

parts of Europe, including Italy, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Yugoslavia, and Russia. The largest single group of foreign-born whites were Armenians with eight families recorded (4 percent of the schedules). One Negro, one Korean, and one Chinese were found in the sample. A group belonging to the Mennonite Church, while not a separate racial or nationality group, have such cultural homogeneity that they should be segregated from the rest. The 17 families classified in this category, mostly American-born, represent 8 percent of the total Dinuba population.

The racial characteristics of the two communities are similar, with very nearly identical proportion of native whites, Mexicans as the major group of nonwhites, and a variety of individual representatives of Europeans. A group of Filipino workers formerly lived in Arvin but are now gone; a number of Japanese families have been evacuated from Dinuba. Most of the Mexicans in both communities, and all of the Arvin Negroes are agricultural laborers.

SIZE OF FAMILIES

A striking difference between Arvin and Dinuba is the large difference in the size of families. In Arvin the average household contains 4.2 persons while in Dinuba it has only 3.4 persons.⁸ Two important facts are responsible for this: in Dinuba there are many more elderly and retired couples and families from which grown children have separated, and in Arvin there are more farm laborers from the southwest with characteristically large families. Table 17 shows the size of families by major occupational groupings. Each category in Arvin is larger than the comparable occupation category in Dinuba, but in no case is the difference so great as the difference in the total. Farm laborers in both communities have the largest families, and the preponderance of this category in Arvin, to a very large extent, accounts for the difference between the family size in the two towns.

The distributions of families by size categories shows the high proportion of one- and two-person families in Dinuba and the proportionately fewer large families (table 18).

TABLE 17.—Average size of household by major occupation groups: Arvin and Dinuba

Occupation category	Number of persons in household	
	Arvin	Dinuba
Farm operator.....	3.57	3.27
Business, professional and white collar worker.....	3.50	3.31
Farm labor.....	4.75	4.22
Other labor.....	3.90	3.45
Nonemployed.....	2.62	2.17
All groups.....	4.23	3.43

Source: Schedule data.

⁸ The family for purposes of this study includes all members of the household at the time of interview, whether related or not. There were very few roomers, boarders, or hired men. Separate establishments (such as labor homes or multiple apartments) were counted individually. It is interesting to note that in the town of Dinuba the average family was 3.33, which corresponds closely to the figure 3.27 given for Dinuba in the 1940 census. This is the only figure group for which comparable data are available.