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Three-Fifths of Nation's Uninsured Visited the Doctor, 1990-1992 Survey Shows

People without health insurance visit the doctor less often than those with it.

Despite this, 61 percent of uninsured persons had at least one doctor visit over a 24-month period in 1990-92, according to a Census Bureau study, the *Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on Doctor and Hospital Visits: 1990-92*, P70-44.

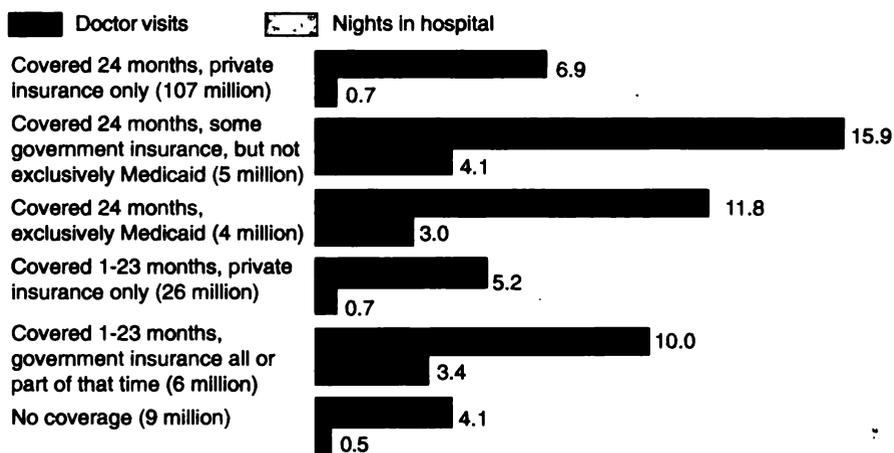
The report finds that, for persons 16 to 64 years of age, health insurance coverage, health, and disability status were closely related to the use of health-care services.

About 87 percent of the 107 million persons who had private coverage for the full 2-year period visited the doctor at least once. The rate was 75 percent for the 26 million persons who were covered for only part of the period and who did not have any government coverage (Medicaid or Medicare).

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Health Insurance Coverage Affects Frequency of Visits to the Doctor

Mean number of visits to a doctor and nights spent as a hospital patient during a 24-month period: persons 16 to 64 years old, by health insurance coverage status: 1990-1992 (Number of persons in coverage category in parentheses)



Source: *The Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on Doctor and Hospital Visits: 1990 to 1992*, P70-44.

The rate dropped to 61 percent for those who spent the entire period without coverage, a total of 9 million persons.

The report used statistical models to measure the net effect of such characteristics as coverage status, age, income, health status, and disability.

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Phil Sparks New Communications Director



Phil Sparks

Philip L. Sparks has been appointed Assistant Director for Communications of the Census Bureau. He replaces Jane A. Callen, who recently moved to the Department of Commerce's Economics and Statistics Administration as Communications Director.

Phil has more than 20 years of Washington experience working as a

Congressional aide, in the Executive Branch, for several national labor unions, and for a public interest group.

Most recently, Phil was codirector of the nonprofit Communications Consortium where he worked with a wide variety of other public interest organizations. He also had a previous stint with the Census Bureau working as an enumerator for the 1970 Census.

Phil has both a B.A. and M.A. in government from the College of William and Mary.

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LandView Software Makes Mapping With TIGER™ Data Easy

Mapping with Census TIGER™ data just got much easier.

We have issued a version of the 1992 files with special desktop mapping software called *LandView II*, jointly developed by the Census Bureau, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. You can get *LandView II* on CD-ROM.

This “electronic atlas” includes EPA-regulated Superfund site data bases, social and demographic data from the 1990 census, and key geographic features, such as roadways and rivers.

The data come on a set of 10 compact discs, organized by State and groups of States. Within each State, the TIGER data show roads, water areas, railroads, and landmarks, as well as displaying the boundaries for States, counties, congressional districts, cities and towns, Indian reservations, census tracts, block groups, and metro areas. It has centroids for ZIP Code areas, places, and block groups.

Linked to this information are 1990 social and demographic census data, both 100-percent and sample data.

LandView II shows selected facilities, sites, and monitoring stations represented in five EPA data bases: the Aerometric Information Retrieval System, Biennial Reporting System, CERCLA Information System, Permit Compliance System, and the Toxic Release Inventory System.

An 11th CD provides data and map information for the entire country.

