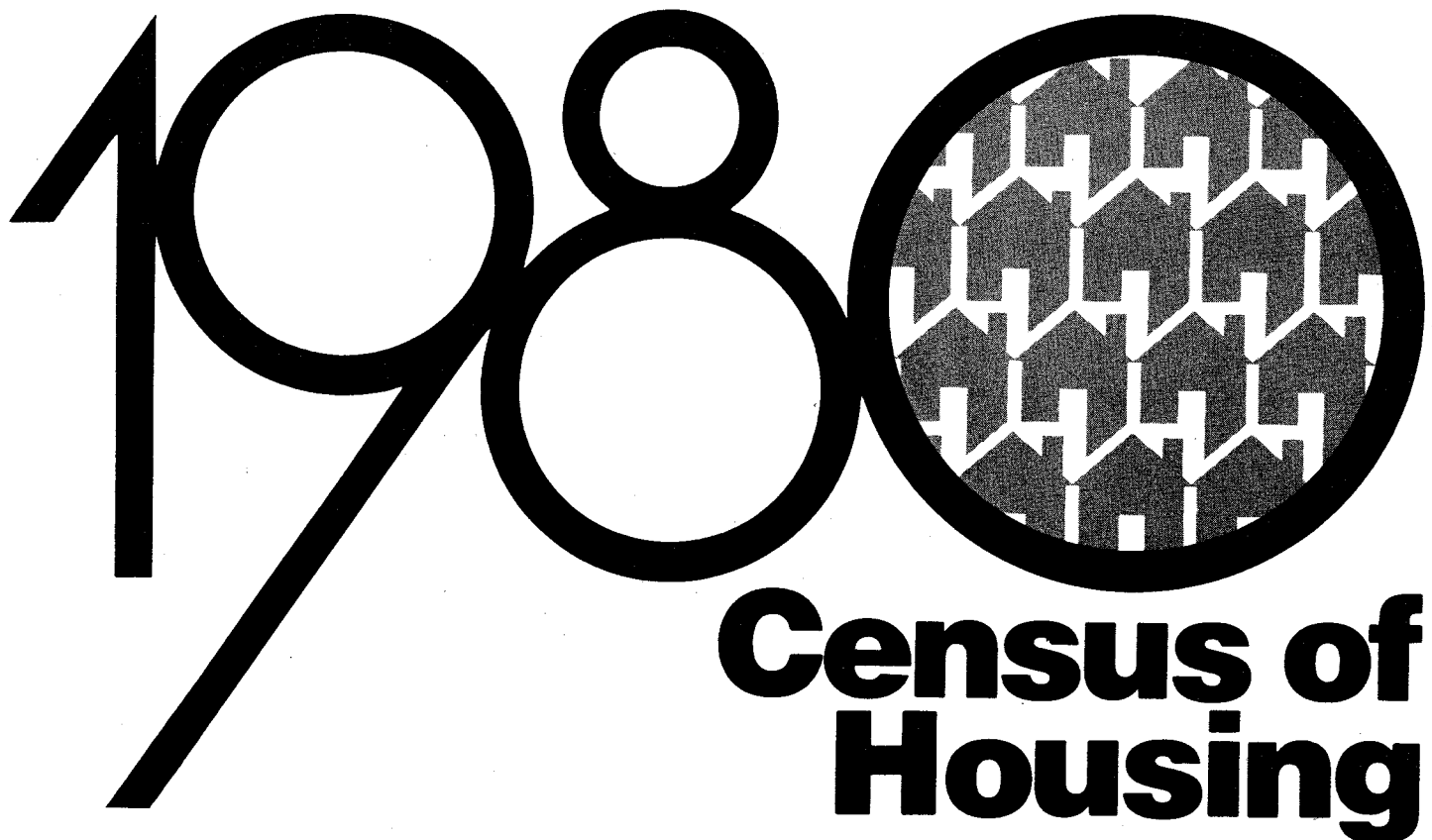


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GENERAL

This report presents data from the 1980 Census of Housing on general characteristics of housing units for the Virgin Islands of the United States, classified by urban and rural residence, and by size of place, its islands, census subdistricts, and places. The abbreviated identification for this report is HC80-1-A (i.e., Housing Census, 1980 Volume-1-Chapter A) followed by a number representing the Area. Legal provision for this census, which was conducted as of April 1, 1980, was made in the Act of Congress of August 31, 1954 (amended August 1957, December 1975, and October 1976), which codified Title 13, United States Code.

A large portion of the information compiled from the 1980 Census of Housing will appear in Volume 1, *Characteristics of the Housing Units*, of which this report is part. The 1980 census figures presented in this report may differ from those shown in the *Advance Reports*, PHC80-V. The changes reflect corrections of errors found after the PHC80-V reports were prepared. The changes may affect any geographic area shown in this report.

