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Keeping Up the Castle!

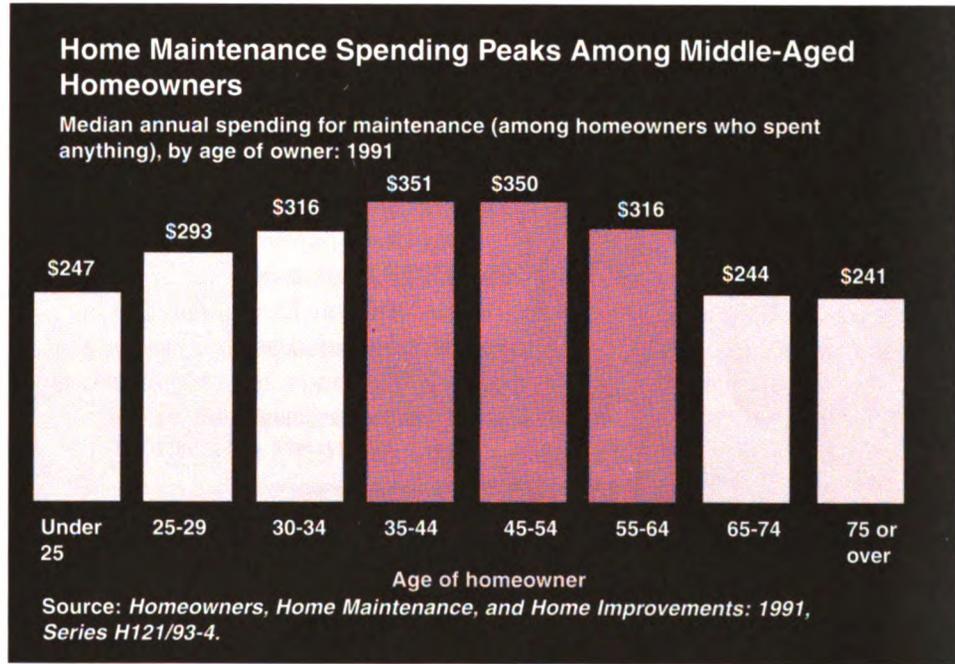
For many homeowners, their home is not only their castle, it's also their most valuable asset. So it certainly makes sense for them to keep it in good condition and even to try to increase its value.

And that's exactly what many pay to do! In 1991, just over 6 in 10 had spent money on home maintenance work in the past year, shelling out a median of \$315. And nearly half had paid for improvements in the past two years, spending a median of \$2,101.

Homeowners, Home Maintenance, and Home Improvements: 1991, a report from our Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division (HHES), uses data collected by the 1991 American Housing Survey to examine how much different groups of homeowners spent on both regular home maintenance work and some of the larger-scale, less frequently undertaken jobs.

Maintenance consists of regular activities necessary for the preventive care of the structure itself, the property it sits on, and any fixed equip-

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ment. Examples include repairing an air conditioning unit or painting a room. *Improvements*, meanwhile, include jobs such as adding a room, replacing central air conditioning units, or replacing a roof.

The report also focuses on both the characteristics of the structure (age, type, and size) and the household (type, length of residence, income, housing costs, and householder age).

What is surprising is that, as homes age, their owners become more apt to spend money to keep them in shape,

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Home Maintenance

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but only up to a point. For example, an owner of a home built in the early 1980's was more likely to pay for maintenance work than one who lived in a home built in 1991. But for homes constructed prior to the 1980's, the chances were fairly equal no matter when they were built.

Sharp Regional Differences

Although most of the data are national in scope, the report does present some regional information. It shows that the South generally lagged behind in both the likelihood of spending and the amount spent. For example, Southern owners were less likely than those elsewhere to have spent money on maintenance work in the past year (56 percent, compared to 64 percent for those in the West and Midwest and 66 percent for Northeastern owners). Why is that? "Compared with other regions, the South has a lot of mobile homes, newly built homes,

Household Income and Maintenance Spending

Owner's household income	Pct paying for home maintenance in last yr.	Median spent
Less than \$20,000	48%	\$227
\$20,000 to \$39,999	60%	\$245
\$40,000 to \$59,999	68%	\$338
\$60,000 to \$79,999	71%	\$405
\$80,000 to \$99,999	71%	\$495
\$100,000 or more	68%	\$683

Source: *Homeowners, Home Maintenance, and Home Improvements: 1991*, Series H121/93-4.

and lower-income households," notes Barbara Williams of HHES, who co-authored the report. "Each of these groups have pretty low maintenance and improvement rates."

Homeowners, Home Maintenance, and Home Improvements: 1991, Series H121/93-4, is available for \$3 from our Jeffersonville, Indiana facility (address and phone number to the right). For more information on the report's contents, contact Barbara Williams, HHES (301-763-8551).

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Denver	303-969-7750
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Use the code "DUN" in your order. To subscribe using a MasterCard, VISA, or GPO deposit account, call the Government Printing Office at 202-783-3238. To correct subscription problems, contact GPO at 202-512-2303.

Economic Census in Bloom!

