BY REGIONS, DIVISIONS, AND STATES: 1950

[Asterisk (*) denotes statistics based on 20-percent sample. Percent not shown where less than 0.1 or where base is less than 500]

Region, division, and State	Married couples				Families			Unrelated individuals*	Households			Quasi households		
	Total	With own household	Without own household		Number of families*	Population in families ¹	Population per family		Number of households	Population in households	Population per household	Population in quasi households	Institutional population	Other population
			Number	Percent										
Cont. United States	35,006,330	32,704,380	2,301,950	6.6	38,310,980	138,079,593	3.60	11,051,050	42,857,335	145,030,888	3.38	5,666,473	1,566,718	4,099,755
Regions:														
Northeast	9,151,605	8,418,925	732,680	8.0	10,095,790	36,052,518	3.57	2,923,835	11,239,605	37,867,961	3.37	1,610,025	501,633	1,108,392
North Central	10,636,735	10,007,065	629,670	5.9	11,547,110	40,750,380	3.53	3,237,060	12,982,709	42,887,474	3.30	1,573,288	473,322	1,099,966
South	10,540,880	9,817,380	723,500	6.9	11,546,430	43,863,358	3.80	2,944,815	12,635,623	45,640,992	3.61	1,556,096	388,915	1,167,181
West	4,677,110	4,461,010	216,100	4.6	5,121,650	17,413,337	3.40	1,945,340	5,999,398	18,634,461	3.11	927,064	202,848	724,216
Northeast:														
New England	2,090,655	1,940,730	149,925	7.2	2,330,245	8,467,066	3.63	721,565	2,616,797	8,880,812	3.39	433,641	125,822	307,819
Middle Atlantic	7,060,950	6,478,195	582,755	8.3	7,765,545	27,585,452	3.55	2,202,270	8,622,808	28,987,149	3.36	1,176,384	375,811	800,573
North Central:														
E. N. Central	7,296,380	6,822,125	474,255	6.5	7,897,520	27,911,632	3.53	2,156,675	8,829,542	29,306,167	3.32	1,093,201	331,061	762,140
W. N. Central	3,340,355	3,184,940	155,415	4.7	3,649,590	12,838,748	3.52	1,080,385	4,153,167	13,581,307	3.27	480,087	142,261	337,826
South:														
South Atlantic	4,629,760	4,261,110	368,650	8.0	5,086,625	19,528,573	3.84	1,454,720	5,540,342	20,344,644	3.67	837,691	199,042	638,649
E. S. Central	2,528,080	2,356,560	171,520	6.8	2,764,405	10,830,915	3.92	561,025	2,991,927	11,193,665	3.74	283,516	85,241	198,275
W. S. Central	3,383,040	3,199,710	183,330	5.4	3,695,400	13,503,870	3.65	929,070	4,103,354	14,102,683	3.44	434,889	104,632	330,257
West:														
Mountain	1,157,985	1,106,660	51,325	4.4	1,257,665	4,626,216	3.68	406,335	1,446,725	4,877,377	3.37	197,621	42,447	155,174
Pacific	3,519,125	3,354,350	164,775	4.7	3,863,985	12,787,121	3.31	1,539,005	4,552,673	13,757,084	3.02	729,443	160,401	569,042
New England:														
Maine	202,000	188,915	13,085	6.5	223,175	836,318	3.75	67,995	254,668	881,015	3.46	32,759	9,861	22,898
New Hampshire	120,010	113,030	6,980	5.8	134,255	481,471	3.59	44,355	155,174	509,828	3.29	23,414	7,416	15,998
Vermont	81,430	76,545	4,885	6.0	90,100	339,894	3.77	33,555	103,538	363,298	3.51	14,449	4,298	10,151
Massachusetts	1,040,990	963,560	77,430	7.4	1,171,805	4,247,707	3.62	373,385	1,307,450	4,453,319	3.41	237,195	69,422	167,773
Rhode Island	177,595	165,825	11,770	6.6	198,630	720,485	3.63	63,360	225,558	750,558	3.33	41,338	8,051	33,287
Connecticut	468,630	432,855	35,775	7.6	512,280	1,841,191	3.59	139,315	570,409	1,922,794	3.37	84,486	26,774	57,712
Middle Atlantic:														
New York	3,484,605	3,202,800	281,805	8.1	3,862,050	13,383,421	3.47	1,236,985	4,329,699	14,152,766	3.27	677,426	209,786	467,640
New Jersey	1,163,365	1,064,080	99,285	8.5	1,263,570	4,478,335	3.54	306,515	1,374,477	4,658,598	3.39	176,731	50,479	126,252
Pennsylvania	2,412,980	2,211,315	201,665	8.4	2,639,925	9,723,696	3.68	658,770	2,918,632	10,175,785	3.49	322,227	115,546	206,681
E. N. Central:														
Ohio	1,926,050	1,795,945	130,105	6.8	2,077,595	7,334,428	3.53	524,475	2,314,629	7,692,196	3.32	254,431	87,724	166,707
