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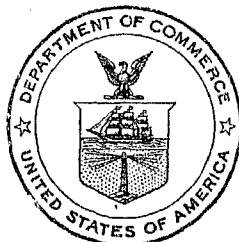
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
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SIR: I transmit herewith Volume VI of the Fifteenth Census Reports on Population. This volume presents statistics on families, derived from the Population Schedule. A part of the subjects included have been presented in population reports of prior censuses. The number of families and the number of dwellings have been available since 1850 and tenure of home since 1890; and there have been classifications of families by size and by color and nativity of head in some of the recent censuses. The remaining subjects, representing the major part of the material in the volume, are presented for the first time in the 1930 Census Reports, these including classification of homes by value or rental, the classification of families by number of children, number of full workers, and number of lodgers, the presentation of the home-makers by employment status, and the data on radio sets. Detailed statistics are given for the United States, for States and counties, for urban and rural areas, and for cities of 100,000 or more; less detailed statistics are given for the smaller urban places and for the wards of the larger cities.

The census of population was taken as of April 1, 1930, in conformity with the act providing for the Fifteenth Census and for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress, approved June 18, 1929. The results of the census of population are contained in six volumes, as follows: Volume I, Number and Distribution of Inhabitants; Volume II, General Report—Statistics by Subjects; Volume III, Report by States, showing the Composition and Characteristics of the Population, for Counties, Cities, and Townships or Other Minor Civil Divisions; Volume IV, Occupations by States; Volume V, General Report on Occupations; Volume VI, Families. The results of the census of unemployment, which was taken in conjunction with the census of population, are contained in volumes, as follows: Volume I, Unemployment Returns by Classes, for States, Counties, and Cities; Volume II, General Report on Unemployment.

The collection of the statistics relating to families, including the preparation of this volume, was under the supervision of Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, chief statistician for population, assisted by Thomas J. Fitzgerald.

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| North Carolina.....       | 959                | 960     | 960     | 961     | 962     | 963     | 963     | 964      | 964      | 965      | 966      | 967      | 968      | 968      | 968      | 968      | 969      | 975      | 981      | 983      | 984      | -----    |
| North Dakota.....         | 989                | 990     | 990     | 991     | 992     | 993     | 993     | 994      | 994      | 995      | 996      | 997      | 998      | 998      | 998      | 998      | 999      | 1003     | 1007     | 1007     | 1008     | -----    |
| Ohio.....                 | 1011               | 1012    | 1013    | 1016    | 1016    | 1019    | 1020    | 1021     | 1023     | 1025     | 1026     | 1028     | 1031     | 1031     | 1032     | 1033     | 1034     | 1040     | 1046     | 1050     | 1052     | 1056     |
| Oklahoma.....             | 1067               | 1068    | 1068    | 1070    | 1070    | 1072    | 1072    | 1073     | 1074     | 1075     | 1076     | 1077     | 1078     | 1078     | 1079     | 1079     | 1080     | 1085     | 1090     | 1091     | 1091     | 1093     |
| Oregon.....               | 1097               | 1098    | 1098    | 1099    | 1100    | 1101    | 1101    | 1102     | 1103     | 1104     | 1105     | 1106     | 1107     | 1107     | 1107     | 1107     | 1108     | 1111     | 1114     | 1114     | 1115     | -----    |
| Pennsylvania.....         | 1119               | 1120    | 1121    | 1122    | 1123    | 1125    | 1125    | 1127     | 1129     | 1130     | 1131     | 1132     | 1134     | 1134     | 1135     | 1135     | 1136     | 1141     | 1146     | 1152     | 1154     | 1162     |
| Rhode Island.....         | 1169               | 1170    | 1170    | 1171    | 1172    | 1173    | 1173    | 1174     | 1175     | 1176     | 1177     | 1178     | 1179     | 1180     | 1180     | 1181     | 1181     | 1182     | 1183     | 1183     | 1183     | 1184     |
| South Carolina.....       | 1187               | 1188    | 1188    | 1189    | 1190    | 1191    | 1191    | 1192     | 1192     | 1193     | 1194     | 1195     | 1196     | 1196     | 1196     | 1196     | 1197     | 1200     | 1203     | 1204     | 1205     | -----    |
| South Dakota.....         | 1209               | 1210    | 1210    | 1211    | 1212    | 1213    | 1213    | 1214     | 1214     | 1215     | 1216     | 1217     | 1218     | 1218     | 1218     | 1218     | 1219     | 1223     | 1227     | 1228     | 1228     | -----    |
| Tennessee.....            | 1231               | 1232    | 1233    | 1234    | 1235    | 1237    | 1237    | 1238     | 1240     | 1241     | 1242     | 1243     | 1245     | 1245     | 1246     | 1246     | 1247     | 1253     | 1259     | 1259     | 1260     | 1262     |
| Texas.....                | 1269               | 1270    | 1271    | 1272    | 1273    | 1275    | 1275    | 1277     | 1278     | 1280     | 1281     | 1282     | 1284     | 1284     | 1285     | 1285     | 1286     | 1302     | 1318     | 1320     | 1321     | 1325     |
| Utah.....                 | 1331               | 1332    | 1332    | 1333    | 1334    | 1335    | 1335    | 1336     | 1337     | 1338     | 1339     | 1340     | 1341     | 1341     | 1342     | 1342     | 1343     | 1345     | 1347     | 1347     | 1348     | 1348     |
| Vermont.....              | 1351               | 1352    | 1352    | 1353    | 1354    | 1355    | 1355    | 1356     | 1356     | 1357     | 1358     | 1359     | 1360     | 1360     | 1360     | 1360     | 1361     | 1362     | 1363     | -----    | 1364     | -----    |
| Virginia.....             | 1367               | 1368    | 1368    | 1370    | 1370    | 1372    | 1372    | 1373     | 1374     | 1375     | 1376     | 1377     | 1378     | 1378     | 1379     | 1379     | 1380     | 1388     | 1396     | 1397     | 1397     | 1398     |
| Washington.....           | 1401               | 1402    | 1403    | 1404    | 1405    | 1406    | 1407    | 1408     | 1409     | 1410     | 1411     | 1412     | 1413     | 1414     | 1414     | 1414     | 1415     | 1418     | 1421     | 1422     | 1422     | 1423     |
| West Virginia.....        | 1427               | 1428    | 1428    | 1429    | 1430    | 1431    | 1431    | 1432     | 1432     | 1433     | 1434     | 1435     | 1436     | 1436     | 1436     | 1436     | 1437     | 1441     | 1445     | 1446     | 1447     | -----    |
| Wisconsin.....            | 1451               | 1452    | 1452    | 1453    | 1454    | 1455    | 1455    | 1456     | 1457     | 1458     | 1459     | 1460     | 1461     | 1461     | 1462     | 1462     | 1463     | 1468     | 1473     | 1475     | 1476     | 1478     |
| Wyoming.....              | 1481               | 1482    | 1482    | 1483    | 1484    | 1485    | 1485    | 1486     | 1486     | 1487     | 1488     | 1489     | 1490     | 1490     | 1490     | 1490     | 1491     | 1493     | 1495     | -----    | 1495     | -----    |