Spring brought the first flowers of the 1992 Economic Census. You now can get the first data from all the censuses, in print or on CD-ROM (see page 4). This article tells what's what. Although we cite the price and list identification of a whole series in each case, you can also buy individual reports.

Geographic Area Series

The first reports from the censuses of retail trade, services, wholesale trade, and transportation have a geographic focus. They consist of separate State reports having four-digit SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) data for smaller areas.

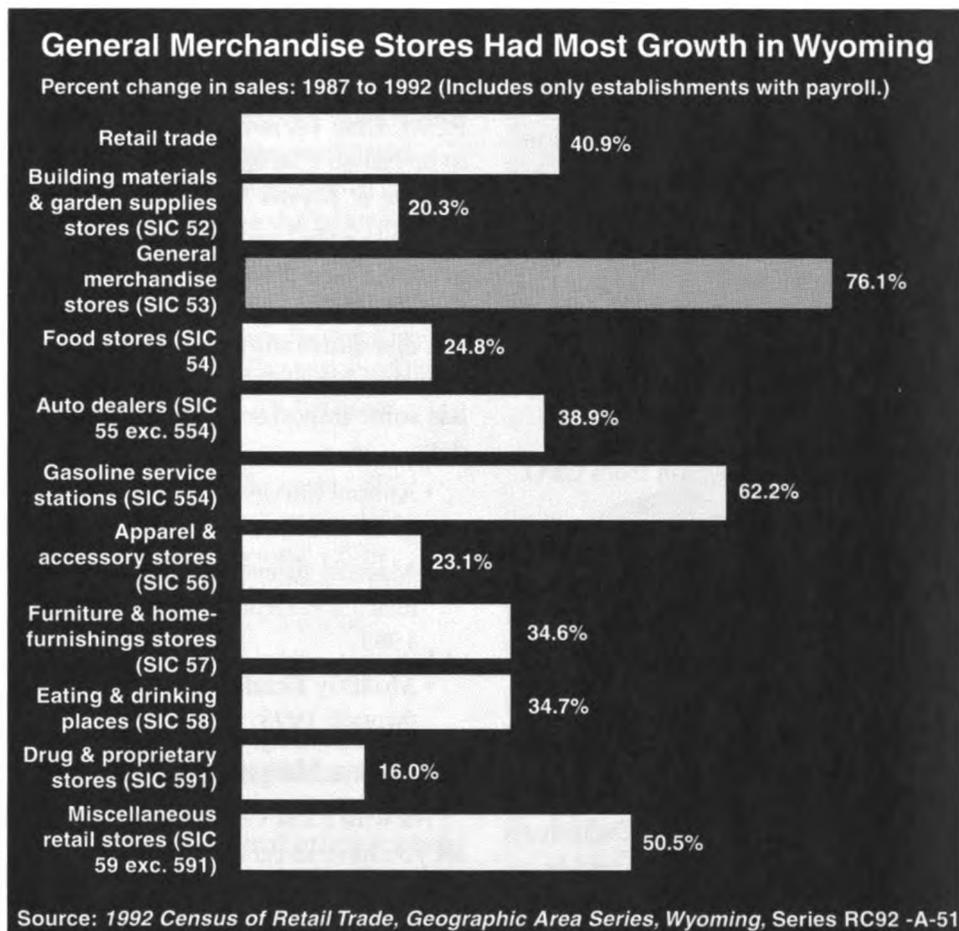
- *Retail Trade, Services, and Wholesale Trade.* We have grouped these three censuses here although in fact they are distinct programs with separate products.

Wyoming leads the way in the Geographic Area Series (GAS) for all three; other State reports will be available by the time you read this. For these censuses, we will release reports for the Mountain States first.

The GAS have statistics for the State, metro areas (MA's), areas outside MA's, counties, and places (population: 2,500 or more). Each State report also has rankings for counties and places within the State.

With some differences, the three GAS cover the same subjects: sales/receipts, number of establishments, number of paid employees, annual and first-quarter payroll, sales/receipts per establishment and per employee, and annual payroll per employee.

Services also has statistics on expenses; wholesale trade, on invento-



ries and operating expenses. Wholesale trade has data broken down for merchant wholesalers, manufacturers' sales offices, and merchandise agents and brokers.

Retail Trade: a subscription to the GAS costs \$253 and is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office (list identification CRTGF).

Services: a GPO subscription to the GAS costs \$321 (CSIGF).

Wholesale Trade: a GPO subscription to the GAS costs \$216 (CWTGF).

- *Transportation.* Numerous State reports are available from the Truck Inventory and Use Survey. They show data on the characteristics and use of

the Nation's commercial and private trucks registered or licensed in 1992. These characteristics include major use, body type, vehicle size, etc. Data also are presented on commodities carried by trucks. The reports also cover hazardous materials transported.

The whole set is available for \$102 from GPO (CTGF).

Preliminary Industry Series

- *Construction.* In the census of construction industries, we are releasing the Industry Series first: the first report of the 27 preliminary Industry reports is *Concrete Work Special*

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Preliminary Industry Series

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Trade Contractors (SIC 1751). These reports have four-digit SIC industry statistics on number of construction establishments, value of construction work done, employment, payroll, value added, and various costs (sub-contractors, materials, components, supplies, and fuels).