The content and procedures of the 1980 census were determined after evaluation of the results of the 1970 census and consultation with a wide variety of users of census data. A number of changes were introduced in 1980 to improve the usefulness of the census results. The changes, however, do not

affect to any appreciable extent the comparability between the 1980 and the 1970 data. Further information on comparability appears in Appendix B, "Definitions and Explanations of Subject Characteristics."

More detailed information on the technical and procedural matters covered in the text of this report can be obtained by writing to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Such information will also appear in other publications of the 1980 census.

CONTENTS OF THE REPORT

This report contains text (this introduction and five appendixes), a table of contents, 22 detailed tables, and maps. A general location map and a map of the Virgin Islands showing the islands' names appear after the table of contents. Each table is identified by a table number and title. The "stubhead" at the left under the title defines the types of geographic areas for which data are shown in the particular table and is considered part of the table title.

The tables are followed by a map section which includes:

- An "Island Location Index" which presents the reference coordinates for each island on the subdivision map, and the legend to that map.
- A one-page island subdivisions map that shows the names of the islands, the names and boundaries of island subdivisions (census subdistricts), and places, as recognized by the Census Bureau in the published tables.

The appendixes appear last in the report. Appendix A describes the various area classifications (e.g., urban and rural residence, minor civil divisions, and places). Appendix B provides definitions and explanations for the subjects covered in this report. Appendix C briefly explains

the residence rules used in counting the population and describes the data collection and processing procedures. Appendix D presents information on the sources of error in the data, editing procedures, and a description of the allocation tables A-1 and A-2. Appendix E contains a facsimile of the 1980 census questionnaire pages showing the population and housing questions used to produce the data shown in this report.

DERIVED FIGURES (Medians and Percents)

This report presents medians and percents, as well as certain rates and ratios. The median—a type of average—is the middle value in a distribution; i.e., the median divides the distribution into two equal parts: one-half of all the cases fall below the median and one-half of all the cases exceed the median. Percents and other derived measures which round to less than 0.1 are not shown but indicated as zero (i.e., "—").

Medians for rooms are rounded to the nearest tenth, for persons to the nearest hundredth, for value to the nearest hundred dollar, and for contract rent to the nearest dollar. In computing medians for rooms and persons per housing unit, the whole number is used as the midpoint of the interval so that, for example, the category "3 rooms" is treated as an interval ranging from 2.5 up to 3.5 rooms. In computing median rent, units reported as "no cash rent" are excluded. The median is computed on the basis of the distribution as tabulated, which is sometimes more detailed than the distribution shown in this report. When the median falls in the lower terminal category of an open-ended distribution, the method of presentation is to show the initial value of the next category followed by a minus sign; thus, for example, if the median falls in the category "Less than

\$10,000" it is shown as "\$10,000—." When the median falls in the upper terminal category of an open-ended distribution, the initial value of the terminal category is given followed by a plus sign; thus, for example, if the median falls in the category "\$200,000 or more," it is shown as "\$200,000+."

SYMBOLS AND GEOGRAPHIC ABBREVIATIONS

The following symbols and geographic abbreviations are used in the tables:

- A dash "--" represents zero or a percent which rounds to less than 0.1.
- Three dots "... " mean not applicable, or that the data are being withheld to avoid disclosure of information for individual housing units. (For further information on disclosure, see the section below on "Suppression of Data for Confidentiality.")
- (NA) means not available.
- A minus sign preceding a figure denotes decrease.
- CDP is census designated place.

SUPPRESSION OF DATA FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

To maintain the confidentiality promised to the respondent and required by law, the Census Bureau takes precautions to make sure that its published data do not disclose information about particular individuals and housing units. To accomplish this, the Bureau suppresses data for some characteristics which are based on a small number of persons and/or housing units in the geographic area. Under certain conditions, both primary and complementary suppression may take place.

The general rules of primary suppression are: counts of total population by race and Spanish origin are never suppressed; other characteristics for persons are shown only if there are 15 or more persons in the geographic area; counts of total housing units, vacant housing units, year-round housing units, and occupied housing units are never suppressed; characteristics of year-round housing units which are not classified by occupancy status are shown only when

there are five or more year-round housing units in the geographic area; characteristics of families, households, or occupied housing units are shown only if there are at least five occupied housing units within the geographic area; and distributions of data for owners or renters are shown only where the number of owners is at least five or the number of renters is also at least five. These primary suppression criteria are applied independently of one another.

Population and occupied housing unit characteristics cross-classified by race or Spanish origin (of the householder in the case of occupied housing units) require that the 15-person or the 5-housing unit criteria stated above be applied individually to each race or Spanish origin category.

In some cases, complementary suppression is applied to prevent the derivation of primary suppressed data by subtraction. For example, housing unit data shown by tenure may require complementary suppression when the number of owner-occupied or renter-occupied housing units is less than five.

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