

## CHAPTER IX: HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING STATUS

### 1. Type and Size of Household

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The 2010 Population Census shows that the number of households of Japan as of October 1, 2010 is 52.0 million, exceeding 50 million for the first time.

According to the number of households and household members by type of household, the number of private households is 51.8 million and that of private household members is 125.5 million. Comparing these figures between 2005 and 2010, it shows that the number of private households increased by 2.8 million (5.7%) while that of private household members slightly increased by 572 thousand (0.5%).

Meanwhile, the number of institutional households is 108 thousand and that of institutional household members is 2.5 million. Comparing these figures between 2005 and 2010, the number of institutional households increased by 8 thousand (7.9%) and that of institutional household members increased by 199 thousand (8.6%). Especially, regarding the breakdown of the number of institutional household members, the number of inmates of social institutions such as an aged people's home increased by 380 thousand (35.5%) which contributed greatly to the increase of the number of institutional household members. (Table 9.1)

**Table 9.1 Trends in the Number of Households and Household Members by Type of Household: 1995 to 2010**

Type of household	Number (thousands)				Change (thousands)	Change rate (%)		
	1995	2000	2005	2010	2005- 2010	1995- 2000	2000- 2005	2005- 2010
Households								
Total <sup>1)</sup>	44,108	47,063	49,566	51,951	2,384	6.7	5.3	4.8
Private households	43,900	46,782	49,063	51,842	2,780	6.6	4.9	5.7
Institutional households	101	102	100	108	8	0.8	-1.3	7.9
Household members								
Total <sup>1)</sup>	125,570	126,926	127,768	128,057	289	1.1	0.7	0.2
Private households	123,646	124,725	124,973	125,546	572	0.9	0.2	0.5
Institutional households (Recount)	1,794	1,973	2,312	2,512	199	10.0	17.2	8.6
Inmates of social Institutions	525	701	1,070	1,450	380	33.7	52.6	35.5

1) Figures between 1995 and 2005 include "Not reported".

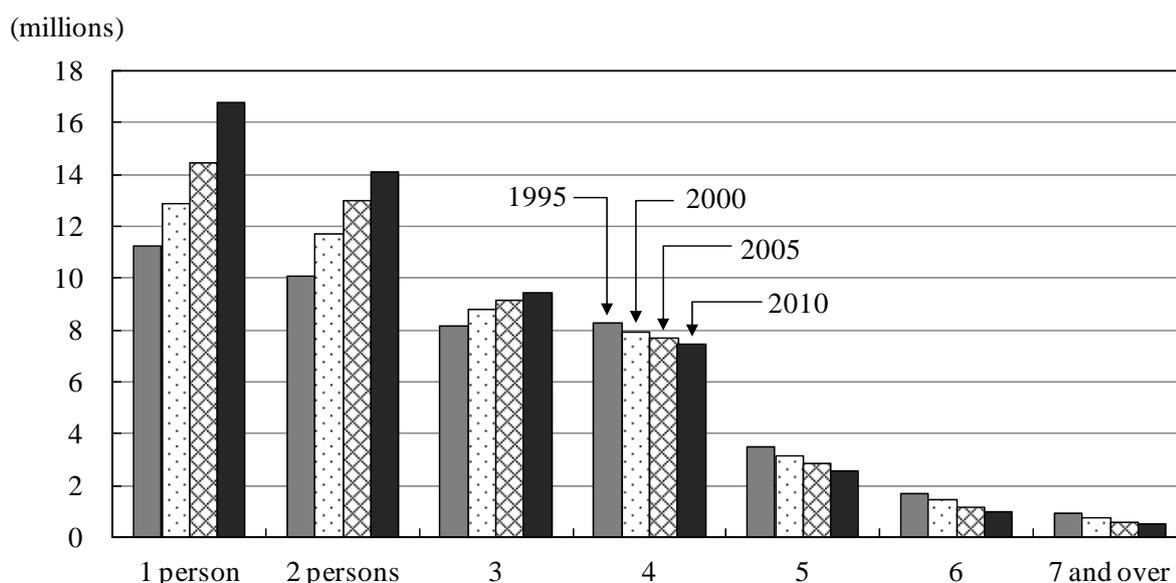
Note: "Institutional households" consists of households of "Students in school dormitories", "Inpatients of hospitals", "Inmates of social institutions", "Persons in camps of Self-Defence Forces", "Inmates of reformatory institutions", etc.