Shown too are value of construction work subcontracted and rental costs. Additional data are presented at the U.S. level.

The entire subscription from GPO costs \$48 (CCIIP).

- *Manufactures*. In this census, we release preliminary and final Industry Series reports. *Paints and Allied Products*, MC92-I-28E(P), was the first of 84 preliminaries released. Several reports are now available. They contain data on employees, cost of materials, value of shipments, inventories, new capital expenditures, and value added. They also include statistics on products, product classes, and materials consumed.

The set costs \$162 from GPO (CMFIP).

- *Mineral Industries*. Again, 13 preliminary Industry Series reports lead the way. The first is *Natural Gas Liquids*, MIC92-I-13B(P). The reports have data for each category of mineral industry and show number of establishments, employees, production, cost of supplies, value of shipment, capital expenditures, and value added.

They have historical industry statistics, industry statistics for selected States, and data on type of operation, products or services, and so forth.

The whole set is available for \$24 from GPO (CMNIP).

First Economic Census Compact Disc

The 1992 Economic Census publications have just started, but already you can get the first of them on CD-ROM. Disc 1A is the first of 10 discs to be issued quarterly in the *CD-ROM Volume 1: Report Series*.

While only limited data are yet available (see preceding article), this first CD-ROM can serve as a useful test disc illustrating how the data are organized and accessed. In addition, it has some important current survey data:

- Annual Survey of Manufactures: 1987 to 1991.
- Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders: 1958 to March 1993.
- Monthly Retail Sales: 1967 through 1993.

Software Makes It Easy

As with most Census Bureau CD's, all you have to do to access the software on this disc is to type "GO." For this disc, *GO* brings up a menu offering several options:

- *DocView*, to view documentation on the screen.
- *GO92*, to display key statistics pre-formatted.
- *EXTRACT*, to select and extract any of the statistics.

The next 1992 Economic Census CD-ROM (Disc 1B) is scheduled for release late this summer. The disc will include all of the contents of Disc 1A plus more data series, more States, and more industries. (The CD-ROM schedule was presented in the March 1994 *Census and You*.)

For users in a hurry for the latest statistics, a subscription to the eco-

nomics census CD-ROM's will give you access to the Census Bureau bulletin board system (BBS) that includes new files as soon as they are released. Given the quarterly cycle of CD-ROM production and the fact that CD manufacture takes several weeks, the BBS could give you data one to four months before the CD-ROM.

Economic Census CD-ROM's are sold by subscription: \$500 will bring you all 10 CD-ROM's in the *Volume 1: Report Series*. *Volume 2: ZIP Code Statistics* (2 discs) will be issued in late 1995 and early 1996 and cost an additional \$200.

To subscribe to the economic census discs, call Customer Services (301-763-4100).

Counties in Wyoming Ranked by Volume of Retail Sales: 1992

County	Rank	Sales (\$1,000)
Wyoming	(X)	\$3,554,153
Laramie	1	690,014
Natrona	2	519,338
Sweetwater	3	337,520
Teton	4	245,300
Fremont	5	230,676
Campbell	6	222,317
Albany	7	208,954
Park	8	201,117
Sheridan	9	197,725
Uinta	10	133,089
Carbon	11	116,361
Lincoln	12	73,060
Washakie	13	55,610
Converse	14	55,194
Goshen	15	55,106

NOTE: Includes only establishments with payroll.

Source: 1992 Census of Retail Trade, Wyoming, RC92-A-51.

Census Regional Offices – Never Too Busy to Help You!

Telephone numbers on page 2.

Does the Census Bureau release monthly housing data? Is there a workshop that I can attend on the 1992 *TIGER/Line™ File*? Is there any information on small businesses?

Questions like these and many others pour into the 12 regional offices of the Census Bureau. The information specialists at the regional offices are eager to assist you – they answer more than 100,000 inquiries a year.

In addition to answering your questions, these busy folks conduct seminars and workshops, speak at conferences, and staff exhibit booths. Educational, inquiry, and reference services are offered to organizations and the public.

Our data products are not sold through the regional offices, but each office has a library of publications that you may freely use. It also has data on compact disc to assist users in their searches.

You should consult a regional office particularly if you need information about Census Bureau products for your area. The information specialists know their regions well and may be able to tell you where to turn for additional sources of assistance. They can also steer you to other local data sources such as State Data Centers or organizations listed in the National Clearinghouse for Census Data Services (see page 12).

What kind of assistance do the regional offices give their customers? Here is a roundup:

- An information specialist in the Detroit regional office helped a

western Michigan reporter obtain data on employment of persons 55 and over for an article on people of retirement age still in the labor force.

- The Denver regional office provided assistance to a purchaser of a submarine sandwich franchise through the use of “General Profiles” in STF 1A and STF 3A for more site locations.

- By using the *December 1992 U.S. Exports of Merchandise CD-ROM*, the Seattle regional office assisted the Washington State Library in helping a patron who needed commodity information for selected custom districts.

- Working to design programming and advertising strategies, an independent television station in Philadelphia contacted their regional office for help in using ZIP Code level data from STF 3B for a viewer profile.

