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## P R E F A C E

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published annually since 1878, is the standard summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It is designed to fulfill two functions: First, to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference; and second, to serve as a guide to other statistical publications and sources. The latter function is served by the introductory text to each section, the source notes appearing below each table, and the Bibliography of Sources (page 964).

This volume includes a selection of data from many important statistical publications, both governmental and private. The publications cited as sources usually contain additional statistical detail and a more complete discussion of relevant definitions and concepts than can be presented here. Where contributing agencies are cited as sources, without mention of publications, more detailed information frequently is available from their unpublished tabulations and records.

Emphasis in the *Statistical Abstract* is given primarily to national data. Data for regions and individual States are presented to a lesser extent. Statistics for Territories and possessions are included in the State tables whenever available and supplemented by specialized information for these areas in section 33. Statistics for cities or other relatively small geographic units appear only in a few instances. Unless otherwise noted, statistics for the United States relate to continental United States.

**1957 edition.**—This edition, the 78th annual issue, presents data for the most recent year or period available during the early part of 1957. The title year "1957" refers both to the year during which compilation of the book was made and the year of publication.

Each year, in addition to the normal bringing up to date of the over 1,100 tables and charts included, new tables containing pertinent data are introduced. Data that are less timely are eliminated and format and text changes are made where considered advisable.

Worthy of special mention in this edition is the presentation of summary statistics from the 1954 Censuses of Agriculture, Business, Manufactures, and Mineral Industries conducted by the Bureau of the Census. Availability of these data afforded an opportunity for important additions to several sections. Particularly affected were section 24, Agriculture—General Statistics; section 25, Agriculture—Production and Related Subjects; section 30, Manufactures; and section 31, Distribution and Services.

Another section which has undergone a significant change in this edition is section 16, Banking and Finance. A number of tables relating specifically to national banks and to gold stock and coinage were omitted in order to permit the inclusion of additional information for all banks and for commercial banks.

Of particular current interest among the new tables appearing in this edition are several which have been abstracted from recent special studies or compilations. These include tables relating to atomic energy programs and activities, investment in and capacity of Federal power projects, 1956 national election campaign expenditures, foreign travel by United States residents, and smoking behavior patterns of population groups.

A total of 92 new tables have been introduced in this edition. Following is a list of subjects covered by some of the new tables:

Summaries from the 1954 Censuses of Agriculture, Business, Manufactures, and Mineral Industries	Projections of labor force rates to 1975
Atomic energy programs and activities	Fringe benefits of plant workers
Federal power projects	Trade union membership, by States
Election campaign expenditures in 1956	Civil defense expenditures
Foreign travel by United States residents	Military pay rates
Smoking behavior patterns of population groups	State expenditures for veterans' benefits
Components of change in population and annual rates of increase, by States	Disabled veterans
Illegitimate live births, by age of mother	Residential rents in large cities
Average length of life	Average costs of specified medical services
Marriages, by previous marital status of bride and groom	Commercial-industrial activities of the Federal Government
Physicians and dentists, by States	Stock ownership of individuals, by sex, age, income, and education
Passports issued, by object of travel	Sales, assets, and profits of largest corporations and merchandising firms
Federal expenditures for education	Profits of all manufacturing concerns, by asset size class
Income of lawyers, by age and number of years in practice	Corporate pension funds, assets, receipts, and expenditures
Projection of estimated water use to 1975	Bankruptcy cases filed, by type and occupation of debtor
Land acreage and total cost of Federal real property	Newsprint consumption by newspapers for advertising and editorial content
	Rental and home owner vacancy rates

Among tables shown in the last edition, 83 were omitted from this issue. Major omissions occurred in the Banking and Finance section affecting figures on loans, securities, capitalization, assets and liabilities of national banks, and on gold stock, coinage, and bullion value; in the Distribution and Services section affecting 1948 Census of Business data; in the Construction and Housing section affecting 1950 Census of Housing data; in the Manufactures section affecting 1947 Census of Manufactures data; and in the Agriculture—General Statistics section affecting 1950 Census of Agriculture data. Some of the information in the omitted tables was absorbed in other tables still present.

**Supplements to the Abstract.**—The *Statistical Abstract*, as an annual one-volume publication, is of necessity limited in amount of detail shown. Businessmen, teachers, librarians, public officials, professional workers, market researchers, and others often require data for individual cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and other small areas as well as for States. Economists, teachers, social scientists, historians, students, and others frequently need more historical information. To meet such requests for more detail, a series of supplements to the *Abstract* have been issued.

The *County and City Data Book, 1956*, is designed to help satisfy the need for statistical information about counties and cities and other relatively small geographic areas. Conveniently assembled are 133 statistical items for each county in the United States and 130 statistical items for each of the 484 cities having 25,000 inhabitants or more in 1950. Information comparable to that for counties is also presented for

geographic regions and divisions, States, and standard metropolitan areas. A special feature is an appendix which presents selected data for Congressional Districts. Also included are descriptive text and source notes.

