

NOTICE TO USERS

Last year, the Census Bureau announced its intention to offer more information in electronic format while reducing the number of printed reports. This change is now being implemented for the P70 *Current Population Reports* series. Many P70 reports, such as the *Who's Minding Our Preschoolers?* report, will no longer be printed for each year in which the data are collected.

In order to keep you informed of the major findings from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), short data updates will be produced in years in which there is no full report. They will be available in both printed and electronic forms. Additionally, the detailed tabulations that have been part of the printed reports will be updated in electronic form on the Internet. If you wish to obtain the new tabulations for fall of 1994, updating *Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? (Current Population Reports, P70-53)*, please see the "Detailed Tabulations" section at the end of this update.

We hope this modification in the format of the P70 series will provide users with more timely data on a wider variety of topics. If you have comments about this change or the P70 series in general, please contact us on the Internet at: pop@census.gov, or write to: Chief, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Detailed tabulations based on the Survey of Income and Program Participation are now

available which provide statistics on the child care arrangements for preschoolers used by families with employed mothers in the fall of 1994. These tables provide information such as:

- The number of preschoolers whose mothers were employed was 10.3 million.
- 29.4 percent of preschoolers were cared for in organized child care facilities during their mothers' working hours.
- Among children under 1 year of age, 18.3 percent were cared for in organized child care facilities.
- Family day care homes provided care for 15.4 percent of preschoolers of employed mothers.
- 45.3 percent of preschoolers whose mothers were employed part time were cared for in their own homes.
- Relatives provided care for 62.0 percent of preschoolers in poor families while their mothers were working.

DETAILED TABULATIONS

The tables include 1 historical table, 2 summary tables, and 12 detailed tables (90 pages), providing child care information for preschoolers of employed mothers by several demographic characteristics including, for example, region of residence, race, and poverty status. The electronic version of these tables is available on the Internet, at the Census Bureau's World-Wide Web site (<http://www.census.gov>). Once on the site, click on "Subjects A-Z," then on "Child Care."

A paper version of these tables, along with related historical

tables, is available as PPL-81 for \$27.00. To receive a paper copy, send your request for "PPL-81, *Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? Fall 1994 (Update)*," along with a check or money order in the amount of \$27.00 payable to **Commerce-Census-88-00-9010**, to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, P.O. Box 277943, Atlanta, GA 30384-7943, or call our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422. A copy of these tabulations will be made available to any existing CPR P70 subscriber without charge, provided that the request is made within 3 months of the issue date of this update. Contact our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422.

For additional child care information, contact the Fertility and Family Statistics Branch, on 301-457-2416, or via Internet E-mail (lcasper@census.gov).

The data in the tables are from the Survey of Income and Program Participation. All survey data are subject to sampling variability as well as survey design flaws, respondent classification errors, and data processing mistakes. The Census Bureau has taken steps to minimize errors. However, because of methodological differences, use caution when comparing these data with data from other sources. For information on the source of the data, the accuracy of the estimates, the use of standard errors, and the computation of standard errors for estimates, see the section on "Source and Accuracy" on the Internet (<http://www.census.gov>). For additional information, contact Vicki Huggins, Demographic Statistical Methods Division, on 301-457-4192 or via Internet E-mail (vicki.j.huggins@ccmail.census.gov).