- A farm cooperative contacted the Kansas City office for data on fresh beef exports to Canada from the *U.S. Exports of Merchandise CD-ROM's*.

- The Charlotte, North Carolina regional office helped a New York City company use data from the American Housing Survey to determine the most common heating fuel for manufactured housing.

- The American Indian Economic Development Agency was briefed by the Chicago office on the changes in how American Indians have been identified in the decennial censuses since 1890.

Call and add your request to the list. Our specialists are eager to help.



Information specialist Cam McIntosh of the Seattle regional office.

A Region Up Close

When you call the Seattle regional office, you may find yourself talking to long-time information specialist, Cam McIntosh. “It’s exciting, challenging, always changing, and the customer always has need of our products or services,” says Cam. The questions she receives run the gamut from a student needing census numbers for a term paper to a consultant’s query about CD-ROM documentation.

One minute she’s helping a caller with information on export prices of fish products. The next, she’s giving demographic information to the Elko, Nevada Volunteer Fire Department.

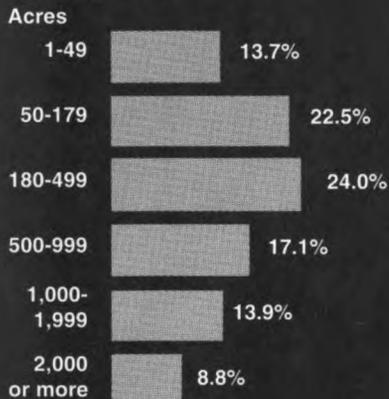
Cam refers to the regional office as a clearinghouse because the inquiries that come in are not only Census-

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Harvest in Kansas

Highlights From the 1992 Census of Agriculture

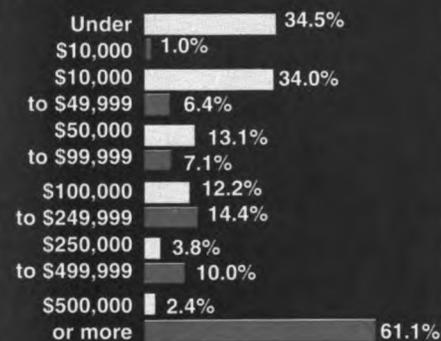
Farms by size



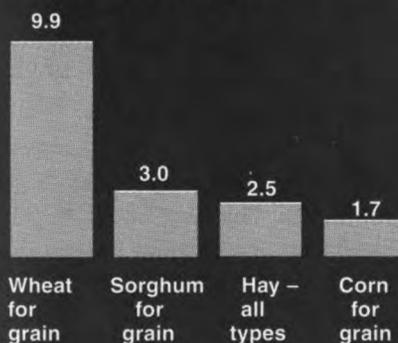
Percent of farms and of market value of agricultural products sold

█ Farms █ Value of products sold

Sales



Selected crops harvested (millions of acres)



Source: 1992 Census of Agriculture, Geographic Area Series, Kansas.

Ups and Downs for Hispanics During the Last Decade

‘Como estas? ¡Bien! Hispanics in the United States indeed are doing well: they have seen some improvements in the past decade, but some problems do persist, according to *The Hispanic Population in the United States: March 1993* (P20-475), a report from the Census Bureau.

Patricia Montgomery, the report’s author says: “The Nation’s Hispanic population is better educated than it was 10 years ago. Between 1983 and 1993, the proportion of Hispanics 25 and over with at least a high school degree increased from 46 to 53 percent. The change was 73 to 82 percent for people who weren’t Hispanic.”

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based. Some callers need to be referred to other Federal agencies, State Data Centers, or other data centers.

Cam says the varied nature of the job is particularly apparent when she does workshops and presentations. “You never know what to expect, and that’s the fun part. I recently was part of a shared resources presentation in Yelm, Washington (population 1,037), that was held in the public library. This small community is part of a growth area, and they needed census figures to work with. I then was part of a workshop at Eastern Washington College where the questions were totally different. For example, they wanted to know why we collect the data we do.”

Cam stressed the importance of

The report offers a social and economic profile of the Hispanic population – with data on age, sex, income and poverty, education, employment, marital status, family and household composition, and other topics. It is based on data collected in the March 1993 Current Population Survey.

The Hispanic Population in the United States: March 1993, Series P20-475, is available for \$3.75 from the U.S. Government Printing Office (S/N 803-005-00076-1).

For more information, contact Patricia Montgomery, Population Division (301-763-7955).

being prepared for the particular customer’s needs and concerns. One customer wrote recently praising Cam’s “tremendous support and encouragement” in helping him develop a library science program.

When you call Seattle or any regional office, you’re linking up with a specialist in finding answers to questions about our data. It’s a resource you shouldn’t overlook.

It’s Coming!

In late August we expect the 1994 version of our popular *County and City Data Book* to hit the streets. It will be sold by the U.S. Government Printing Office and the National Technical Information Service for \$40. Call Customer Services (301-763-4100) for details.

New Service!

If It's on Tape, You Can Get It on CD-ROM Too!