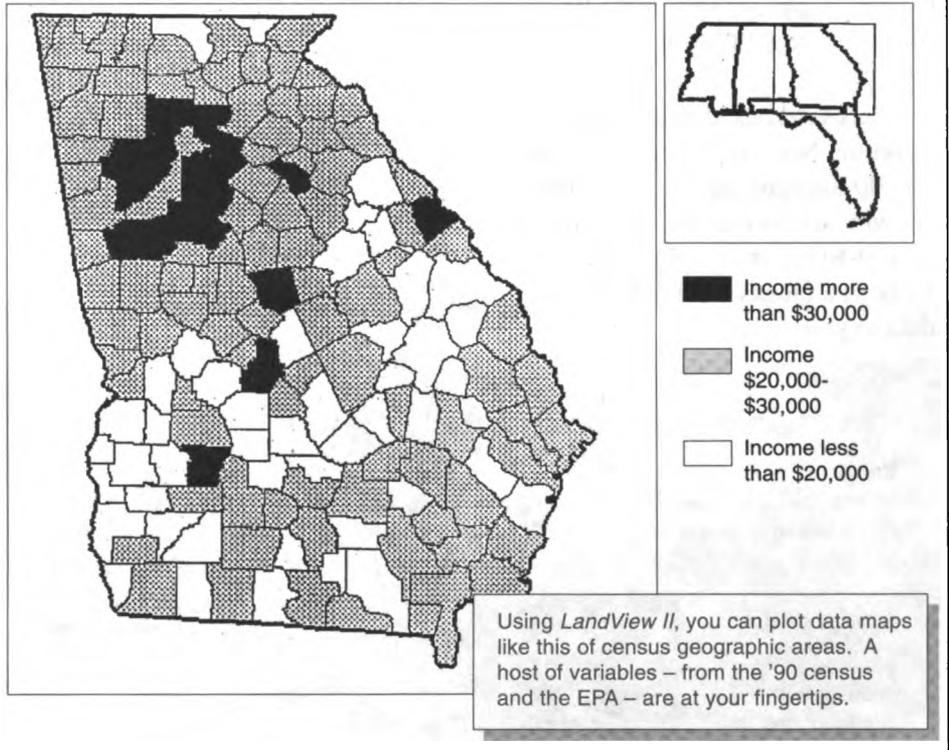
Using *LandView II* to Map Things Out!

Median household income in Georgia by county: 1990

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This disc has detailed geographic information for the 12 largest metro areas (i.e., central cities and component counties), so if you need, for example, census tract or block group detail for these areas, this is the disc to get.

Users can search, display, and print data for specified geographic entities. They also may draw and print thematic maps (see map above).

Marketing departments use *LandView II* to locate and profile prospective customers.

To get a look at *LandView II*, access our web site (<http://www.census.gov/>) and click on “Geography.” There you’ll find a demo, a tutorial, and other tools to assist you.

You can order *LandView II* for \$95 a disc or \$795 for the 11-disc set. To order, contact Customer Services by phone (301-457-4100), fax (301-457-3841), or the Internet (click on “Market Place”).

You can also get files with 1994 geographic data - but without the software (see our May issue).

Electronic Dissemination Expanded!

Internet and Compact Disc Are the Stars

The Internet, along with other electronic delivery systems, most notably CD-ROM, will become the primary sources for Census Bureau statistics.

We hope this will dramatically expand access for data users to official demographic and economic data.

The world has already discovered us on the Net. We are now receiving 50,000 inquiries per day from customers who access our site. We will rely on CD-ROM and the Internet even more as a means of disseminating data to you.

Census Director Martha Farnsworth Riche observes: "The new dissemination plan will allow for quicker release of the detailed data many people want. In the past, issuing tables and analyses in printed reports could add months to the process.

"And since we could only print a selection, users still might not get the data they wanted. A major advantage of this initiative is that it will allow users to receive data files on demand and to create their own reports rapidly," she added.

In addition, the new dissemination plan will allow us to save money on printing costs.

Users also have access to our data through intermediaries, including the Bureau's network of 1,800 State Data Centers and affiliates, Census Information Centers, libraries, universities, and private firms.

"We will work with users and their communities to continue our efforts to meet needs and expectations," Director Riche notes. "We recognize that not all users have access to the Internet, and we intend to make sure that people not on the information highway still have access to the data they need."

The Census Bureau already has discontinued some printed reports, including annual reports in the government finance and employment series, the current industrial reports, and the monthly population estimates.

Through *Census and You*, the *Monthly Product Announcement*, and other means, we will keep users up on what's available now and in the future.

Non-Internet consumers can still obtain extracts of data, on a reimbursable basis, from the electronic files available on CD-ROM and floppy diskette and in computer printouts.