This edition is the fifth in the *County and City Data Book* series. Many of the statistics in this volume were obtained from the results of the 1954 Censuses of Agriculture, Business, and Manufactures. Other subjects covered include births, deaths, and marriages; population characteristics; dwelling units; city government finances and employment; hospitals; bank deposits; and other items of social and economic importance. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

*Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945*, a historical supplement, was published in July 1949. This volume presents, in compact form, approximately 3,000 statistical time series (mostly on an annual basis) which cover various periods from 1789 to 1945. These time series reflect economic, social, and political aspects of the development of the Nation since the Federal Government was formally established. In the preparation of this supplement the Bureau of the Census had the cooperation of a special committee of the Social Science Research Council set up to advise the Director of the Census on a source book of historical statistics and of the Committee on Research in Economic History under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for \$3.25.

*Continuation to 1952 of Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945*, issued in May 1954, presents data for 1946 to 1952 for the current series shown in *Historical Statistics*, mentioned above. It also contains the latest revisions for many of the series in *Historical Statistics*. This publication is also on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 55 cents.

**Responsibility.**—The contents of this volume are taken from a large number of sources, as indicated in the list of agencies furnishing material. (See pages XII-XV.) The Bureau of the Census cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than for those which it collects. However, the responsibility for selection of the material and for proper presentation rests with the Bureau.

Many persons have written offering suggestions for improving the presentation of the material. These letters have been most helpful and users are urged to continue to make their needs known. All suggestions will be carefully considered in planning future editions.

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DATA PRESENTED

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*Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945.* A supplement to the *Statistical Abstract*, prepared with the cooperation of the Social Science Research Council. A compilation of about 3,000 statistical time series, largely annual, extending back through time to the earliest year for which figures are available. Includes definitions of terms and descriptive text. Specific source notes provide a basic guide to original published sources for further reference and additional data. Detailed alphabetical subject index. 363 pages. Issued 1949. Fifth printing. Price \$3.25 (Buckram).

*Continuation to 1952 of Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945.* Carries forward and presents revisions of the statistical time series contained in *Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945*. Designed especially for use in conjunction with the *Historical Statistics* volume. 79 pages. Issued 1954. Price 55 cents.

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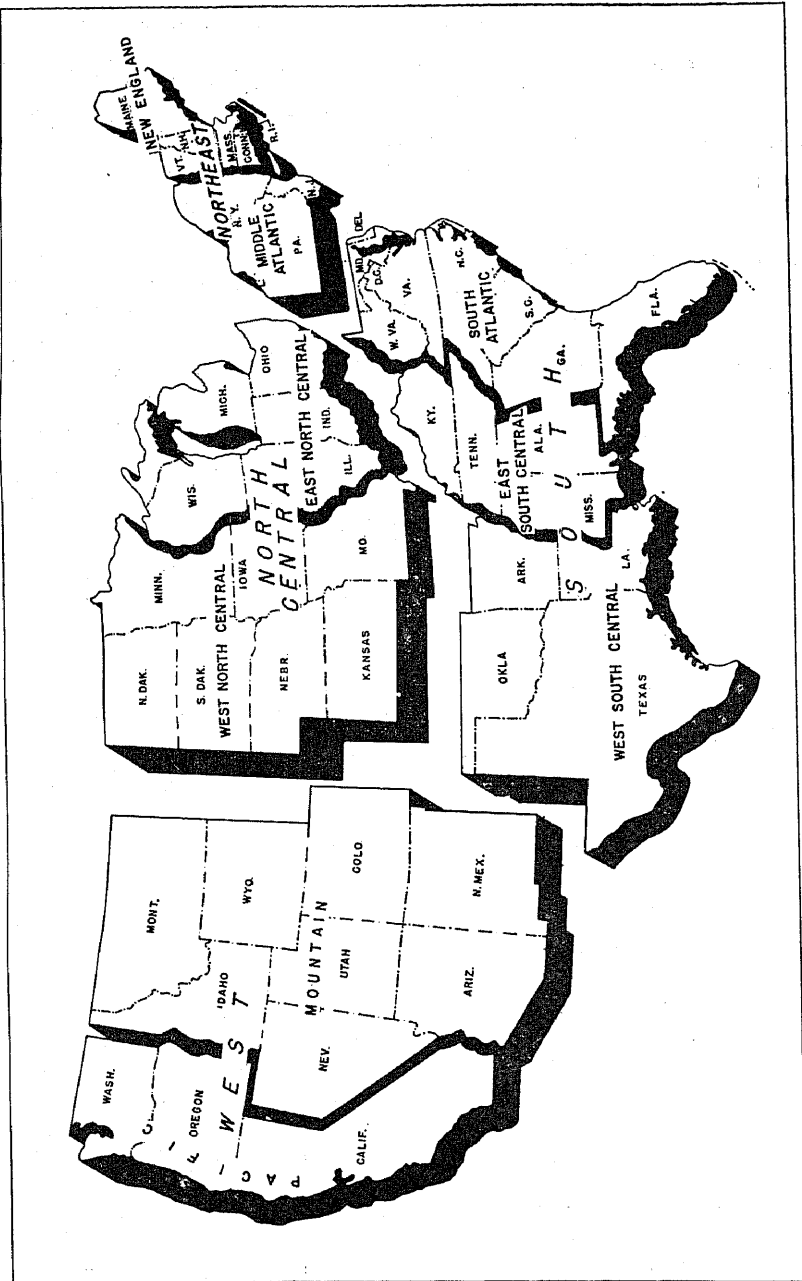
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