Customer Services maintains an extensive library of Census Bureau data files on computer tape. Up to now, not all have had a CD-ROM counterpart produced for them.

All that has changed. You can now get a CD-ROM counterpart for any Census Bureau tape file. There are several differences between such files and those planned and produced as CD-ROM files.

ZipTip!

Software Tips for Using 1990 Census Microdata Files on CD-ROM

For the first time we have released software along with microdata – namely on the 1990 Census of Population and Housing PUMS file on compact disc. The software is called *QuickTab* (for designing, displaying, and printing tabulations) and *Puma2Dsk* (for extracting all the records for a single geographic area).

Ramala Basu of Data User Services Division offers a hot tip for using *QuickTab*: be sure to copy the *QuickTab* software from the CD-ROM onto your hard drive. Otherwise you'll get an error message. "Copy the tools directory onto the hard drive, scan the README file, and you'll be ready to roll," observes Ramala. The copy command looks like this: C:\subdir>copy C:\TOOLS\QUICKTAB*. * (where C identifies your hard drive).

(NOTE: *Puma2Dsk* does not need to be copied to the hard drive.)

For more information on PUMS and on *QuickTab*, contact the Data User Services Division (301-763-2005).

- The price charged for a specially prepared CD-ROM will be the same as that charged for the computer tape version. For example, converting the *1991 Residential Finance Survey File* from tape to CD-ROM would cost \$175, the same as the price for the file on tape. Planned CD-ROM files cost less than comparable tape files but not in the case of converted files.

- The data files on CD-ROM will be in the same format as they are on tape; that is, they will be straight ASCII copies. There will be no file reformatting. Also, at this time, we are unable to provide an EBCDIC or dBASE® translation.

- We do not provide any sort of general access software or otherwise produce special application programs for these CD-ROM's. Customers must have programming resources just as they would for computer tapes. The *GO* and *EXTRACT* software programs designed to be used with the "cataloged" CD-ROM's will not function with these data files.

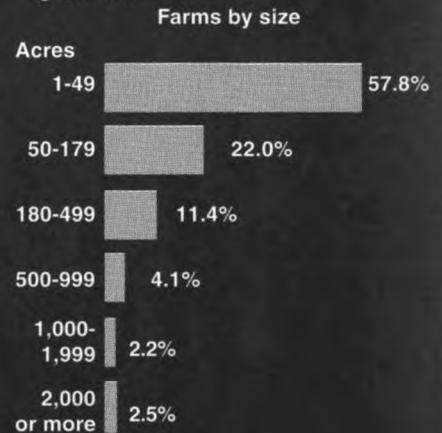
- Finally, because the tape-to-CD-ROM conversion results in a special disc prepared at the customer's request, there will be *no customer refunds*.

For additional information or to place orders, contact Customer Services (301-763-4100). Orders will take 2 weeks since each is in effect a custom request.

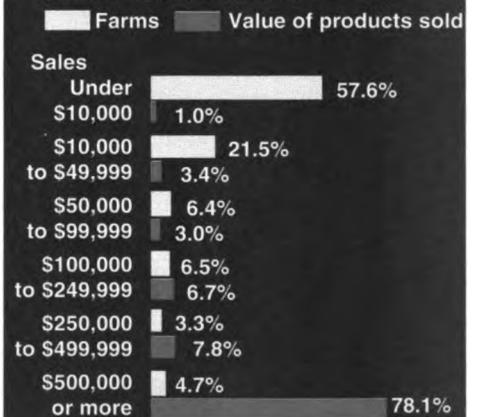
Discs will be accompanied by a paper copy of the tape file documentation, describing the same file layouts and data properties found on the disc.

Harvest in Florida

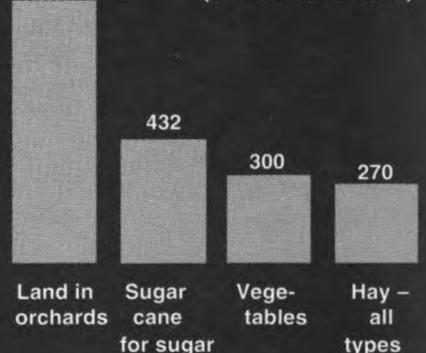
Highlights From the 1992 Census of Agriculture



Percent of farms and of market value of agricultural products sold



Selected crops harvested (thousands of acres)



Source: 1992 Census of Agriculture, Geographic Area Series, Florida.

NOTE: The June issue also ran the Florida profile, but the Farms by Size graph contained several errors. The graph is correct as shown here. We regret any inconvenience.

Special Tabulation on Aging

From the 1990 Census of Population and Housing

The 1990 census recorded 31.2 million people of retirement age (65 years and over) and another 10.6 million nearing retirement age (60 to 64). In the future, demographers expect these numbers to grow sharply as the Baby Boom ages.

To help in serving the needs of the growing elderly population, the Department of Health and Human Services contracted with the Census Bureau to produce a special tabulation of 1990 census data on older Americans.

This tabulation, the *1990 Census of Population and Housing Special Tabulation on Aging* (STP 14), is now available for sale to the public.

Disability and Mobility or Self-Care Limitations

The tabulation is a huge file containing 483 population and 228 housing tables. The data are drawn from questions asked in the census.