Under the plan, CD-ROM will be used for archival purposes and to publish large data sets (e.g., monthly foreign trade data), extended and more detailed historical data, and public-use microdata. There may be a fee – for example, for customized file extracts.

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Internet and CD-ROM

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Our plan calls for having the full system ready in time to disseminate the results of Census 2000. Plans are under way to disseminate most data from the 1997 Economic and Agriculture Censuses electronically.

We invite the public to offer comments and suggestions through several means: comments@census.gov on Internet; the Census-BEA Electronic Forum (301-457-2310); CENDATA™ (via CompuServe's "User Feedback"); telephone (301-457-4094); or mail (John C. Kavaliunas, Office of Director, Room 3682-3, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233).

Recent Statistical Briefs Give You the Facts – And Fast!

Above we cite the recent *Statistical Brief* on "Mothers Who Receive Food Stamps – Fertility and Socioeconomic Characteristics." *Briefs* summarize findings from Census Bureau censuses and surveys.

Some others to consider:

- "Poverty Areas" (SB/95-13).
- "Home Equity Lines of Credit – A Look at the People Who Obtain Them" (SB/95-15).
- "Who Receives Child Support?" (SB/95-16).
- "How Much We Earn – Factors That Make a Difference" (SB/95-17).
- "Home Sweet Home – America's Housing, 1973 to 1993" (SB/95-18).
- "American Women: A Profile" (SB/95-19).

You can get a copy from Customer Services (301-457-4100), through *FastFax* (1-900-555-2329), or via the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>).

Over 5 Million Mothers Receive Food Stamps

Over 2 Million Not Married

In 1993, 5.3 million mothers (15 to 44 years old) received food stamps. These women had, on average, 2.6 children each (mothers not on food stamps average 2.1 children each). About 40 percent (2.1 million) were not married.

This profile of food stamp recipients comes from information released by the Census Bureau in a *Statistical Brief*, "Mothers Who Receive Food

Stamps – Fertility and Socioeconomic Characteristics" (SB/95-22). The data were collected in the Survey of Income and Program Participation between June and September 1993.

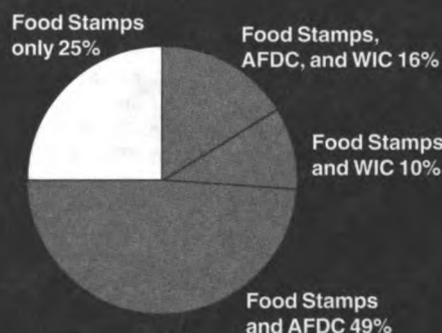
The *Brief* is available free from Customer Services (301-457-4100) and through the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>) and for the cost of the call through *FastFax* (1-900-555-2329).

In accessing this report on the Internet, access the Census Bureau's home page, click on "Population and Housing" and then on "Statistical Briefs."

For more information about the data, contact Amara Bachu, Population Division (301-457-2449). See page 7, this issue, for related article.

Three in Four Mothers on Food Stamps Also Receive Other Welfare Benefits

Percent distribution of mothers 15 to 44 years old currently receiving food stamps, by government assistance programs they participated in: Summer 1993



Note: AFDC stands for Aid to Families With Dependent Children; WIC stands for Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Source: "Mothers Who Receive Food Stamps – Fertility and Socioeconomic Characteristics," *Statistical Brief, 95-22*.

Advisory Meetings Not Until December

In the August issue of *Census and You*, we invited users to attend the meetings of the Joint Advisory Committees on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Hispanic Populations, originally scheduled for October. These meetings have been cancelled. The next meetings will be held in December. Contact Diana Harley, Decennial Management Division (301-457-4047), for further information.

Must Sell!**CD-ROM Prices Slashed!**

We're having a clearance sale! The Census Bureau's Customer Services is discounting most CD-ROM's and offering reduced prices for volume purchases.

We are reducing the price of all CD-ROM products issued before September 1, 1993, from \$150 to \$50 each. Among the compact discs are –

- *Summary Tape File (STF) 1A, 1B, and 1C*, with data from the 1990 Census of Population and Housing's short-form questionnaire.

- *STF 3A and 3C*, which contain sample data from the 1990 long-form questionnaire.

- *Census Files for Puerto Rico – 1990 STF 1A, STF 1B, and STF 3* and

the *Redistricting Files (PL94-171)*: \$150 (from an original total of \$450).

- *1990 Equal Employment Opportunity File*, with data on age, sex, race, Hispanic origin for educational attainment and for 512 occupations. Statistics are shown for States, counties, and places: \$50 (from \$150).

