RHFS Table Creator Help

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Sizing the Screen

- Click  to expand the screen.
- Click  to decrease the screen.

To send us feedback related to table creator, the data, or methodology

- Click  (feedback icon found on the top right side of the screen).

To download a table, click .

- Click *Here* for detailed instructions.

To print a table, click  .

To access notes related to each table creator release, click *RHFS Table Creator Release Notes* (found beneath the Disclaimer).

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To create a table, refer to the instructions on the RHFS Table Creator Main Page. Of note, are the following items:

Select Year:

- Currently, only 2015 RHFS data are available using table creator.
- The 2012 RHFS data are not yet available using table creator, but can be accessed by clicking http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/rhfs/data.html.

Select Estimate Type:

- Use the drop down menu to select properties or units as the estimate type.

Select Table:

- Use the drop down menu to select the desired table.
- The table options are:

  Property Configuration

  The table provides the following types of data: number of buildings on property, number of units on property, percentage of units on the property (efficiencies or studios), one bedroom, two bedroom, three or more bedrooms), percentage of units rented, etc.

  Ownership and Management

  The table provides the following types of data: state of acquired property, year property acquired, year property rehabilitated, etc.

  Income and Subsidies

  The table provides the following types of data: residential rental receipts for property, monthly rental receipts per housing unit, percentage of tenants on property receiving section 8 vouchers, highest monthly rent, etc.

  Expenses

  The table provides the following types of data: total operational expenses per housing unit, property maintenance cost per housing unit, electric/gas cost per housing unit, property purchase price, number of debts, etc.

  Finances and Mortgage

  The table provides the following types of data: current market value of property, how market value for property was determined, etc.

  Capital Improvements and Expenses

  The table provides the following types of data: total value of capital improvement to property, total value of capital improvement per housing unit, etc.

Column Variables:

- Use the drop down menu to select the desired column variable that you wish to display for the selected table.
- Only one column variable can be selected at a time.
- If you do not select a column variable, “none” is the default. All units will display.

Filters:

- Use filter to narrow the scope of a table.
- Property size is the only filter available for RHFS.
- Use the drop down menu to select from one of six options:

  All (default)

  1 unit

  2 – 4 units

5 – 24 units
25 – 49 units
50+ units.

Reset

- Reset clears all work related to the current table and makes table creator ready to create a new table.

Apply

- Click **Apply** t*o create a table.*
- Numbers in thousands, except as indicated. Weighting consistent with Census 2010.
- For instructions to download a table in an Excel or PDF format, refer to item 3 below.

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- You can download a table in PDF or Excel formats.
- After a table has been created, go to the top of the table and hover over the download formats icon ( ) located beneath the sizing icon () on the left side of the screen.
- To create the table in a PDF format, click the PDF icon.
- To create the table in an Excel format, click the XLS icon.
- A box may pop up asking you, "Do you want to open or save the table from census.gov?"
- Click "Open" or one of the "Save" options.
- In some browsers, you may get the following message: "The file format and extension of '*table name.xls'* don't match. The file could be corrupted or unsafe. Unless you trust its source, don't open it. Do you want to open it anyway?" Click "Yes."
- Enable editing and adjust the column lengths as needed.

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- A blank cell represents an estimate where the margin of error was not calculated for the median estimate because of system limitations (Ex. Margin of error was not calculated for mean/median estimates across column variables.)
- 'D' represents an estimate that is withheld to avoid disclosing data for an individual property or an estimate with an unacceptable level of statistical reliability.
- 'X' represents "not applicable" where there is a true zero value and the margin of error cannot be calculated.
- 'Z' represents an estimate that is less than 500 units or a percentage estimate less than 0.5%. It also represents a margin of error less than 50 units or a percentage margin of error less than 0.05%.

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- There will be a "0" in the cell if it is a true "0" (Ex. no properties met criteria).

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- Variables involving ranges are pre-defined and cannot be customized. For example, in the "Property Configuration" table, the ranges for "Number of Buildings on Property" are "1 building," "2 to 3 buildings," "4 to 5 buildings," "6 to 9 buildings," etc. and cannot be changed.
- Ranges can only be manipulated using the RHFS Public Use Files.
- Click http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/rhfs/data.html to access the RHFS Public Use Files.

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- Click http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/rhfs.html to access the RHFS website to obtain detailed information about the survey such as the purpose, historical background, technical documentation, and frequently asked questions.

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- Click **http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/rhfs/technical-documentation.html** to access technical documentation related to the survey.

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- If you wish to create customized data files, use the RHFS Public Use Files. The RHFS Public Use Files are a set of untabulated records about properties with at least one housing unit for rent. Data users can use the files to create tables that are not available through table creator. Click http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/rhfs/data/puf.html to access the RHFS Public Use Files.