**The number of one-person households is the largest (16.8 million) and exceeded 30% among private households.**

Regarding the number of private households by size of household, one-person households is the largest category (16.8 million), accounting for 32.4 % of the number of private households. The number of households declines as the size of household becomes larger.

Comparing the number of private households by size of household between 2005 and 2010, it shows that the change rate of number of private households becomes higher as the size of household becomes smaller, and the number of households with 3 persons or less shows an upward trend while the number of household with 4 persons and over shows a downward trend since 1995. As a result, the number of members per household declined, from 2.55 in 2005 to 2.42 in 2010. (Figure 9.1, Table 9.2)

**Figure 9.1 Trends in the Number of Private Households by Size of Household: 1995 to 2010**



**Table 9.2 Trends in the Number of Private Households by Size of Household: 1995 to 2010**

Size of household	Number of private households (thousands)				Proportion (%)		Change rate (%)	
	1995	2000	2005	2010	2005	2010	2000-2005	2005-2010
Total	43,900	46,782	49,063	51,842	100.0	100.0	4.9	5.7
1 person	11,239	12,911	14,457	16,785	29.5	32.4	12.0	16.1
2 persons	10,080	11,743	13,024	14,126	26.5	27.2	10.9	8.5
3	8,131	8,810	9,196	9,422	18.7	18.2	4.4	2.5
4	8,277	7,925	7,707	7,460	15.7	14.4	-2.7	-3.2
5	3,512	3,167	2,848	2,572	5.8	5.0	-10.1	-9.7
6	1,713	1,449	1,208	985	2.5	1.9	-16.6	-18.5
7 and over	948	776	623	493	1.3	1.0	-19.7	-20.8
Members per household (persons)	2.82	2.67	2.55	2.42	-	-	-	-

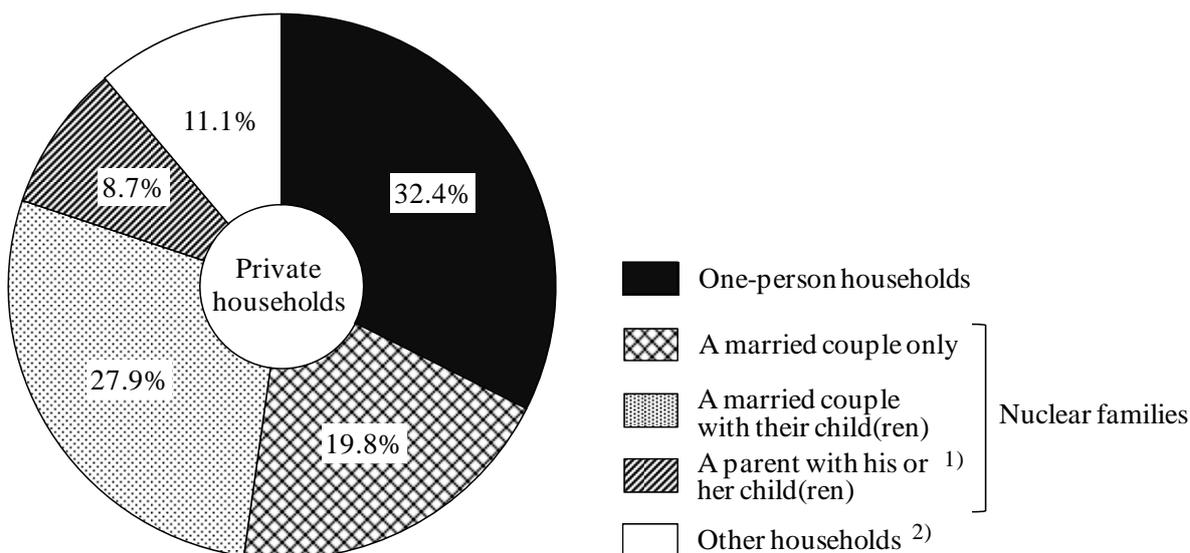
**The number of “A married couple only” is increasing while that of “A married couple with their child(ren)” is decreasing.**

According to the number of private households by family type of household, the number of “Relatives households”, consisting of the household head and relatives of the household head, is 34.5 million (66.7%) and “One-person households” is 16.8 million (32.4%). Meanwhile, the number of “Households including non-relatives”, which has two and more members and exists of non-relatives of the household head, is 456 thousand (0.9%).

