Preface

The *County and City Data Book* (CCDB), published intermittently since 1944, is a local area supplement to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. This 2007 edition is the fourteenth in the series. The first edition featured city data only; the second, in 1947, county data only. Beginning with the third edition in 1949, the book was redesigned to include both county and city data and renamed the *County and City Data Book*. Subsequent editions were published in 1952, 1956, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1983, 1988, 1994, and 2000.

The *County and City Data Book* is a convenient summary of statistics on the social and economic structure of the counties and cities of the United States. It is designed to serve as a statistical reference and guide to other data publications and sources. The latter function is served by the source citations appearing below each table and Appendix A, Source Notes and Explanations.

This volume includes a selection of data from many statistical publications and electronic sources, both government and private. Publications and Internet sites listed as sources usually contain additional detail and more comprehensive discussions of definitions and concepts than can be presented here. Data not available in publications issued by the contributing agency but obtained from unpublished records are identified in the source notes as "unpublished data." More information on the subjects covered in the tables so noted may generally be obtained from the source.

Although emphasis in this publication is primarily given to county and city data, Table A includes U.S. and state totals.

Statistics in this edition—Data are generally shown for the most recent year or period available by spring of 2007.

States—Data are presented for the United States, the 50 states, and the District of Columbia. 188 data items are presented for these areas in 15 tables, A-1 through A-15. The states and the District of Columbia are presented in alphabetic order under the U.S. total.

Counties—Data are presented for 3,141 counties and county equivalents defined as of February 22, 2005, as well as the United States, the 50 states, and District of Columbia. 188 data items are presented for these areas in 15 tables, B-1 through B-15. The counties and county equivalents are presented in Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code order, which lists counties alphabetically under their respective states; independent cities in Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia are listed alphabetically at the end of the respective county listing.

Cities—Data are presented for states and the 1,265 incorporated places with 25,000 or more population as of April 1, 2000. Two census designated places (CDPs) are also included (Honolulu CDP in Hawaii and Arlington CDP in Virginia). 82 data items are presented for these areas in six tables, C-1 through C-6. The cities and CDPs are presented in FIPS code order, which lists these areas alphabetically under their respective states.

Places—Table D comprises six individual tables with 79 items of data. These tables present data for states and 242 incorporated places of 100,000 or more population as of April 1, 2000, in all states except Hawaii, which has no incorporated places recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau. Two CDPs are also included (Honolulu CDP in Hawaii and Arlington CDP in Virginia).

Statistical reliability and responsibility—The contents of this volume were taken from many sources. All data from either censuses and surveys or from administrative records are subject to error arising from a number of factors: sampling variability (for statistics based on samples), reporting errors in the data for individual units, incomplete coverage, nonresponse, imputations, and processing error. The Census Bureau cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than those for which it collects. The responsibility for selection of the material and for proper presentation, however, rests with the Census Bureau.

Maps—For a map of the United States with the 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as census regions and divisions, see the inside of the front cover. Maps of all 50 states and the District of Columbia showing county and metropolitan area boundaries and names, as well as the locations of incorporated places of 25,000 or more population, can be found in Appendix D.

Appendixes—Appendix A presents a discussion of source notes and explanations for the data items in Tables A through D. Appendix B presents a discussion of the limitations of data and methodology. Appendix C presents a discussion of the geographic information relevant to this volume, as well as the current definitions for metropolitan areas. Appendix D is a set of state maps with county and

metropolitan area boundaries and names, as well as locations of incorporated places of 25,000 or more population. Appendix E is a guide to subjects by geographic area.

For additional information on data presented— Please consult the source publications available in local libraries, write to the agency indicated in the source notes, or visit the Internet site listed. Contact the Census Bureau only if it is cited as the source.

Statistics for the nation—Extensive data at the national level can be found in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007*, an annual national data book, released each fall. Several editions of this publication are available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab>.

USA Statistics in Brief, a pocket-size pamphlet highlighting many statistical series in the *Abstract*, is available separately; single copies of this pamphlet can be obtained free from U.S. Census Bureau, Customer Services Center, Washington, DC 20233 (telephone 301-763-4636).

Statistics for states and metropolitan areas—Data for states and metropolitan areas may be found in the *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book: 2006*; available in print or on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/compendia/smadb/>.

Additional statistics for counties—While this book contains approximately 188 data items for all counties and county equivalents in the United States, an extensive county database featuring over 6,000 data items for these areas can be found in USA Counties on the Internet at <http://censtats.census.gov/usa/usa.shtml>.

Suggestions and comments—Users of the *County and City Data Book* and related publications (see inside back cover) are urged to make their data needs known for consideration in planning future editions. Suggestions and comments for improving coverage and presentation of data should be sent to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233.