Indiana	961,870	913,030	48,840	5.1	1,039,105	3,636,313	3.50	259,495	1,169,306	3,816,485	3.26	117,739	38,416	79,323
Illinois	2,089,470	1,943,190	146,280	7.0	2,287,955	7,902,731	3.45	709,655	2,585,772	8,341,171	3.23	371,005	99,790	271,215
Michigan	1,515,900	1,412,110	103,790	6.8	1,624,875	5,875,510	3.62	428,660	1,791,651	6,136,272	3.42	235,494	67,596	167,898
Wisconsin	803,090	757,850	45,240	5.6	867,990	3,162,650	3.64	234,390	968,184	3,320,043	3.43	114,532	37,535	76,997
W. N. Central:														
Minnesota	682,460	650,575	31,885	4.7	747,680	2,715,716	3.63	235,880	845,733	2,876,145	3.40	106,338	30,887	75,451
Iowa	633,855	607,760	26,095	4.1	686,785	2,396,930	3.49	199,650	780,999	2,538,841	3.25	82,232	27,493	54,739
Missouri	961,620	907,625	53,995	5.6	1,057,260	3,609,434	3.41	307,210	1,198,977	3,813,053	3.18	141,600	38,009	103,591
North Dakota	133,125	126,690	6,435	4.8	144,855	570,344	3.94	43,405	162,874	600,012	3.70	19,624	5,887	13,737
South Dakota	145,920	139,845	6,075	4.2	160,625	598,831	3.73	47,255	182,981	631,235	3.45	21,505	6,654	14,851
Nebraska	316,825	303,000	13,825	4.4	344,720	1,209,459	3.51	101,690	394,615	1,279,013	3.24	46,497	14,361	32,136
Kansas	466,550	449,445	17,105	3.7	507,665	1,738,034	3.42	148,295	587,678	1,843,008	3.14	62,291	18,970	43,321
South Atlantic:														
Delaware	72,680	67,035	5,645	7.8	79,730	290,840	3.65	23,205	90,361	307,314	3.40	10,771	4,040	6,731
Maryland	535,200	490,820	44,380	8.3	581,840	2,142,018	3.68	173,235	640,526	2,245,275	3.51	97,726	27,748	69,978
Dist. of Columbia	169,885	145,885	24,000	14.3	198,180	646,895	3.26	142,195	224,099	715,861	3.19	86,317	13,088	73,229
Virginia	725,775	662,550	63,225	8.7	785,060	3,020,963	3.85	261,235	845,716	3,141,756	3.71	176,924	36,482	140,442
West Virginia	440,900	411,510	29,390	6.7	479,265	1,894,722	3.95	95,565	518,736	1,963,114	3.78	42,438	15,265	27,173
North Carolina	862,770	793,595	69,175	8.0	939,215	3,821,887	4.07	207,350	994,441	3,931,516	3.95	130,413	32,692	97,721
South Carolina	426,920	395,740	31,180	7.3	477,780	2,001,578	4.19	100,295	514,672	2,061,697	4.01	55,330	15,154	40,176
Georgia	746,700	692,570	54,130	7.2	824,095	3,225,245	3.91	187,630	889,809	3,335,172	3.75	109,406	31,703	77,703
Florida	648,930	601,705	47,225	7.3	721,460	2,484,425	3.44	264,010	821,982	2,642,939	3.22	128,366	22,870	105,496
E. S. Central:														
Kentucky	660,120	618,600	41,520	6.3	717,535	2,773,063	3.86	147,195	779,669	2,865,393	3.68	79,413	24,548	54,865
Tennessee	743,670	688,595	55,075	7.4	808,145	3,097,766	3.83	167,340	871,277	3,200,784	3.67	90,934	26,612	64,322
Alabama	662,225	617,920	44,305	6.7	729,765	2,904,683	3.98	135,630	786,205	2,999,317	3.81	62,426	21,430	40,996
Mississippi	462,065	431,445	30,620	6.6	508,960	2,059,403	4.04	110,860	554,776	2,128,171	3.84	50,743	12,651	38,092
W. S. Central:														
Arkansas	436,230	415,280	20,950	4.8	477,200	1,804,956	3.78	91,495	524,708	1,874,484	3.57	35,027	13,060	21,967
Louisiana	583,585	544,270	39,315	6.7	648,410	2,510,264	3.87	154,280	724,534	2,616,079	3.61	67,437	18,972	48,465
Oklahoma	539,650	516,275	23,375	4.3	590,840	2,067,089	3.50	147,110	663,292	2,166,511	3.27	66,840	19,152	47,688
Texas	1,823,575	1,723,885	99,690	5.5	1,978,950	7,121,561	3.60	536,185	2,190,820	7,445,609	3.40	265,585	53,448	212,137
Mountain:														
Montana	133,235	127,605	5,630	4.2	145,775	527,451	3.62	58,290	175,614	566,284	3.22	24,740	5,283	19,457
Idaho	139,305	134,465	4,840	3.5	148,710	546,466	3.67	38,090	169,264	572,854	3.38	15,783	4,081	11,702
Wyoming	67,585	64,970	2,615	3.9	72,235	257,860	3.57	29,915	84,288	274,991	3.26	15,538	2,754	12,784
Colorado	310,810	294,850	15,960	5.1	338,205	1,185,943	3.51	123,900	391,577	1,257,727	3.21	67,362	15,246</	