- *Monthly U.S. Merchandise Trade Imports and Exports*, among the most popular Census Bureau CD-ROM products, \$50 per disc (from \$150) up to and including the December 1992 reference month.

We previously cut the per-disc price on the 44 *1992 TIGER/Line® Files* from \$150 to \$50 apiece. These are benchmark digital files with

geographic boundary data and mapping software. Users also can pull up 1990 demographic data for block groups.

Says Les Solomon, chief of Customer Services, "We are interested in making products available to secondary markets, such as colleges and universities and others unable to afford the discs when they first came out."

Discounts for Bulk Orders

Over and above the clearance cuts, we are offering an additional 10 percent off volume purchases for every 20 compact discs purchased. These reductions rise to a maximum of 50 percent off for purchases of 100 discs or more, ordered at the same time.

Thus, a package of 23 discs ordered at the same time – users may mix or match data files as desired – would go for \$1,035 instead of \$1,150.

Contact Customer Services via phone (301-457-4100), fax (301-457-4714), or the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>) then click on "Market Place").

New Number for Public Information Office

The Census Bureau's Public Information Office has a new phone number for the press to call: 301-457-3030.

Census and You is now issued by the Public Information Office. To reach us, call 301-457-2822.

The State of Business in 1992

Services	Retail	Wholesale
32,878 establishments \$18.8 billion in receipts	22,921 establishments \$28.5 billion in sales	7,554 establishments \$46.9 billion in sales

"Rocky Mountain high tech": computer & peripheral equipment & software wholesalers had the highest sales among wholesalers – \$5.2 billion, up 242% since 1987. This industry also employed the most (6,912) among wholesalers.



Prepackaged software showed a 299% increase, making it the fastest-growing among service industries. Computer & software stores were the fastest-growing among retailers (251%).

Restaurants had the most retail employees (58,289).

Hotels & motels led services in number of employees (32,878).

Denver County led the State in receipts from services, with 28% of the total receipts, & in wholesale sales, with 34% of the total. It was second to Arapahoe County in retail sales (\$3.8 billion to \$4.8 billion).

Source: 1992 Censuses of Retail Trade, Service Industries, and Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series for Colorado.

Twenty Million in Long-Term Public Assistance Programs

About 20 million people participated in public assistance programs in all 24 months of 1991 and 1992, up from the previous 2-year period, when 18 million participated. Children under 18 years were more likely to be long-term participants than adults.

The findings are in a recent Census Bureau report, *The Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Program Participation, 1991 to 1993* (P70-46). Look for detailed tables too on the Internet.

The report covers the types of families receiving assistance, the likelihood of receiving assistance by race and Hispanic origin, and the probabilities of participating in assistance programs for the unemployed, those employed part and full time, and those with disabilities.

The Census Bureau counts persons as participants in a major means-tested program if they lived in public housing or were beneficiaries of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, food stamps, or Federal or State rent assistance.

In an average month during 1992, 34 million people participated in one of the above programs. About 42.5 million participated at some time during 1992.

The data were collected in the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

You can obtain the report from the U.S. Government Printing Office

(S/N 803-044-00035-0) for \$2. You can access detailed tables through our home page (<http://www.census.gov/>, then click on "Population and Housing" and on "Housing and Household Economics").

For questions about the content, contact Martina Shea, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division (301-763-8578).

Special CD-ROM's for Special Needs

Do you need 1990 census data for a specific topic? Having trouble finding what you need in our standard products? Don't overlook the *Subject Summary Tape Files*.

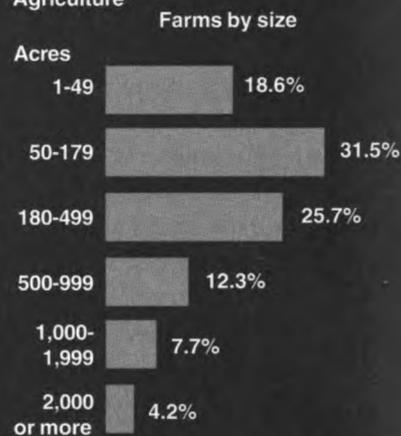
This is a collection of 21 disks on various subjects – metro housing characteristics, disability, the Asian and Pacific Islander population, fertility, poverty, and numerous others – for the most part based on data gathered in the 1990 census sample. The tabulations are generally very detailed. As a result, the geographic coverage is for larger areas – States and metro areas.

Discs come with easy-to-use retrieval software, allowing users to display and print data.

