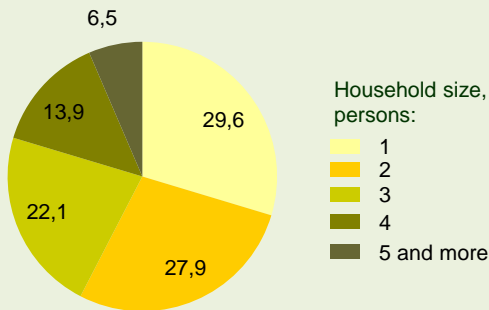


At the time of census-taking, the number of households in the Republic of Belarus was 3 873 thousand, where 9 399 thousand persons, or 98.9% of the country population, were living.

Households by size (in percent)



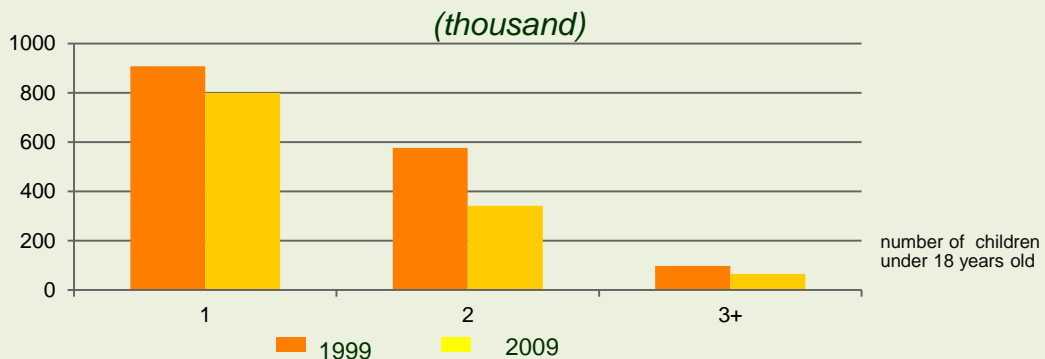
Household is a group of persons who share the same housing unit and provide themselves with essentials for living. Household may consist of one person living individually.

Average household size in 1999 and 2009 (persons)

	1999	2009
Total	2,6	2,4
urban settlements	2,7	2,5
rural areas	2,4	2,3

The average household size has reduced as a result of increase in the share of one- and two-person households from 52% in 1999 to 58% in 2009, and drop in the share of four-and-more-person households from 25% to 20% respectively.

Two-or-more-person households by number of children under age 18 in 1999 and 2009



The share of households with children under 18 in total households has dropped from 42% to 32% in comparison with 1999. At the same time, the share of households with one child in total households with children has been growing (it has risen from 58% to 67%), with the lowering share of households with two children (from 36% to 27%) and the share of households with three or more children (from 6% to 5%).