Topics covered include ability to speak English, mobility and self-care limitations, marital

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status, living arrangements earnings, educational attainment, employment status, poverty status, veteran status, condo status, meals included in rent, mortgage status, year householder moved into unit, and so forth. Most tables are for persons 60 and over, 65 and over, 75 and over, and 85 and over, although there are some data for younger age groups. (Contact Customer Services at Census for a list of the tables in STP 14.)

"We define the elderly population a little differently from the Census Bureau," observes Don Fowles, the DHHS official who coordinated the production of the file. "We use the definition specified in the Older Americans Act – 60 years of age – as a threshold."

Don emphasizes several special features of the file: it has extensive data on –

- Disability and mobility and self-care limitation status.
- Low income elderly by race and Hispanic origin.
- Poverty according to both the official U.S. Government definition and DHHS guidelines which differ.

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Extensive Data on Mobility and Self-Care

Figure 1

Excerpt From CONNECTICUT File (Table P52) in STP 14

Age (8) by Mobility and Self-Care Limitation Status (4)
Universe: Civilian noninstitutionalized persons 16 years and over

Under 55 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	12,202
Self-care limitation only	35,615
Mobility and self-care limitation	11,955
No mobility or self-care limitation	1,784,706
55 to 59 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	2,329
Self-care limitation only	4,326
Mobility and self-care limitation	1,961
No mobility or self-care limitation	136,078
60 to 64 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	3,744
Self-care limitation only	4,827
Mobility and self-care limitation	2,774
No mobility or self-care limitation	136,372
65 to 69 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	4,293
Self-care limitation only	5,633
Mobility and self-care limitation	3,662
No mobility or self-care limitation	126,247
70 to 74 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	5,775
Self-care limitation only	6,103
Mobility and self-care limitation	4,773
No mobility or self-care limitation	96,241
75 to 79 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	6,619
Self-care limitation only	4,946
Mobility and self-care limitation	5,349
No mobility or self-care limitation	65,437
80 to 84 years	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	6,362
Self-care limitation only	2,581
Mobility and self-care limitation	5,705
No mobility or self-care limitation	34,137
85 years and over	
With a mobility or self-care limitation:	
Mobility limitation only	7,087
Self-care limitation only	1,862
Mobility and self-care limitation	7,438
No mobility or self-care limitation	17,154

Source: Special Tabulation on Aging, Connecticut.

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Don notes that the file serves the needs of State agencies on aging and a network of over 650 area agencies that serve groupings of counties within States. He observes that a committee of directors from the State and area agencies – the primary customers – actually prepared the specifications for these tabulations so that the data met their needs.

Special Geography

The tabulation is similar to the summary tape files we customarily release with census data: there is an "A" file for each State and a "C" file with U.S. data. The geographic coverage in the A and C differs; the table structure is identical.

Figure 2 shows the geography of these two files. Of special note are the data for small places, census tracts and block

numbering areas, and planning and service areas. Data are shown separately for the rural portion of each county and planning and service area.

Computer Tape and CD-ROM

The file comes in two options:

- *Computer Tape.* If you need to study the aging population in detail for the entire country, you can purchase the U.S. summary file for \$200. State files with greater geographic detail are also available at prices ranging from \$175 to \$1,000. Files are at 6250 bpi, in EBCDIC or ASCII. They contain no applications software. IBM® 3840-compatible tape cartridges are also available at the same price. For a list of tape file prices, contact Customer Services (301-763-4100).

Special Tabulation on Aging on CD-ROM

All States: \$500

Per Disc: \$50

Order no.	Federal region	States
CD90-AOA1	1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
CD90-AOA2-1	2	New York 1
CD90-AOA2-2	2	New York 2, New Jersey
CD90-AOA3-1	3	Pennsylvania
CD90-AOA3-2	3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia
CD90-AOA4-1	4	Alabama, Florida
CD90-AOA4-2	4	Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi
CD90-AOA4-3	4	North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee
CD90-AOA5-1	5	Illinois
CD90-AOA5-2	5	United States – Indiana
CD90-AOA5-3	5	Michigan
CD90-AOA5-4	5	Minnesota, Wisconsin
CD90-AOA5-5	5	Ohio
CD90-AOA6-1	6	Texas
CD90-AOA6-2	6	Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma
CD90-AOA7	7	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
CD90-AOA8	8	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
CD90-AOA9-1	9	California 1
CD90-AOA9-2	9	California 2, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada
CD90-AOA10	10	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Figure 3

Geographic Coverage in the Special Tabulation on Aging

STP 14 A (State Files)

- State
- Counties
- Census tracts/block numbering areas
- Places of 2,500 or more
- County subdivisions of 2,500 or more (13 States)
- American Indian reservations/Tribal Jurisdiction Statistical Areas
- Alaska Native Regional Corporations
- Metro areas (MSA's, CMSA's, and PMSA's)
- Urbanized areas
- Planning and service areas*

STP 14 C (U.S. Summary)

- United States
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- Urbanized areas
- Standard Federal Administrative Regions
- Planning and service areas*

*Areas administered by over 650 area agencies across the country that provide services to the elderly.

