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PREFACE

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 961).

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are cited as sources, without mention of publications, more detailed information frequently is available from their unpublished tabulations and records.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 outlying areas of the United States are included in the State tables whenever available and supplemented by specialized information for these areas in section 33. Statistics for eities or other relatively small geographic units appear only in a few instances.

Wherever possible, statistics shown for the United States represent the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Figures for the 2 new States, Alaska and Hawaii, are presented separately in State tables, and are also included in United States summary tables, whenever such figures are available. However, figures for the new States were not available for many of the tables presented. Statements specifying inclusion or exclusion of the figures for Alaska and Hawaii appear in the headnotes to each table unless the inclusion or exclusion is self-evident. In the State tables in which States are arrayed by census geographic divisions, Alaska and Hawaii are included in the West Region and the Pacific Division.

To maintain comparability between current figures and those for earlier years, a new term "conterminous United States" or "conterminous area" has been adopted to represent the United States excluding Alaska, Hawaii, and the outlying areas (such as Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, etc.).

To supplement the growing amount of information shown in other sections of the book, during this transitional period section 33, "Outlying Areas . . .", continues to present data for Alaska and Hawaii.

Changes in the 1960 edition.—This edition, the 81st annual issue, presents data for the most recent year or period available during the early part of 1960.

Each year, in addition to the normal bringing up to date of the over 1,200 tables and charts included, new tables of current interest are introduced. Data that are less timely are eliminated and format and text changes are made where considered advisable.

This year, publication of the new edition of Historical Statistics of the United States (see "Supplements," below) made it appropriate to coordinate the tables presented in this edition of the Abstract with the time series in the new supplement. Appendix I (pp. 952–954) links the series in Historical Statistics to the tables containing comparable and more recent figures in this Abstract. In addition, current Abstract tables have been annotated to relate them to specific series in Historical Statistics. These aids enable users of Historical Statistics to bring many of the series in that volume up to date, and users of the Abstract to find earlier data in the historical volume.

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In another change, the latest figures from recent national censuses were incorporated into the present edition. Revisions were made in the Manufactures section and the Distribution and Services section to include the newly released statistics from the 1958 Censuses of Business. Manufactures, and Mineral Industries. Statistics from the 1959 Census of Agriculture and the 1960 Censuses of Population and Housing, however, were not yet available and will appear in the 1961 edition of the Abstract.

The presentation of scientific research and development data was expanded to include new tables showing: Federal Government obligations for conduct of research, by field of science; shipments of atomic energy equipment and products; and radiation detection and measuring instruments produced,

In the Law Enforcement, Federal Courts, and Prisons section, major revisions in the figures for crimes known to the police were made as a result of changes instituted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Other noteworthy additions were 3 new tables included in the Income, Expenditures, and Wealth section. These tables present revised information developed by the Federal Reserve Board which measures the flow of funds through the major sectors of the national economy and depicts the economy's saving and investment structure. New tables were also added in the Agriculture sections and in the Social Insurance and Welfare section.

Following is a list of some of the subjects covered by the 52 new tables:

- Strategic materials inventory
- Federal research obligations, by field of science
- Atomic energy equipment shipped
- Radiation detection and measuring instruments produced Development Loan Fund
- Average weight of men and women
- Mothers employed full time
- Persons with two or more jobs
- Religious and private welfare expenditures
- Hospital admissions and length of stav
- Average family monthly social security benefits

Tornadoes, floods, and tropical storms

Assessed value and sales prices of real property

Principal financial flows under flow of funds/saving concept National income in distribution and

- selected service industries
- Governmental expenditure for capital outlay
- Federal Government blue-collar workers
- Independent telephone companies
- Military personnel, by major program assignment
- Principal crops of each State
- Capital formation in manufacturing
- Average length of interest bearing public debt
- Corporate profits in manufacturing, by industry
- Foreign military assistance programs and deliveries

Among the tables shown in the last edition, 36 were omitted from this issue. omissions occurred in the Education section affecting estimates and projections of elementary and high school enrollment, enrollment in white and Negro schools, and college summer enrollment; in the Law Enforcement, Federal Courts, and Prisons section, affecting tables on offenses known and cleared by arrest, and income of lawyers; in the Labor Force, Employment and Earnings section, involving employment data from the 1950 Census of Population, and data on trade union membership; in the Income, Expenditures, and Wealth section affecting discontinued series on income of physicians, lawyers, and dentists, and data concerning expenditures of urban families by income class; in the State and Local Government Finances and Employment section affecting data on governmental expenditures and long-term debt outstanding; and in the Manufactures section, affecting size-of-establishment data, and tables on fuels and electric energy, and selected metal products. 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. To meet the need for more detailed information for small areas (cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and

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others) and for more historical data, a series of supplements to the Abstract has 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., for \$4.50.

Preparation of a new edition of the *County and City Data Book* is presently underway. The 1959 edition will present information from the 1958 Censuses of Business, Manufactures, and Mineral Industries and the 1957 Census of Governments, as well as current data from other government and private sources.

Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1957, is a completely revised and expanded version of Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789–1945, which was issued in 1949. Compiled by the Bureau of the Census with the cooperation of the Social Science Research Council, this supplement presents in compact and convenient form more than 8,000 statistical time series (mostly on an annual basis) which cover periods from 1610 to 1957. The new volume includes historical data on every major aspect of the nation's social and economic development and consists of 24 chapters and 51 sections. The statistics are accompanied by text notes which specify the sources of the data, include references to other sources, discuss the historical development of the data and evaluate their reliability, and present definitions of technical terms. Also included is a separate chapter on colonial statistics and a 15-page subject index.

The volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for \$6.00 per copy.

Responsibility.—The contents of this volume are taken from a large number of sources (see Source Agencies and Table Numbers, pp. 956–959). 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.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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. Suggestions and comments should be sent to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D.C.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DATA PRESENTED

write to the agency indicated in the source note to the table which covers the desired subject.

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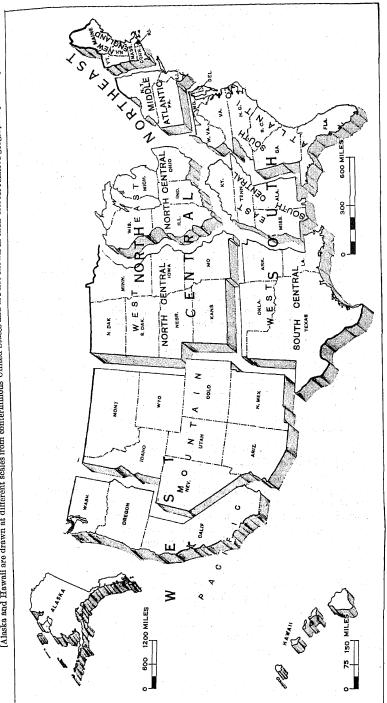
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