

## IELTS Writing Task 1 Academic – Report – Sample 005

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The table below gives statistics about the size of US households over a number of years. (Household = all the people living together in one house.) Study the information and answer the question.

Write a short report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below.

Write at least 150 words.

US household by size 1790-1990

Year	Per cent distribution of number of households							Average population per household
	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	
1790	3.7%	7.8%	11.7%	13.9%	13.9%	13.2	35.8%	5.4
1890	3.6%	13.2%	16.7%	16.8%	15.1%	11.6%	23.0%	4.9
1990	24.6%	32.2%	17.2%	15.6%	6.7%	2.3%	1.4%	2.6

Model answer:

The table represents information in terms of US household distribution in three centuries from 1790 to 1990. Overall, the average PPH (population per household) fell almost by half from 5.4% to 2.6% in a 200-year period in the United States.

In 1790, seven-person families constituted the greatest figure with almost one third spread (35.8%); the least numeral, however, was for the one-person with 3.7%. The average member families were five, four and three people with 13.9% for the first two and 11.7% for the last mentioned respectively.

Moving to the second century (1890), a more balanced spreading is observed. While single-person families have more or less stayed the same, two-person families have doubled, three, four and five have grown a little, and six and seven-member families have fallen slightly with nearly 2 and 12 percent in the

order stated. The most significant change in this era compared to the previous one is seen in the largest households.

Finally in 1990 with the average 2.6 PPH, two-person families were accounted for the largest group with roughly a third percent followed by single-man households with 24.6%. At the lowest rank of the table, sit the two groups of six and seven-person families with 2.3% and 1.4% in the order listed.

All in all, it is apparent that one-person and seven-person households had completely reverse trends throughout the last two hundred years. (229)