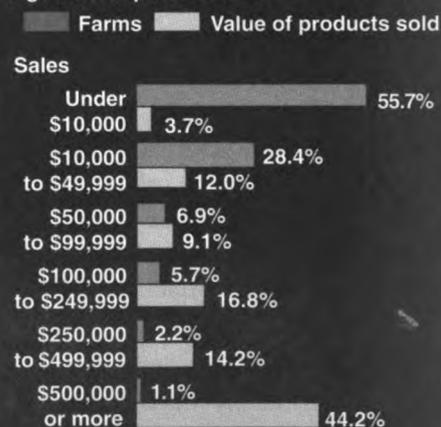
To find out more about these discs, which cost \$150 each, contact Customer Services for an order form (301-457-4100). The order form discusses the subject and geographic coverage for each file.

Harvest in Oklahoma

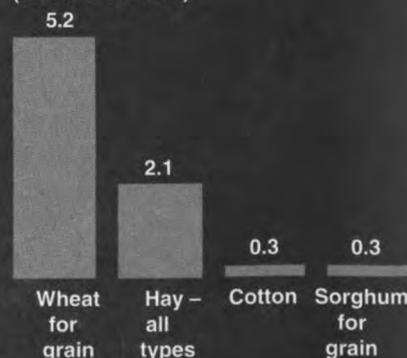
Highlights From the 1992 Census of Agriculture



Percent of farms and of market value of agricultural products sold



Selected crops harvested (millions of acres)



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

Latest on Elected Government Officials

How many appeals court judges does your State have? How many special district governments? Is there a commissioner of insurance? Find the answers to these questions and more in the newly released *1992 Census of Governments, Popularly Elected Officials, Series GC92(1)-2*.

You'll discover the number, type, and characteristics of elected officials. The report has detailed tables on the elected officials of State, county, municipal and town or township governments, public school systems, and special district governments.

In all, 84,995 local governments and all State governments are shown. Demographic characteristics include sex, race, and Hispanic origin. Most data are from the 1992 Census of Governments; however, several tables have summary data for 1977 and 1987.

Questions about the data? Contact David Kellerman or Marshall Moore, Governments Division (301-457-1586). The report is available from our Jeffersonville, Indiana facility (see page 2) for \$13.

Welcome Back!

Calling all Census Bureau alumni! The Census Alumni Association is holding its annual reunion on October 13, 11 AM to 4 PM, at Census Bureau headquarters. Former or retired employees are invited.

For more information, contact Bob Voight (703-524-8446).

County Governments Average 19 Elected Officials

Elected officials of county governments: 1992

	Number of county governments	Total officials	Average per county government		
			Total	Members of governing boards	All others
United States	3,043	58,818	19.3	5.7	13.7
Alabama	67	768	11.4	5.1	6.4
Alaska	12	312	26.0	8.2	17.8
Arizona	15	433	28.8	3.8	25.0
Arkansas	75	1,796	23.9	—	23.9
California	57	2,013	35.3	5.0	30.3
Colorado	62	528	8.5	3.1	5.4
Connecticut	—	—	—	—	—
Delaware	3	36	12.0	6.3	5.7
District of Columbia	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	66	842	12.7	5.3	7.4
Georgia	157	1,551	9.9	4.5	5.4
Hawaii	3	29	9.7	8.3	1.3
Idaho	44	482	10.9	3.0	8.0
Illinois	102	2,398	23.5	14.7	8.8
Indiana	91	1,776	19.5	3.3	16.2
Iowa	99	6,133	61.9	3.7	58.2
Kansas	105	3,412	32.4	3.1	29.4
Kentucky	119	1,737	14.5	.6	14.0
Louisiana	61	1,622	26.5	10.0	16.5
Maine	16	110	6.9	3.0	3.9
Maryland	23	323	14.0	5.0	9.0
Massachusetts	12	124	10.3	6.2	4.2
Michigan	83	1,399	16.8	8.8	8.1
Minnesota	87	1,024	11.7	5.2	6.6
Mississippi	82	1,576	19.2	5.0	14.2
Missouri	114	1,752	15.3	3.1	12.2
Montana	54	657	12.1	3.1	9.0
Nebraska	93	1,064	11.4	4.3	7.1
Nevada	16	284	17.7	3.9	13.8
New Hampshire	10	72	7.2	3.0	4.2
New Jersey	21	204	9.7	6.4	3.3
New Mexico	33	310	9.4	4.0	5.4
New York	57	1,317	23.1	16.5	6.5
North Carolina	100	1,658	16.6	5.4	11.2
North Dakota	53	631	11.9	4.3	7.6
Ohio	88	1,429	16.2	3.2	13.0
Oklahoma	77	641	8.3	3.0	5.3
Oregon	36	304	8.4	3.2	5.3
Pennsylvania	66	3,467	52.5	3.3	49.2
Rhode Island	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	46	765	16.6	7.0	9.7
South Dakota	64	669	10.4	4.7	5.7
Tennessee	93	3,835	41.2	17.8	23.3
Texas	254	4,491	17.6	4.1	13.6
Utah	29	299	10.3	3.1	7.2
Vermont	14	73	5.2	2.0	3.2
Virginia	95	989	10.4	5.6	4.8
Washington	39	445	11.4	3.6	7.8
West Virginia	55	461	8.4	3.0	5.3
Wisconsin	72	2,313	32.1	26.0	6.1
Wyoming	23	264	11.4	3.7	7.8