Regarding the breakdown of “Relatives households”, the number of “Nuclear families” is 29.2 million, accounting for 56.4% of the number of private households, and the breakdown of “Nuclear families” shows that the number of “A married couple with their child(ren)” is the largest (14.4 million, 27.9% of the number of private households), followed by “A married couple only” (10.2 million, 19.8% of the number of private households), etc.

However, observing the trends in these figures shows that the number of “A married couple only” and “One-person households” is increasing while that of “A married couple with their child(ren)” is decreasing. These trends indicate that the decreasing size of households is caused by the increase of “One-person households” and “A married couple only” and so on. (Figure 9.2, Table 9.3)

**Figure 9.2 Proportion of Private Households by Family Type of Household: 2010**



1) Includes "Father with his child(ren)" and "Mother with her child(ren)".

2) Includes "Relatives households excluding nuclear families" and "Households including non-relatives".

**Table 9.3 Trends in the Number of Private Households by Family Type of Household:  
2000 to 2010**

Family type of household	Number (thousands)			Proportion (%)			Change rate (%)	
	2000	2005	2010	2000	2005	2010	2000-2005	2005-2010
Total <sup>1)</sup>	46,782	49,063	51,842	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.9	5.7
A Relatives households	33,595	34,246	34,516	71.8	69.8	66.7	1.9	0.8
I. Nuclear families	27,273	28,327	29,207	58.3	57.7	56.4	3.9	3.1
(1) A married couple only	8,823	9,625	10,244	18.9	19.6	19.8	9.1	6.4
(2) A married couple with their child(ren)	14,904	14,631	14,440	31.9	29.8	27.9	-1.8	-1.3
(3) Father with his child(ren)	535	605	664	1.1	1.2	1.3	13.2	9.8
(4) Mother with her child(ren)	3,011	3,465	3,859	6.4	7.1	7.5	15.1	11.4
II. Relatives households excluding nuclear families	6,322	5,919	5,309	13.5	12.1	10.3	-6.4	-10.3
(5) A couple with their parents	238	246	232	0.5	0.5	0.4	3.5	-5.9
(6) A couple with their parent	697	737	731	1.5	1.5	1.4	5.7	-0.8
(7) A couple with their child(ren) and parents	1,438	1,177	920	3.1	2.4	1.8	-18.1	-21.9
(8) A couple with their child(ren) and parent	2,079	1,819	1,516	4.4	3.7	2.9	-12.5	-16.7
(9) A couple with relative(s) other than child(ren) and parent(s)	122	124	122	0.3	0.3	0.2	2.1	-2.1
(10) A couple with their child(ren) and relative(s) other than parent(s)	369	411	431	0.8	0.8	0.8	11.3	4.9
(11) A couple with their parent(s) and relative(s) other than child(ren)	119	113	106	0.3	0.2	0.2	-5.2	-6.0
(12) A couple with their child(ren), parent(s) and other relative(s)	460	414	350	1.0	0.8	0.7	-10.1	-15.4
(13) Brothers or sisters only	290	307	316	0.6	0.6	0.6	5.9	3.0
(14) Relatives households excluding nuclear families n.e.c	511	571	586	1.1	1.2	1.1	11.7	2.7
B Households including non-relatives	276	360	456	0.6	0.7	0.9	30.2	26.9
C One-person households	12,911	14,457	16,785	27.6	29.5	32.4	12.0	16.1

