

HELPFUL TITLES FROM THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

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As oft repeated by dedicated documents librarians, a wealth of helpful and expensively obtained information is hidden with government publications.

The variety of titles published by the Bureau of the Census almost literally provides "something for everyone," in addition to affording to individuals who have struggled with census forms or granted audiences to census takers the opportunity to see some tangible results of their efforts.

The Bureau publishes an exceptionally helpful guide to its publications, products and services. Cleverly entitled Census Catalog and Guide, this publication is the logical place to start when considering Census Bureau publications.

The annual publication not only describes publications and

products issued during a given year, but also provides ordering information and forms and includes a comprehensive index and sources of additional information on subjects covered by the broad range of Bureau publications.

A sampling of Bureau reference publications small libraries might find useful and cost-effective include the following:
Statistical Abstract of the United States. Washington: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1879- . Annual.

Single most essential statistical publication of the U.S., it provides an economic and social picture of the nation.

Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970. Washington: U.S. Bureau of the

Census, 1975. 2v.

Companion volume to Statistical Abstract, the volume provides retrospective data to the colonial era.

County and City Data Book. Washington: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1952-. Irregular.

Breaks down economic and social data for states, counties and cities above 25,000 populations and also includes limited data for towns over 2,500 population.

State and Metropolitan Area Data Book. Washington: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1980-. Irregular.

Provides economic and social data for states, regions and metropolitan areas, in similar fashion to #3.

World Population Profile. Washington: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1986-. Biennial.

Provides demographic data for countries and territories with populations over 5,000; studies trends, population changes and contraceptive prevalence.

Plan your collection for the years

to come and buy irregularly, as time and money allow and your library's need is felt.

Let's look now at some shorter, general interest items that you may want to consider ordering as well as some subscription items which might be worth examining. Check out the Census Catalog and Guide for more publications.

Age Search Information.

Describes the Bureau's age search service, in which the Bureau searches confidential records from Federal population censuses and releases information which will serve as evidence for individuals wishing to qualify for retirement benefits, apply for passports, prove relationships in settling estates, perform genealogical research and verify birthdates.

We the Americans series.

These four publications provide brief summaries of the findings from the 1980 Census of Population. Individual titles are:

We the Americans.

Overall summary of find-

ings from 1980 census with photographs, bar charts and graphs.

We the Black Americans.

We the First Americans.

Profile of American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut populations.

We the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

Two Hundred Years of U.S. Census Taking: Population and Housing

Questions, 1790-1990. Washington:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1989.

Contains examples of principal data collection forms used in First through Twenty-first Census. Also includes cartoon, drawings, maps, photographs and a bibliography.

Factfinder for the Nation series

(Information available from the Census Bureau's Customer Services Department).

Series of 22 reports on the range of Census Bureau materials available on a given subject and their suggested uses. Titles cover a wide range of topics from reference sources to availability of Census records to Bureau programs and products.

Census and You.

Monthly newsletter which gives new statistical findings, describes new products and services and provides information about related data and services available from other Federal agencies.

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