

Rollout of Census 2000 long-form data for Missouri

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What will be released on May 29th?

The *Demographic Profile* from Summary File 3—the first data to be released with Census 2000 long-form information—will be released for Missouri on May 29, 2002. The profile will include four tables for the State of Missouri and governmental units in the state (counties, towns, and functioning townships). The first table will contain 100-percent (short-form) data, which was originally released in May 2001. The remaining three tables will contain information from the long-form Census 2000 questionnaire—social, economic, and housing characteristics data. The *Demographic Profile* will be available online at the Missouri Census Data Center website at <http://mcdc.missouri.edu> or at the Census Bureau's American FactFinder website at <http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html>.

What long-form data categories will be featured in the *Demographic Profile*?

Educational attainment, marital status (moved from the short-form questionnaire in 1990 to the long-form questionnaire in 2000), grandparents as caregivers (new data category for 2000), disability status, language spoken at home, place of birth and ancestry, employment status, occupation, industry, commuting to work, income in 1999, poverty status in 1999, number of units in housing structure, year structure built, vehicles available, home heating fuel, value of owner-occupied housing units, and monthly rent. For a complete list, see the *Demographic Profile* already released for Illinois at: <http://censtats.census.gov/data/IL/04017.pdf>.

What is the difference between the *Demographic Profile* from Summary File 3 and the full Summary File 3, scheduled for release this summer?

The *Demographic Profile* will provide a preview of the data that will be released by the Census Bureau this summer and will be available for states, counties, places, functioning townships, American Indian and Alaska Native Areas, Hawaiian homelands, U.S. congressional districts, and metropolitan statistical areas. The full Summary File 3 data will be released as a state file with these same levels of geography and extend to lower levels of geography such as census tracts and census block groups.

As has been true previously, will totals that appear in long-form data products sometimes be different from totals for the same data category in the 100-percent count?

Yes, due to sample weighting, there may be a small difference between the population counts shown in the first two summary files (that are 100-percent population and housing unit counts) and the population totals shown in Summary File 3—which are based on the sample data. For example, the total population figure and totals by race and Hispanic origin in Summary File 1 and Summary File 2 may be different from those shown in Summary File 3, since SF3 is estimated from the sample data. The estimates in SF3 are weighted estimates based on the sample responses that are subject to sampling and non-sampling error. The weights were calculated so that totals at selected levels are in agreement with the 100-percent totals for certain characteristics. However, differences do occur as a result of sampling. **At a minimum, total population and housing unit counts in Summary File 1 and Summary File 2 will agree with those estimates from SF3 at the county and state levels.**

For additional information, contact the Missouri Census Data Center, Missouri State Library, Office of the Secretary of State at 573-526-7648 or a coordinating or local affiliate member of the Missouri Census Data Center Program. A full list of local affiliates and contact information is available on the Web at: <http://mcdc.missouri.edu/agencies/index.html>.