# FAMILIES

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

In this volume are presented the more important statistics of families obtained from the returns of the 1930 Census of Population. The first section of the volume summarizes the data for the United States as a whole, with tables in which the figures for all of the States and for the principal cities are brought together for convenience of comparison. This is followed by a section or chapter for each of the States. The material was first published in a series of State bulletins, supplemented by a summary bulletin for the United States; these bulletins are now bound together to make the present volume.

Statistics are presented for each State by counties and in varying degrees of detail for all incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more. The subjects presented include tenure of home, value or monthly rental of nonfarm homes, dwellings classified according to number of families accommodated, and families classified according to size, number of children, number of gainful workers, number of lodgers, and age of head. Other tables classify home-makers according to employment status, and families according to whether or not they have a radio set. The family statistics for the outlying territories covered by the 1930 census are limited to the number of dwellings and families and the tenure of the home. These items are presented in the report on Outlying Territories and Possessions.

Statistics for families classified according to country of birth of head are published in a special report, entitled "Foreign-born white families by country of birth of head." These families are classified according to size, number of children under 10 years old, number of gainful workers, number of lodgers, and tenure and value or rental of home.

Some additional family tabulations remain to be presented in other publications, in particular, additional detail with respect to families having a gainfully employed home-maker, a rather detailed presentation for families by type, including broken families, and a tabulation showing the number of children and other details for selected families classified according to age of wife and duration of marriage.

Values were reported for the farm homes on the Farm Schedule rather than on the Population Schedule, in order that they might be correlated with other agricultural items. These values in the form of totals

and averages are presented in the reports of the agricultural census. A tabulation of the farm homes classified into value groups corresponding with those presented for the nonfarm homes has been made, however, and is published in a special report entitled "Farm homes classified by value."

**Definition of terms.**—The specific terms used in connection with the various classifications of families are defined in the introduction to the United States summary, pages 5 to 11. It is advisable that these brief explanatory paragraphs be read in connection with a study of the figures in the tables for any particular subject, such as color and nativity, size of family, or value or rental of home.

**Source of family data.**—A part of the material presented in the family tabulations is based on specific family questions carried on the Population Schedule. These include tenure and value or rental of home and the designation of some one person in each family as home-maker. Other family classifications are based on the inspection or counting of items returned on the schedule for individuals. These include size of family (number of related members), and the classifications according to number of children, number of lodgers, and number of gainful workers. Still other classifications are based on characteristics of the head of the family, such as color and nativity, sex, and age.

The information required for the family tabulations was taken off the population schedule on a transcription sheet containing a line for each family and a column for each of the following items:

1. Tenure of home.
2. Value or rental of home (nonfarm only).
3. Serial number of family in dwelling (first, second, etc.).
4. Related persons in family.
5. Lodgers and boarders.
6. Children under 21.
7. Children under 10.
8. Gainful workers in family.
9. Nativity of head.
10. Marital condition of head.
11. Age of man head.
12. Occupation of head.
13. Age of home-maker
14. Age at marriage (home-maker).
15. Employment status of home-maker.
16. Radio set.

From this transcription sheet a card was punched for each family. These cards were sorted, first by color and nativity of head of family, and then by tenure of home. Urban areas were kept separate from rural and the latter were subdivided into farm and nonfarm.



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While it has not been practicable, by reason of the limitations of space, to publish all of the items shown in this volume in all of these subclassifications, the tabulating machine sheets contain this information and it can be furnished in the form of a special tabulation for any given area. Such special tabulations must be made at the expense of the person or organiza-

tion requesting them, as the Census Bureau has no funds available for this purpose. The charge, however, is usually very moderate, covering only the actual cost of the clerical labor involved in taking off the figures. An estimate of the cost of any specific tabulation will be furnished by the Census Bureau upon request.