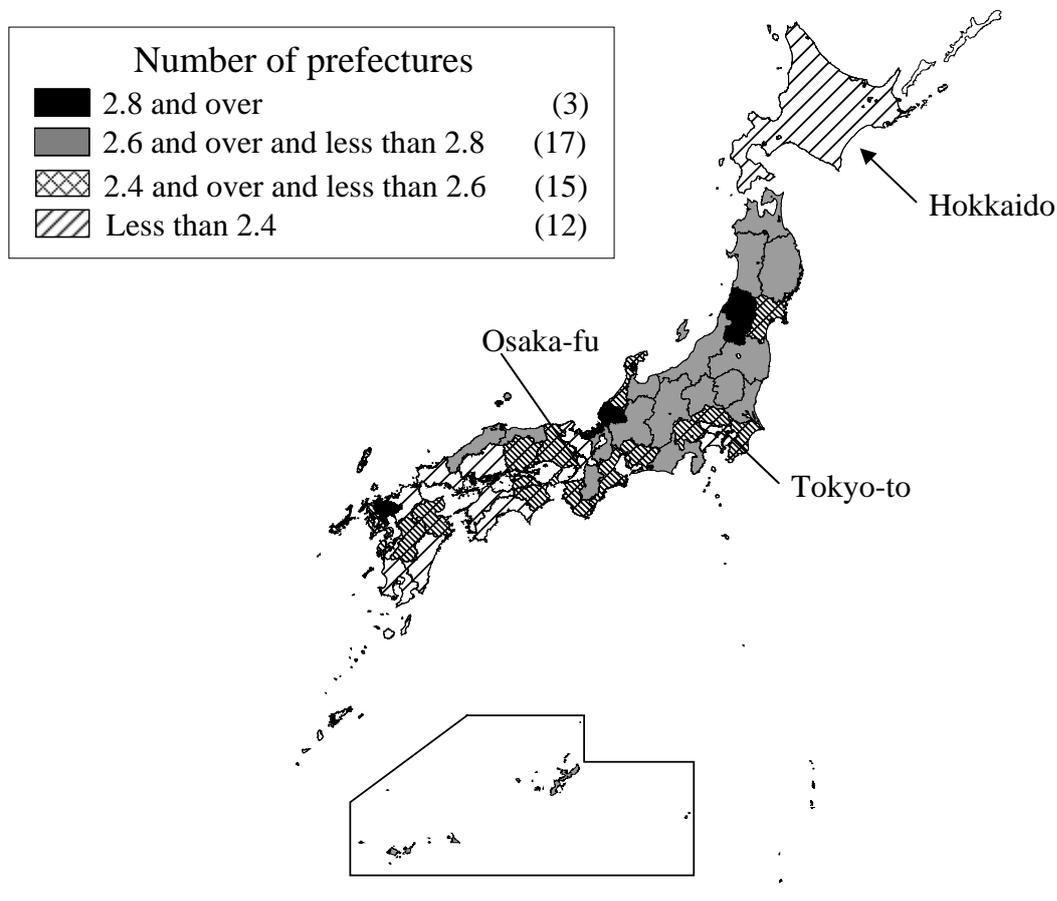
1) Includes "Family type not classified".

## The number of private households increased in 45 of 47 prefectures.

According to the number of private households by prefecture, the number of households is the largest in Tokyo-to (6.4 million) same as the population, followed by Kanagawa-ken (3.8 million), Osaka-fu (3.8 million), Aichi-ken (2.9 million), Saitama-ken (2.8 million), Chiba-ken (2.5 million), Hyogo-ken (2.3 million) and Fukuoka-ken (2.1 million). These 8 prefectures have a number of private households of 2 million and over. Comparing the number of private households by prefecture in 2005 and 2010, the number of private households increased in 45 of 47 prefectures.

Regarding the members per household of private households by prefecture, the members per household is low in Tokyo-to (2.03), Hokkaido (2.21), Osaka-fu (2.28) etc. because these prefectures have a large city and the proportion of one-person households tends to be high in large cities. Moreover, geographical distribution shows that the number of members per household in western Japan is relatively low. (Figure 9.3, Table 9.4)

