

Chapter 1.

Abstract

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CITATION

U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 4: Technical Documentation, 2003.

TYPE OF FILE

Summary statistics.

SUBJECT CONTENT

Summary File 4 (SF 4) contains the sample data, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of a sample of all people and housing units. Population items include basic population totals; urban and rural; households and families; marital status; grandparents as caregivers; language and ability to speak English; ancestry; place of birth, citizenship status, and year of entry; migration; place of work; journey to work (commuting); school enrollment and educational attainment; veteran status; disability; employment status; industry, occupation, and class of worker; income; and poverty status. Housing items include basic housing totals; urban and rural; number of rooms; number of bedrooms; year moved into unit; household size and occupants per room; units in structure; year structure built; heating fuel; telephone service; plumbing and kitchen facilities; vehicles available; value of home; monthly rent; and shelter costs.

In Summary File 4, the sample data are presented in 213 population tables (matrices) and 110 housing tables, identified with "PCT" and "HCT," respectively. Each table is iterated for 336 population groups: the total population, 132 race groups, 78 American Indian and Alaska Native tribe categories (reflecting 39 individual tribes), 39 Hispanic or Latino groups, and 86 ancestry groups. The presentation of SF 4 tables for any of the 336 population groups is subject to a population threshold. That is, if there are fewer than 100 people (100 percent count) in a specific population group in a specific geographic area, and there are fewer than 50 unweighted cases, their population and housing characteristics data are not available for that geographic area in SF 4. For the ancestry iterations, only the 50 unweighted cases test can be performed. See [Appendix H, "Characteristics Iterations,"](#) for a complete list of characteristic iterations.

Population and housing items may be cross tabulated. Selected aggregates and medians also are provided. A complete listing of subjects in this file is found in the section, "[Subject Locator.](#)"

GEOGRAPHIC CONTENT

Summary File 4 (SF 4) is released as individual files for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; and for the United States. The tables (matrices) are identical for all files, but the geographic coverage differs.

This abstract lists the most frequently accessed geographic levels. The “[Summary Level Sequence Chart](#)” section outlines the hierarchical and inventory geographic summaries in their entirety. Two summary level sequence charts are provided: one for the state files and one for the national file.

State Files

SF 4 for states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico provides data for these areas and their subareas in hierarchical sequence down to the census tract level. The file structure includes, but is not limited to the following geographic entities:

- State¹
 - County²
 - County subdivision³
 - Place (or place part)
 - Census tract
 - State portion of American Indian and Alaska Native area (with off-reservation trust lands and with no off-reservation trust lands) and Hawaiian home land
 - County portion of American Indian and Alaska Native area and Hawaiian home land
 - State portion of urban area (urbanized areas and urban clusters)
 - State portion of metropolitan area

SF 4 for states also has inventory (complete) summaries for the following geographic areas:

- Place
- Census tract
- Consolidated city

National Files

The SF 4 national file provides summary data for the entire United States. The file structure includes, but is not limited to the following geographic entities:

- United States
 - Region
 - Division
 - State
 - County
 - County subdivision
 - Place
 - American Indian and Alaska Native area (with off-reservation trust lands and with no off-reservation trust lands) and Hawaiian home land
 - Metropolitan statistical area/Consolidated metropolitan statistical area (MSA/CMSA)
 - Consolidated metropolitan statistical area/Primary metropolitan statistical area (CMSA/PMSA)
 - Urban area (urbanized areas and urban clusters)

USER UPDATES

The section on [User Updates](#) informs data users about corrections, errata, and related explanatory information. These updates provide information about unique characteristics, changes, or corrections. However, sometimes this information becomes available too late to be reflected in the tables (matrices) or related documentation. Census 2000 user updates are available on the Census

¹This includes states, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico.

²Parish in Louisiana; city and borough, municipality, borough, or census area in Alaska; municipio in Puerto Rico; in Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia, one or more cities are independent of counties and are treated as statistical equivalents of counties; the entire District of Columbia, which has no counties, is treated as a county equivalent.

³In Puerto Rico, some subdivisions (barrios-pueblos and barrios) are divided into subminor civil divisions (subbarrios).

Bureau's Internet site at www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html. Users also can register to receive user updates by e-mail by contacting Customer Services Center, Marketing Services Office, U.S. Census Bureau on 301-763-INFO (webmaster@census.gov).

RELATED PRODUCTS

Listed below are the other related sample products that will be made available through DVD, CD-ROM, and/or through the American FactFinder (AFF). Some products will be available as printed reports.

Census 2000: *Summary File 3 (SF 3)*. Files containing sample data on households and families; marital status; grandparents as caregivers; language and ability to speak English; place of birth, citizenship status, and year of entry; migration, place of work, etc., for the total population and a limited list of race and Hispanic or Latino groups. The file for each state includes selected data down to the block group level, while the national files include data only down to the place level. Released in 2002.

Census 2000: PHC-2, *Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics*. A series of reports for the United States, each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, which contains sample data for states, counties, county subdivisions, places, and state parts of American Indian and Alaska Native areas, and Hawaiian home lands. The United States summary report presents the same sample data for the United States; states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia; metropolitan areas; urbanized areas; and places of 100,000 or more population; American Indian and Alaska Native areas; and Hawaiian home lands. This series is available on the Internet (PDF) and as a printed report. Released in 2003.

FILE ORDERING

For ordering and pricing information, access the online catalog at the Census Bureau's Internet site (www.census.gov) or contact the Census Bureau's Customer Services Center (301-763-INFO).