

Release Notes

Vintage 2014 Housing Unit Estimates

The Vintage 2014 housing unit estimates reflect the following changes to the methodology since the release of the Vintage 2013 estimates:

We updated the housing loss component in two ways: 1) disaster loss is no longer included in the loss rates developed from 2009 and 2011 American Housing Survey (AHS) national estimates, and 2) no loss is attributed to housing units built after 2000. Taken together, these changes result in housing loss estimates that are lower than in Vintage 2013. Consequently, the housing unit estimates tend to be higher than in the previous vintage.

This year we included certificates of occupancy and housing conversions in the types of local housing data that members of the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE) may submit as part of their annual review and update of the housing unit estimates. Previously, the types of data that were eligible for submission included new residential building permits, non-permitted housing completions, mobile home placements, and demolitions. Capturing additional housing growth from certificates of occupancy and housing conversions is expected to improve the accuracy of the housing unit estimates.