**Figure 9.3 Members per Household of Private Households by Prefecture: 2010**



**Table 9.4 Trends in the Number of Private Households and Members per Household by Prefecture: 2000 to 2010**

Prefecture	Number (thousands)			Change between 2005 and 2010(thousands)		Members per household (persons)		
	2000	2005	2010	Number (thousands)	Rate (%)	2000	2005	2010
Japan	46,782	49,063	51,842	2,780	5.7	2.67	2.55	2.42
Hokkaido	2,278	2,369	2,418	49	2.1	2.42	2.31	2.21
Aomori-ken	504	509	511	2	0.5	2.86	2.75	2.61
Iwate-ken	475	479	483	4	0.7	2.92	2.82	2.69
Miyagi-ken	832	859	900	42	4.9	2.80	2.70	2.56
Akita-ken	388	391	389	-2	-0.6	3.00	2.85	2.71
Yamagata-ken	376	385	388	2	0.6	3.25	3.09	2.94
Fukushima-ken	686	707	719	12	1.7	3.05	2.91	2.76
Ibaraki-ken	984	1,029	1,087	57	5.6	2.99	2.84	2.68
Tochigi-ken	666	705	744	39	5.5	2.97	2.81	2.65
Gumma-ken	691	724	754	30	4.2	2.88	2.75	2.61
Saitama-ken	2,470	2,631	2,838	207	7.9	2.78	2.64	2.50
Chiba-ken	2,164	2,304	2,512	208	9.0	2.70	2.58	2.44
Tokyo-to	5,371	5,747	6,382	635	11.0	2.21	2.13	2.03
Kanagawa-ken	3,318	3,550	3,830	280	7.9	2.53	2.43	2.33
Niigata-ken	792	813	837	25	3.0	3.07	2.93	2.77
Toyama-ken	356	370	382	12	3.3	3.09	2.93	2.79
Ishikawa-ken	407	423	440	17	4.0	2.83	2.70	2.58
Fukui-ken	258	267	275	7	2.8	3.14	3.00	2.86
Yamanashi-ken	308	320	327	7	2.2	2.84	2.71	2.58
Nagano-ken	756	778	793	15	1.9	2.89	2.77	2.66
Gifu-ken	678	710	736	26	3.6	3.07	2.92	2.78
Shizuoka-ken	1,279	1,347	1,397	50	3.7	2.91	2.77	2.65
Aichi-ken	2,523	2,724	2,930	205	7.5	2.75	2.62	2.49
Mie-ken	635	673	703	31	4.6	2.88	2.73	2.59
Shiga-ken	439	478	517	39	8.2	3.02	2.85	2.69
Kyoto-fu	1,015	1,064	1,120	57	5.3	2.55	2.43	2.31
Osaka-fu	3,455	3,591	3,823	233	6.5	2.51	2.40	2.28
Hyogo-ken	2,035	2,129	2,253	124	5.8	2.69	2.58	2.44
Nara-ken	485	501	523	22	4.3	2.93	2.78	2.63
Wakayama-ken	380	383	393	10	2.5	2.77	2.65	2.50
Tottori-ken	200	209	211	3	1.4	3.00	2.83	2.71
Shimane-ken	257	259	261	2	0.6	2.90	2.78	2.66
Okayama-ken	690	724	753	28	3.9	2.77	2.63	2.52
Hiroshima-ken	1,096	1,131	1,183	52	4.6	2.57	2.47	2.36
Yamaguchi-ken	582	589	596	7	1.3	2.56	2.46	2.36
Tokushima-ken	288	298	302	4	1.3	2.78	2.64	2.52
Kagawa-ken	364	376	390	14	3.7	2.75	2.63	2.49
Ehime-ken	565	581	590	9	1.5	2.59	2.47	2.37
Kochi-ken	319	323	321	-2	-0.7	2.47	2.38	2.30
Fukuoka-ken	1,907	1,985	2,107	122	6.1	2.57	2.47	2.35
Saga-ken	278	286	294	8	2.8	3.08	2.94	2.80
Nagasaki-ken	543	552	557	5	1.0	2.71	2.59	2.47
Kumamoto-ken	645	664	686	22	3.3	2.81	2.69	2.57
Oita-ken	452	465	480	15	3.3	2.64	2.52	2.41
Miyazaki-ken	437	449	459	10	2.2	2.61	2.50	2.40
Kagoshima-ken	714	723	727	4	0.6	2.43	2.35	2.27
Okinawa-ken	440	487	519	32	6.6	2.91	2.74	2.63

## 2. Tenure of Dwelling and Type of Building

**The proportion of “Owned houses” is 61.9%.**

According to the number of private households living in the number of private households living in “Owned houses” is the largest (31.6 million), accounting for 61.9% of the private households living in dwelling houses. This is followed by the number of “Rented houses owned by private company” (1.4 million), “Rented houses owned by local governments” (2.2 million), etc., accounting for 28.1% and 4.2%, respectively.

