

Glossary of Terms for 2010 Census Demographic profile

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Average Family Size—A measure obtained by dividing the total number of people in families by the total number of families (or family householders). This measure is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Average Household Size—A measure obtained by dividing the total number of people in households by the total number of households (or householders). This measure is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units—A measure obtained by dividing the total number of people living in owner-occupied housing units by the total number of owner-occupied housing units. This measure is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units—A measure obtained by dividing the total number of people living in renter-occupied housing units by the total number of renter-occupied housing units. This measure is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

Child—A child includes a son or daughter by birth (biological child), a stepchild, or an adopted child of the householder, regardless of the child's age or marital status. The category excludes sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and foster children.

Family Household (Family)—A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family in census tabulations. Thus, the number of family households is equal to the number of families, but family households may include more members than do families. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. Not all households contain families since a household may be comprised of a group of unrelated people or one person living alone—these are called nonfamily households. Same-sex unmarried partner households are included in the family households category only if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption.

Female Householder, No Husband Present—A female maintaining a household with no husband of the householder present.

Group Quarters—A group quarters is a place where people live or stay, in a group living arrangement, that is owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or

services for the residents. This is not a typical household-type living arrangement. These services may include custodial or medical care as well as other types of assistance, and residency is commonly restricted to those receiving these services. People living in group quarters are usually not related to each other. Group quarters include such places as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories.

Homeowner Vacancy Rate—The homeowner vacancy rate is the proportion of the homeowner inventory that is vacant “for sale.” It is computed by dividing the total number of vacant units “for sale only” by the sum of owner-occupied units, vacant units that are “for sale only,” and vacant units that have been sold but not yet occupied, and then multiplying by 100. This measure is rounded to the nearest tenth.

Household—A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. People not living in households are classified as living in group quarters.

Householder—In most cases, the householder is the person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned, being bought, or rented and who is listed as Person 1 on the census questionnaire. If there is no such person in the household, any adult household member 15 years old and over could be designated as the householder (i.e., Person 1).

Housing Unit—A housing unit may be a house, apartment, mobile home, group of rooms, or single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other individuals in the building and which have direct access from outside the building or through a common hall.

Husband-Wife Family—A family in which the householder and his or her spouse of the opposite sex are enumerated as members of the same household. (Note: Family households and husband-wife couple families do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same-sex-couple households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption. Same-sex-couple households with no relatives of the householder present are tabulated in nonfamily households.)

Institutional Group Quarters—Facilities that house those who are primarily ineligible, unable, or unlikely to participate in the labor force while residents.

Male Householder, No Wife Present—A male maintaining a household with no wife of the householder present.

Nonfamily Household—A householder living alone or with nonrelatives only. (Note: Family households and husband-wife-couple families do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same-

sex-couple households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption. Same-sex-couple households with no relatives of the householder present are tabulated in nonfamily households.)

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Nonrelative—Any household member, including foster children, who is not related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Occupied Housing Unit—A housing unit is classified as occupied if it is the usual place of residence of the person or group of people living in it at the time of enumeration, or if the occupants are only temporarily absent; that is, away on vacation or business.

Other Relative—Any household member related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption but not included specifically in another relationship category listed on the questionnaire.

Own Child—A child under 18 years old who is a son or daughter by birth, stepchild, or adopted child of the householder.

Owner-Occupied Housing Unit—A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not paid in full.

Rental Vacancy Rate—The rental vacancy rate is the proportion of the rental inventory that is vacant “for rent.” It is computed by dividing the total number of vacant units “for rent” by the sum of the renter occupied units, vacant units that are “for rent,” and vacant units that have been rented but not yet occupied, and then multiplying by 100. This measure is rounded to the nearest tenth.

Renter-Occupied Housing Unit—All occupied housing units that are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented or occupied without payment of rent, are classified as renter-occupied. Housing units in “continuing care” or life care facilities are included in the “rented” category.

Spouse—The “spouse” category includes a person identified as the husband or wife of the householder and who is of the opposite sex. It does not include same-sex spouses even if a marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples.

Tenure—All occupied housing units are classified as either owner-occupied or renter-occupied. A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. All occupied housing units that are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented or occupied without payment of rent, are classified as renter-occupied.

Unmarried Partner—An unmarried partner is a person aged 15 years and over who is not related to the householder, who shares living quarters, and who has a close personal relationship with the householder. Responses of “same-sex spouse” are edited into this category.

Vacant Housing Unit—A housing unit is vacant if no one is living in it at the time of enumeration, unless its occupants are only temporarily absent. Units temporarily occupied at the time of enumeration entirely by people who have a usual residence elsewhere are also classified as vacant. (For more information, see “Housing Unit.”)

For Rent—These are vacant units offered “for rent,” and vacant units offered either “for rent or for sale.”

Rented, Not Occupied—These are vacant units rented but not yet occupied, including units where money has been paid or agreed upon but the renter has not yet moved in.

For Sale Only—These are vacant units being offered “for sale only,” including units in cooperatives and condominium projects, if the individual units are offered “for sale only.” If units are offered either “for rent or for sale,” they are included in the “for rent” classification.

Sold, Not Occupied—These are vacant units sold but not yet occupied, including units that have been sold recently but the new owner has not yet moved in.

For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use—These are vacant units used or intended for use only in certain seasons or for weekends or other occasional use throughout the year. Seasonal units include those used for summer or winter sports or recreation, such as beach cottages and hunting cabins. Seasonal units also may include quarters for such workers as herders and loggers. Interval ownership units, sometimes called shared-ownership or time-sharing condominiums, also are included here.

Other Vacant—If a vacant unit does not fall into any of the categories specified above, it is classified as “Other vacant.” For example, this category includes units held for occupancy by a caretaker or janitor, for migrant workers, and for personal reasons of the owner.