

PREFACE

In 2002, the U.S. Census Bureau celebrates its 100th anniversary. Although a national population count had been conducted every 10 years since 1790, it was not until the early 1900s that the growing demand for information created a need for a permanent professional staff. As the country's appetite for information became more intense, the Census Bureau became increasingly responsible for collecting and releasing greater amounts of data — and the need for better ways to collect more timely and detailed information became apparent.

In the mid-1930s, the Census Bureau became a pioneer in the application of probability sampling to human populations. This innovation allowed the federal government to estimate the scope and breadth of unemployment during the Great Depression and to determine whether policy initiatives such as employment programs and Social Security were having the desired effect. In the early 1940s, the agency began conducting periodic surveys to meet the demand for up-to-date statistical measures on a variety of topics. Today's Census Bureau surveys touch on topics that the population census cannot even begin to address, such as computer use, voting behavior, and neighborhood crime.

The Population Profile of the United States: 2000 is an Internet publication containing a wide range of data on demographic, social, economic, and housing trends for the country as a whole. While emphasizing the last decade before the turn of the century, the report includes data collected throughout the 20th century and reflects the most recent information on each topic as of October 2001. The Population Profile serves as a portal leading the reader to the voluminous and more detailed reports that the Census Bureau is constantly producing.

Information from Census 2000 is rapidly becoming available. According to current plans, starting in 2004, the Census Bureau's new American Community Survey will be producing statistics every year for every state and for areas with populations of 65,000 or more. Right now, we are pleased to celebrate 100 years of service. The Census Bureau and its Demographic Directorate supply information that federal, state, and local governments need to govern, businesses need to stay in business, nonprofits need to serve their communities, and you need to make informed decisions. If you think the Census Bureau only provides population counts, think again. The Census Bureau can tell you more.

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Notes About This Report

The first issue of *The Population Profile of the United States* was published in 1974. Originally, updates were published every year, but soon the schedule was modified to every other year. The last published version of the *Population Profile* used 1999 data primarily and was issued in 2001. The *Population Profile of the United States: 2000 (Internet Release)* is the first Internet-only version of this U.S. Census Bureau product. It includes data from surveys conducted in 2000 and earlier, as well as some limited Census 2000 data.

The Population Profile of the United States: 2000 is an attempt to provide the public with updated information in the years in which a print version is not issued. While a few chapters have not been updated, the report provides the most recent information on each topic as of October 2001. Some chapters have been expanded to include information that was not available in the last publication. For instance, the chapter on mobility now includes a sidebar on why people move. One completely new chapter on the demographics of men and women has been added. To see which chapters have been updated, expanded, or added, see the Contents.

The primary sources for this report are the Census Bureau's Decennial Census of Population and Housing, the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), and the American Housing Survey (AHS). Data for the United States include the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The different population universes for these surveys are noted in each chapter. Estimates using sample data from the CPS, SIPP, and the AHS are weighted by population controls based on the 1990 decennial census adjusted for estimated net undercount. As such, these estimates are not consistent with population estimates computed from either the intercensal estimates program (which are not adjusted for estimated net census undercount), or the 2000 decennial census. See Appendix B for source and accuracy information.

All Current Population Reports and Current Housing Reports listed in this publication are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 or on the Census Bureau's Web site at www.census.gov.

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