Table 15

Table 15 presents households in housing units by type of housing unit, tenure of household and urban/rural residence for the latest available year between 1995 and 2010.

Definitions

Household: The concept of household is based on the arrangements made by persons, individually or in groups, for providing themselves with food and other essentials for living. A household may be either (a) a one-person household, that is to say, a person who makes provision for his or her own food and other essentials for living without combining with any other person to form a multi-person household or (b) a multi-person household, that is to say, a group of two or more persons living together who make common provision for food and other essentials for living. The persons in the group may pool their resources and may have a common budget; they may be related or unrelated persons or constitute a combination of persons both related and unrelated.

This concept of household is known as the "housekeeping concept". It does not assume that the number of households and housing units are or should be equal. Although the concept of housing unit is a separate and independent place of abode that is intended for habitation by one household, but that may be occupied by more than one household or by a part of a household (for example, two nuclear households that share one housing unit for economic reasons or one household in a polygamous society routinely occupying two or more housing units).

Although the general concept of a household falls within the boundaries listed above, national definitions differ. For a detailed list, please see section on General Notes.

Tenure refers to the arrangements under which the household occupies all or part of a housing unit.