— Does not have county governments.

Source: 1992 Census of Governments, Popularly Elected Officials, Series GC92(1)-2.

Two New Metro Areas

In June, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced two new metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's):

- **Flagstaff, Arizona-Utah**
Central city: Flagstaff
Components: Coconino County, Arizona
Kane County, Utah
FIPS Code: 2620
- **Grand Junction, Colorado**
Central city: Grand Junction
Components: Mesa County, Colorado
FIPS Code: 2995

In addition, OMB announced a change to the Hickory – Morganton, North Carolina metro area: Lenoir, North Carolina newly qualifies as a central city; the title now changes to Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC MSA. The FIPS Code is still 3290.

For definitions of all MA's, you can purchase *OMB Bulletin 95-04* and its attached updated metropolitan area (MA) lists for \$19.50, from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The NTIS accession number for the bulletin and its MA lists is PB95-208880. Call 703-487-4650.

You can also purchase the same file for microcomputers for \$90. The item is available as a word-processor file on disk under the accession number PB95-503371.

The current list of MA's, their components, and FIPS codes is also available through the Internet. Access the Census Bureau's home page (<http://www.census.gov/>) and click on "Population and Housing" and then

on "Population." Check under "Methodology and Technical Topics." You can also find the concepts explained.

In addition, MA definition files are available on disk from the Population Division (301-457-2422) or the Geography Division (301-457-1099).

For further information on metro area definitions, contact James Fitzsimmons, Population Division (301-457-2419).

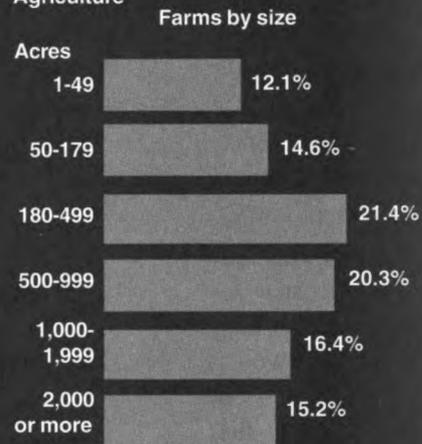
Data Sources Near You

- 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.

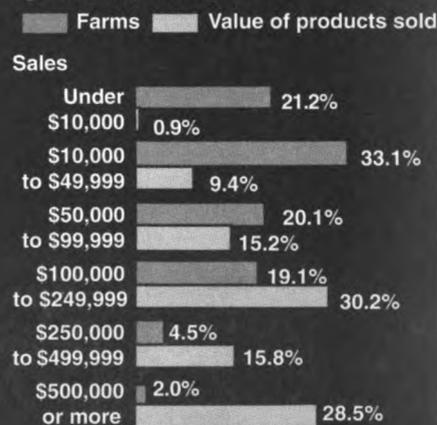
Call 301-457-4100 for more information. They also are listed in the *Census Catalog and Guide*. The Catalog is available for \$19 from the U.S. Government Printing Office (S/N 003-024-08782-1).