Comparing the proportion of “Owned houses” between 2005 and 2010, the proportion remained virtually the same at 62.1% in 2005 versus 61.9% in 2010. (Table 9.5)

**Table 9.5 Trends in the Number of Private Households Living in Dwelling Houses by Tenure of Dwelling: 1995 to 2010**

Year	Total	Owned houses	Rented houses, etc.					
			Total	Owned by local governments	Owned by UR, etc.	Owned by private company	Issued houses	Rented rooms
Number (thousands)								
1995	42,614	25,633	16,981	2,111	902	11,618	1,975	374
2000	45,693	27,905	17,788	2,190	952	12,298	1,799	549
2005	48,168	29,927	18,241	2,173	1,001	13,005	1,527	536
2010	51,055	31,594	19,461	2,153	917	14,371	1,442	577
Proportion (%)								
1995	100.0	60.2	39.8	5.0	2.1	27.3	4.6	0.9
2000	100.0	61.1	38.9	4.8	2.1	26.9	3.9	1.2
2005	100.0	62.1	37.9	4.5	2.1	27.0	3.2	1.1
2010	100.0	61.9	38.1	4.2	1.8	28.1	2.8	1.1
Change rate (%)								
1995 - 2000	7.2	8.9	4.8	3.7	5.6	5.8	-8.9	46.7
2000 - 2005	5.4	7.2	2.5	-0.8	5.1	5.7	-15.1	-2.5
2005 - 2010	6.0	5.6	6.7	-0.9	-8.4	10.5	-5.6	7.8

Notes: "Owned by UR, etc." stands for "Owned by Urban Renaissance agency and housing corporations".

## 83.6% of private households in “Owned houses” live in “Detached houses”.

Observing the number of private households living in dwelling houses by type of building, the number of “Detached houses” is the largest (28.4 million), followed by “Apartments, etc.” (21.2 million), etc. Moreover, regarding the breakdown of “Apartments, etc.” by stories of building, the number of “3-5 stories” is the largest (8.2 million).

According to the proportion of private households in “Owned houses” by type of building, 83.6% of private households live in “Detached houses”. Meanwhile, the proportion of private households in “Rented houses, etc.” by type of building shows that the proportion of “Apartments, etc.” in each group of “Rented houses, etc.” exceeds 80%, excluding “Rented rooms”. (Table 9.6)

**Table 9.6 Number of Private Households Living in Dwelling Houses by Type of Building and Tenure of Dwelling: 2010**

Type of building	Total	Owned houses	Rented houses, etc.					
			Total	Owned by local governments	Owned by UR, etc.	Owned by private company	Issued houses	Rented rooms
Number (thousands)								
Total <sup>1)</sup>	51,055	31,594	19,461	2,153	917	14,371	1,442	577
Detached houses	28,425	26,425	2,000	50	0	1,458	138	354
Tenement houses	1,302	306	996	265	2	662	46	22
Apartments, etc.								
Total <sup>2)</sup>	21,225	4,822	16,403	1,838	915	12,216	1,241	194
1-2 stories	5,975	149	5,826	52	2	5,441	250	81
3-5	8,154	1,075	7,079	1,276	489	4,555	690	68
6 and over	7,096	3,598	3,498	510	424	2,220	300	44
Others	100	41	59	0	-	34	16	8
Proportion (%)								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Detached houses	55.7	83.6	10.3	2.3	0.0	10.1	9.6	61.2
Tenement houses	2.6	1.0	5.1	12.3	0.2	4.6	3.2	3.8
Apartments, etc.								
Total	41.6	15.3	84.3	85.4	99.8	85.0	86.1	33.5
1-2 stories <sup>3)</sup>	11.7	0.5	29.9	2.4	0.2	37.9	17.4	14.0
3-5 <sup>3)</sup>	16.0	3.4	36.4	59.3	53.4	31.7	47.9	11.8
6 and over <sup>3)</sup>	13.9	11.4	18.0	23.7	46.2	15.4	20.8	7.7
Others	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	-	0.2	1.1	1.5

Notes: "Owned by UR, etc." stands for "Owned by Urban Renaissance agency and housing corporations" and "Apartments, etc" stands for "Apartments houses and flats".

1) Includes "Type of building not reported".

2) Includes "Stories of building not reported".

3) The calculation for proportion is excluded "Stories of building not reported".