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## INTRODUCTION

**Use of the Statistical Abstract.**—The Statistical Abstract of the United States summarizes the large mass of statistical information published by various governmental agencies and certain nongovernmental organizations, and also includes some information not published elsewhere. Important data on the industrial, social, and economic organization of the Nation are brought together in one volume to serve as a convenient reference manual.

The Statistical Abstract not only provides a summary of statistical information but it also serves as a guide to various sources of statistical data. To this end every table in the Abstract is annotated as to its source. In addition, a bibliography of sources of data including references to sources not represented in the Abstract, is included for more general uses.

If the information on a particular subject presented in the Statistical Abstract is not sufficiently detailed, the user can refer to the publications of the agency responsible for the data. Frequently the original source from which a table has been taken contains discussions of the definitions and concepts used and presents information for smaller areas or with additional cross classifications. Occasionally, the agency has still more detailed information that can be made available from unpublished records.

**Statistics for 1943.**—The 1943 edition of the Statistical Abstract, the 65th in a continuous annual series, is issued at a time when the need for statistical data is great but shortage of time and personnel and the requirements of national security operate to diminish the amount of new material that can be presented. New needs created or made apparent by defense and war requirements however, have resulted in the collection of new information and the expansion of important series already in existence. As a result of the war it is safe to say that more quantitative information is being prepared and used than in any previous comparable period, and that the principal emphasis is on up-to-the-minute data that can be used immediately for reaching administrative decisions. This emphasis is illustrated by the development of a large number of current reports collected from critical segments of the war economy for use by those agencies of government responsible for wartime controls. Such reporting on rapid time schedules has been developed in connection with the war controls of materials, flow and production, foreign trade and lend-lease, rationing, and other aspects of the war economy. While much of this information is still restricted and cannot be published, some of the information so gathered is now being made available to the public through the "Facts for Industry" series prepared by the War Production Board in cooperation with the Bureau of the Census and other agencies and through other reports.

**Revisions in the Current Edition.**—This edition presents a total of 1,009 tables of data as compared with 996 in the 1942 edition. Major revisions introduced in the preparation of this issue involve regroupings of material within sections, the virtual completion of new material from the 16th Census of the United States, and the elimination of data deemed to be obsolete.

Among new topics covered in the 1943 edition of the Statistical Abstract are internal migration and fertility in the section on Area and Population; life table values, notifiable diseases, and hospital facilities in the section on Vital Statistics; offense rates, arrests, and criminal proceedings in the section on Crime and Criminals; labor turn-over in the section on the labor force; votes cast in State-wide elections in the section on Elections; balance sheet and income-account data for electric utilities in the section on Power; truck and bus information in the section on Public Roads and Motor Vehicles; operation of interstate motor carriers of property and passengers in the Air and Land Transportation section; and public housing in the Construction and Housing section. In addition, a large number of minor revisions appear throughout the book.

Section 5 in this edition, Labor Force, including Employment, Hours, and Earnings, has been formed from material in two sections of the 1942 edition, and replaces the section title, Wages, Hours of Labor, and Employment. Section 8 of the 1942 edition, Military and Civil Service, Elections, and Congressional Representation, has been divided into two sections in this edition; section 6, Military and Civil Service, and section 9, Elections. The section on Postal Service has been combined with that on Communication Systems, and the section

on The National Park System is now included in Public Lands. Defectives and Delinquents, which formed a separate section in 1942, has been discontinued. Some of the material is now included under Vital Statistics, while other material has been augmented and forms a new section on Crime and Criminals.

In addition the form of the table of contents has been changed so that the organization of the volume is presented more concisely. The expansion of the index at the end of the volume during the past few years makes unnecessary the listing of each individual table title in the table of contents.

**Public Cooperation.**—The response of users of the 1942 edition of the Statistical Abstract to the return post card inserted in that edition has made available additional information on the needs of the users of the Abstract. This information is being utilized in planning future editions in order to improve the service rendered. An encouraging feature has been the large number of letters containing both praise and criticism of this volume. The suggestions and comments have been carefully evaluated and, insofar as they conform with the broad objectives of the volume and the general needs of the users, have been adopted. Other suggestions have pointed the way to needed investigations that will be made in the near future. Further comments and suggestions will be given careful consideration.

**Supplements to the Statistical Abstract.**—Another result of the various requests of users has been the preparation of a supplement to the Statistical Abstract presenting data from various sources for each city which had 25,000 or more inhabitants in 1940. Because of limitations of space, it is seldom possible to show within the annual volume data other than on a national basis, with geographic distributions by State and sometimes for large cities. Many uses, however, call for summary information for specific local areas, and the first supplement has been prepared in answer to some of these needs. Other supplements may be prepared from time to time to fill such needs. Copies of the Cities Supplement may be obtained by writing to the Director of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.