Harvest in South Dakota

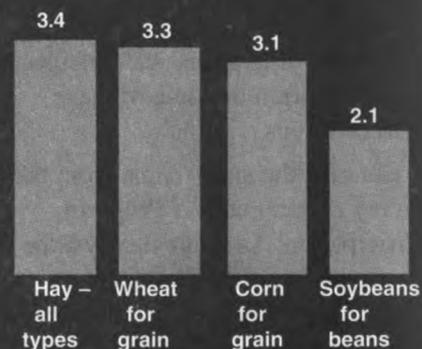
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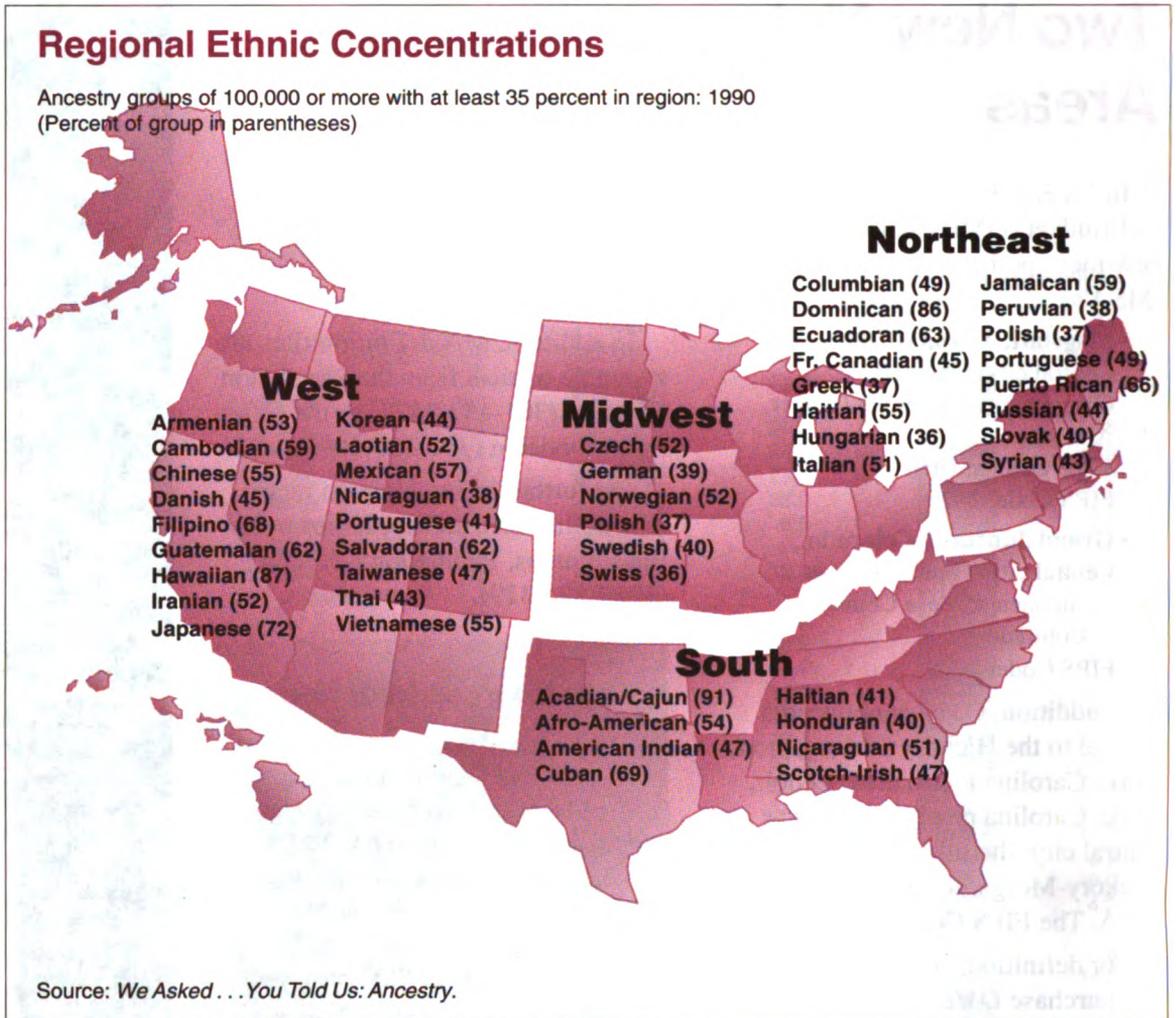
Source: 1992 Census of Agriculture, Geographic Area Series, South Dakota.

Roots

“German” was the most frequently reported ancestry in the 1990 census. Nearly one-fourth of us (58 million) said we were of German or part-German ancestry.

Get a quick read of the ancestry findings from the census in a two-page bulletin – “We Asked . . . You Told Us: Ancestry,” Series CQC-14, one of a series of bulletins on the topics asked about in the 1990 census.

Contact Customer Services (301-457-4100) for a copy or for a list of other bulletins in the series.



Visits to the Doctor

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The models also were used to measure the impact of hypothetical changes in the distribution of some of these characteristics.

