

# Notes to database tax-households

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## 1. Contents

Included in the database:

P.Count 2	229	Arsinoite	56 records
P.Count 4	254-231	Arsinoite	58
P.Count 6	c. 232	Arsinoite	142
P.Count 9	after 251/250	Arsinoite	28
P.Count 18	243-217	Arsinoite	15
P.Count 21	3rd cent. BC	Arsinoite	1
P.Count 26	253-231	Arsinoite	14
P.Count 46	230	Oxyrhynchite	14
P.Count 47	230	Oxyrhynchite	99
			427

Details of actual household declarations are not included since these contain underage children (see Counting the People vol. II, Table 2:1).

All data included are from the third century BC. Second century texts included in P.Count have been analysed but the lack of household totals makes them unsuitable for inclusion.

Apart from the demotic texts 4 and 9, where new house designations ('the house of' etc.) form the break, only those households with a total at the end of their listing are entered. In 18, where oikia (vel sim.) is recorded, totals also mark the break in tax-households.

## 2. Categories

Nome: Ars = Arsinoite; Ox = Oxyrhynchite.

Date: all dates are BC.

married?: alternatives here are 'yes' 'no' or blank when unclear.

NameNat: alternatives here are 'greek', 'egyptian', 'other', 'unknown'.

Family: this category might more correctly be labelled 'free household members'. It includes all free residents in a house, recorded here as family since that is what they regularly appear to be. When a member is son or daughter of other than the household head then 's. of x' or 'd. of x' is used to avoid confusion.

Others: this category covers all staff; fuller details are given with 'staff' in Notes. The designation 'staff' is used for non-kin added household members without taking account of whether they are slave or free. Terms used here are (male) 'servant' and 'maidservant' rather than slave.

Totalhold: total for both family and non-kin household members, further divided into males ('m') and females ('f').

Famtype: follows the Cambridge classification of households (see vol II, Table 7:7). Servants and other attached non-kin members (misthōtoi etc.) are not included in this classification; their presence is marked by + after the classification.

The method of designation in our texts means it is not always clear whether resident members are or are not strictly family. All come under 'family' in this data-base but the Cambridge household categorisation serves to indicate such cases; e.g. type 4 equals nuclear family + extra (single) individual(s), who may or may not be designated as family.

Type 3 ('simple conjugal families') is also used for bigamists (4.117-120).

Extended families (type 4) may be extended upwards (4a) or laterally (4c).

Notes: included here are:

occupation - of household-head when known, including 'military' with further designations (cavalryman, veteran, epigonos, etc.)

staff for non-family members; there is a problem here with mi( ) in 47 who are included with '?'; see vol. II, p. 274)

livestock is recorded.

Notes 2: includes information on the house as opposed to households living in it. The resident household-head is normally assumed to be the owner. Non-resident house owners are given with their names.