Figure 2

- *CD-ROM.* Most users prefer compact discs for microcomputer access. Census Bureau CD-ROM's work on IBM®-compatible microcomputers hooked up to a disc reader.

Discs are manufactured according to ISO 9660 specifications. They come with a simple retrieval software called *GO*. Just type "GO" and the disc will display menus of options based on topics and geographic areas. To further manipulate the files, you'll need software compatible with dBASE®.

This software works only on computers using MS-DOS. Macintosh® users can access our data on CD-ROM using general data base software.

File documentation comes free with orders but also can be purchased separately for \$15.

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Occupational Outlook Handbook

For nearly 50 years, the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* has provided a guide for students, teachers, parents, and counselors who are weighing the aptitudes of young people against the opportunities in the workplace. The 1994-95 edition presents expected employment changes in nearly 250 occupations between now and the year 2005 and the qualifications that will be needed for them.

Published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the *Handbook* is especially geared toward junior and high school students, but also can be a valuable guide for people changing careers.

To help current and prospective workers make decisions about courses to take, training or schooling beyond high school, or post-graduate study, the *Handbook* also describes for each occupation what workers do on the job, the training and education needed, earnings, and working conditions.

Demographics, global competition, changing technology and business practices, shifts in the demand for goods and services, and other factors are reshaping the American job market. For readers interested in the economic assumptions underlying the specific industry and occupational employment projections, BLS also has published Bulletin 2452, *The American Work Force: 1992-2005*.

This bulletin looks at historical trends in the work force and the current scene, the U.S. economy to 2005, industry output and employment, and the wide variations in employment growth by occupation.

Occupations to Watch

Occupations projected to increase much faster than average (i.e., 41 percent or more), ranked by projected 1992-2005 numerical change in employment.

Occupation	Change in employment, 1992-2005	
	Percent	Numerical
Registered nurses	42%	765,000
Computer scientists and system analysts	111%	737,000
Homemaker and home health aides	136%	645,000
Nursing aides and psychiatric aides	44%	616,000
Preschool workers	65%	611,000
Guards	51%	408,000
Teacher aides	43%	381,000
Human services workers	136%	256,000
Restaurant and food service managers	46%	227,000
Correction officers	70%	197,000
Health services managers	45%	135,000
Medical assistants	71%	128,000
Radiologic technologists	63%	102,000
Management analysts and consultants	43%	89,000
Construction contractors and managers	47%	85,000
Paralegals	86%	81,000
Physical therapists	88%	79,000
Travel agents	66%	76,000
Actors, directors, and producers	54%	69,000
Psychologists	48%	69,000
Medical record technicians	61%	47,000
Flight attendants	51%	47,000
Dental hygienists	43%	46,000
Speech-language pathologists and audiologists	51%	37,000
Respiratory therapists	48%	36,000
Operations research analysts	61%	27,000
Occupational therapists	40%	24,000
Surgical technologists	42%	19,000
Nuclear medicine technologists	50%	6,100
EEG technologists	54%	3,400

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*.

Both the *Handbook* and the *Bulletin* can be purchased from the BLS Publication Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690-2145 (312-353-1880), or the U.S. Government Printing Office (202-783-3238).

The 512-page 1994-95 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* with a soft cover costs \$23 (S/N 029-001-03158-1); a hard copy version is \$26 (S/N 029-001-03157-2).

The American Work Force: 1992-2005, Bulletin 2452, costs \$9.50 (S/N 029-001-03182-3).

For more information about the publications, contact the Bureau of Labor Statistics at 202-606-5700.

Energy Information on the Internet

You can now send your energy questions to the National Energy Information Center on the Internet. The E-mail address is INFOCTR@EIA.DOE.GOV.

In your E-mail message, be sure to include your name, affiliation, address, daytime phone number, fax number, and E-mail address.