Data for the study came from the Survey of Income and Program Participation. As in all surveys, the data in the report are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.

The Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on Doctor and Hospital Visits: 1990-92, Series P70-44, is

available for \$5.50 from the U.S. Government Printing Office (S/N 803-044-00033-3).

You can also get a free *Statistical Brief* on this topic from Customer Services (301-457-4100).

For a small charge, you can get the *Brief* from FastFax (1-900-555-2329). It's also on the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>), then click on "Population and Housing" and on "Statistical Briefs").

For more information on the content, contact Jack McNeil, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division (301-763-8300).

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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	July	\$bil.	196.5	196.7	185.1	-0.1	6.2
Inventory	June	\$bil.	300.6	300.5	279.0	—	7.8
Inv./sales ratio	June	ratio	1.53	1.54	1.51	(X)	(X)
Consumer installment credit	June	\$bil.	967.9	958.3	842.3	1.0	14.9
Merchant wholesalers: Sales	June	\$bil.	187.7	186.2	170.9	0.8	9.8
Inventory	June	\$bil.	248.9	247.7	223.0	0.5	11.6
Stock/sales ratio	June	ratio	1.33	1.33	1.30	(X)	(X)
Construction and Housing Sources: Census Bureau, Federal Housing Finance Board							
Residential: Building permits – AR	July	1,000	1,343	1,275	1,347	5.3	-0.3
Housing starts – AR	July	1,000	1,380	1,293	1,440	6.7	-4.2
New home sales – AR	July	1,000	715	712	630	0.4	13.5
New home mortgage rate – NSA	June	pct.	7.73	7.99	7.62	-3.3	1.4
New construction: Total expenditures – AR	June						
Current dollars		\$bil.	520.4	515.8	505.8	0.9	2.9
Constant (1987) dollars		\$bil.	467.1	464.3	470.3	0.6	-0.7
Manufacturing Sources: Census Bureau, Federal Reserve Board							
Durable goods: Shipments	June	\$bil.	161.0	159.6	150.0	0.9	7.3
New orders	June	\$bil.	159.1	159.5	151.2	-0.3	5.2
Unfilled orders	June	\$bil.	433.8	435.8	425.8	-0.5	1.9
Total goods: Shipments	June	\$bil.	298.7	297.1	278.6	0.5	7.2
Inventories	June	\$bil.	408.9	408.3	383.1	0.2	6.7
Inv./ship ratio	June	ratio	1.37	1.37	1.38	(X)	(X)
Index of industrial production	July	1987=100	121.3	121.1	118.2	0.2	2.6
U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services Source: Census Bureau							
Exports of goods and services	June	\$bil.	64.5	65.2	58.6	-1.2	10.0
Imports of goods and services	June	\$bil.	75.8	76.3	67.6	-0.6	12.2
Trade balance	June	\$bil.	11.3	-11.0	-8.9	2.4	26.7
Money Supply, Prices, Interest Rates Sources: Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Treasury							
Money supply (M1)	July	\$bil.	1,145	1,144	1,152	0.1	-0.6
Consumer Price Index – NSA	July	1982-84=100	152.5	152.5	148.4	—	2.8
Producer Price Index ¹	July	1982=100	127.8	127.8	125.5	—	1.8
Prime rate charged by banks ²	July	pct.	8.75	9.00	7.25	-2.2	21.4
3-month U.S. T-bill – NSA	July	pct.	5.42	5.50	4.39	-1.5	23.5
Other Principal Indicators Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis							
Civilian labor force	July	mil.	132.5	131.9	130.8	0.5	1.3
Unemployment rate	July	rate	5.7	5.6	6.1	1.8	-6.6
Index of leading indicators	June	1987=100	101.2	101.0	101.7	0.2	-0.5
Personal income – AR	June	\$bil.	6,016	5,993	5,675	0.4	6.0
			Qtr. 2	Qtr. 1	Percent		
			1995	1995	change ³		
Constant (1987) dollars:							
Gross domestic product (GDP)		\$bil.	5,477	5,470	5,470	0.5	
Personal consumption expenditures		\$bil.	3,667	3,644	3,644	2.5	
Gross private domestic investment		\$bil.	1,016	1,024	1,024	-3.2	

— Represents zero. AR Annual rate. NSA Not seasonally adjusted. X Not applicable. ¹Finished goods. ²As of end of month. ³Annualized rate.

Note: Figures are seasonally adjusted except as noted.

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The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics has released a report highlighting its activities during 1991-1993. Members of the Forum include Federal agencies that collect, analyze, and disseminate information about the older population.

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