U.S. STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Economic Indicators

	Latest data	Unit	Latest month	Previous month	Last year	Percent change from previous month year		
Business Sources: Census Bureau, Federal Reserve Board								
Retail: Sales	May	\$bil.	182.8	183.2	171.9	-0.2	6.4	
Inventory	April	\$bil.	273.2	273.1	261.7	0.1	4.4	
Inv./sales ratio	April	ratio	1.49	1.47	1.53	X	X	
Consumer installment credit	April	\$bil.	817.8	808.9	752.2	1.1	8.7	
Merchant wholesalers: Sales	April	\$bil.	165.9	168.0	159.7	-1.2	3.9	
Inventory	April	\$bil.	217.9	217.0	211.7	0.4	2.9	
Stock/sales ratio	April	ratio	1.31	1.29	1.33	X	X	
Construction and Housing Sources: Census Bureau, Federal Housing Finance Board								
Residential: Building permits — AR	May	1,000	1,358	1,380	1,113	-1.6	22.0	
Housing starts — AR	May	1,000	1,510	1,472	1,241	2.6	21.7	
New home sales — AR	April	1,000	683	733	685	-6.8	-0.3	
New home mortgage rate — NSA	April	pct.	7.31	6.99	7.46	4.6	-2.0	
New construction: Total expenditures — AR	April							
Current dollars		\$bil.	508.5	505.4	449.1	0.6	13.2	
Constant (1987) dollars		\$bil.	422.4	420.0	386.0	0.6	9.4	
Manufacturing Sources: Census Bureau, Federal Reserve Board								
Durable goods: Shipments	April	\$bil.	146.5	147.4	132.8	-0.6	10.3	
New orders	April	\$bil.	146.8	146.9	129.8	-0.1	13.0	
Unfilled orders	April	\$bil.	423.5	423.3	444.7	0.1	-4.8	
Total goods: Shipments	April	\$bil.	273.7	274.5	255.1	-0.3	7.3	
Inventories	April	\$bil.	380.7	379.8	380.3	0.2	0.1	
Inv./ship. ratio	April	ratio	1.39	1.38	1.49	X	X	
Index of industrial production	May	1987=100	116.1	115.9	110.0	0.2	5.5	
U.S. International Trade and Services Source: Census Bureau								
Exports of goods and services	March	\$bil.	58.3	53.2	54.1	9.6	7.8	
Imports of goods and services	March	\$bil.	65.8	62.4	61.0	5.4	7.8	
Trade balance	March	\$bil.	-7.5	-9.2	-6.9	-18.5	7.4	
Money Supply, Prices, Interest Rates Sources: Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Treasury								
Money supply (M1)	April	\$bil.	1,141	1,142	1,047	-0.1	9.0	
Consumer Price Index — NSA	May	1982-84=100	147.5	147.4	144.2	0.1	2.3	
Producer Price Index ¹	May	1982=100	125.2	125.3	125.7	-0.1	-0.4	
Prime rate charged by banks ²	May	pct.	7.25	6.75	6.00	7.4	20.8	
3-month U.S. T-bill — NSA	May	pct.	4.19	3.74	2.96	12.0	41.6	
Other Principal Indicators Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis								
Civilian labor force ³	May	mil.	130.8	130.7	128.1	0.0	2.1	
Unemployment rate ³	May	rate	6.0	6.4	6.9	-6.3	-13.0	
Index of leading indicators	April	1987=100	101.2	101.2	98.4	0.0	2.8	
Personal income — AR	April	\$bil.	5,656	5,631	5,366	0.4	5.4	
			Qtr. 1	Qtr. 4	Percent change ⁴			
Constant (1987) dollars:			1994	1993				
Gross domestic product (GDP)		\$bil.	5,264	5,226	3.0			
Personal consumption expenditures		\$bil.	3,546	3,507	4.6			
Gross private domestic investment		\$bil.	886	861	11.7			

NOTE: Figures are seasonally adjusted except as noted. AR Annual rate. NSA Not seasonally adjusted. (X) Not applicable. ¹Finished goods. ²As of end of month. ³Data for latest month not comparable with data for same month last year due to change in survey methodology. ⁴Annualized rate.

China's Export Growth

China's remarkable export growth has been heavily featured in the media. Now a new Census Bureau study from the Center for International Research (CIR), "China's Export Production Profile," investigates export production in China. The report studies trade according to three criteria: type of enterprise ownership,

product categories, and provincial location. It analyzes exports to better understand China's development as a major world exporter.

The study substantiates the importance of foreign investment and collective enterprises, especially town and township collectives, to China's export production. Detailed export data are available for foreign-invested firms and for town and township enterprises. Both types of enterprises have increased their contribution to exports while the share produced by State-owned enterprises has fallen.

Areas with growing foreign investment are expected to increase their exports more than the national average at the same time as a growing share of production from foreign-invested firms will find domestic markets within China. Shanghai and Jiangsu are expected to join Guangdong and Fujian as provinces where foreign investment will determine large shares of their exports.

The study by Penelope B. Prime is one of the staff papers from the Center for International Research. The papers cover various aspects of demographic and economic research; including population projections, aging, health and mortality, migration, employment,

education, energy production and use, and national income accounting for different countries and regions.

"China's Export Production Profile," Staff Paper No. 71, is available for \$10 from CIR, Washington Plaza Building 2, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Checks/money orders should be made payable to Commerce-Census (CIR).

For more information, or for a list of reports or research papers, contact CIR, 301-763-4811.

Other Data Sources Near You

- Depository Libraries – 1,400 libraries that select publications from the U.S. Government Printing Office and some files on CD-ROM.
- State Data Centers – usually State government agencies (and assorted affiliates) with data services; found in all States.
- Business/Industry Data Centers – usually State government agencies (and affiliates) with data services; special interest in economic development. In 24 States.
- National Census Information Centers – nonprofits serving the interests of various race and ethnic groups.
- National Clearinghouse for Census Data Services – vendors that provide specialized services.

Call 301-763-4100 for more information. Also listed in the *Census Catalog and Guide*.

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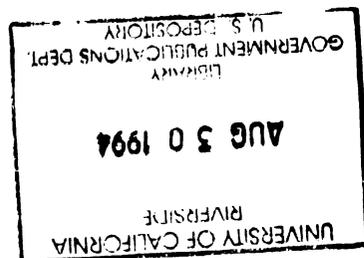
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