

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN CENSUS TRACT CITIES

The Committee on Census Enumeration Areas of the American Statistical Association was established in 1932. Since that time it has worked with city people throughout the country both in establishing their cities as tract cities and in assisting them in promoting the use of tracts. Since the committee work is all voluntary and there is no travel allowance, it has been difficult to keep in touch with the work in each city.

In November 1944, a questionnaire was addressed to each Key Person to obtain basic information about the use of census tracts and their promotion in each city. Half the questionnaires were returned promptly while the rest straggled in over a six-month period. Some Census Tract Key Persons were found to no longer be in the city and it was necessary to fill these vacancies before the questionnaires could be obtained.

The essential facts about each city are presented in Table I and elaborated in succeeding tables.

The census tract idea was conceived by the late Doctor Walter Laidlaw in New York City more than 40 years ago. The Bureau of the Census in 1910 established census tracts for each of the 8 cities having 500,000 or more inhabitants at that time. In 1926, Cleveland and Chicago became interested in data by census tracts.

As the 1930 census date approached, other cities became interested in knowing where their population lived and under what conditions and 10 new cities, making 18 in all, were laid out in census tracts and approved by the Bureau of the Census prior to the 1930 census. During the succeeding decade, an effort was made to establish census tracts in all cities of a quarter of million inhabitants or more. Interest also developed in some smaller cities.

Prior to the 1940 census 61 cities, including Honolulu, were laid out in census tracts. The date of the first census taken on a tract basis is shown for each city in Table I. Akron, Memphis, New Haven, and Providence which were not tracted until the 1940 census have obtained from the Bureau of the Census special tabulations of selected data by tracts for 1930.

The 61 cities range in population from Macon, Ga., with 57,865 to New York City with 7,454,995. With the exception of San Antonio, Texas, all cities of 250,000 or more inhabitants were tracted for the 1940 census. It is not considered advisable to tract small cities, and only 6 of the present tract cities have fewer than 100,000 inhabitants.

Twenty-six cities including Honolulu have laid out tracts in adjacent suburban areas. In some instances these represent a part or all of the balance of the county; in other instances they include the entire metropolitan district. The Key Person in nearly every large city reported that he felt it desirable to have the entire metropolitan district tracted, but it is not now known how many cities will actually accomplish this in time for the 1950 census.

The Committee on Census Enumeration Areas has maintained a Key Person in each city to coordinate and promote the use of census tracts. Because census tracts have applications in every field of interest, the Key Persons are almost evenly divided among welfare organizations, universities, business interests, and city agencies. There is no apparent difference in the efficiency of the Key Person according to affiliation although it is almost inevitable that his efforts are concentrated within his own field of interest.

Because no one person is in close daily contact with all the interest groups of a city, every Key Person is urged to establish a Census Tract Committee whose members represent the various interests. The very acceptance of committee membership may also serve to develop an interest where none existed before.

Less than a fourth of the cities have established such committees. Nearly all of the Key Persons appointed during the past year have indicated that they are now forming committees which, of course, are not listed here.

Two-thirds of the tracted cities have available both a census tract street map or census tract outline map and a census tract street index. Only nine cities reported that they had neither. If a city has any kind of map available for distribution and any kind of a tract index, it is so recorded in Table I. A subsequent table gives more detail for each city.

The types of principal users reported in the questionnaires are shown in Table I with some misgivings. It should be emphasized that the lack of an "x" in any given column does not necessarily mean that no use is being made of census tracts by the particular interest group. It merely means that the Key Person in listing the principal users did not include users in this category.

Miss Esther M. Wright of the Vital Statistics Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census has been of real assistance in the analysis of the questionnaires and the preparation of this report. Replies have been checked with other published data, with the replies received in the 1937 study, and with the Census Tract Library maintained in Cleveland. The information is, of course, more complete for some cities than for others and a faithful reproduction of everything at hand may tend to do an apparent injustice to the remainder of the cities. There are no doubt also errors in interpretation as well as recording which various Key Persons may wish to correct.

Table I

Summary of Questionnaires Received from Census Tract Key Persons

City	First Census Date for which Tract Data of Central City Collected	Population of Central City	No. of Census Tracts in Central City	No. of Census Tracts in Adjacent Area	Affiliation of Key Person	Census Tract Committee	Material Available		Types of Principal Users		
							Census Tract Map	Census Tract Street Index	Government	Welfare Business	
1. Akron	1940	244,791	57	11	u	x	x	x	x	x	x
2. Atlanta	1940	302,288	75	37	b	x	x	x	x	x	x
3. Atlantic City ^b	1940	64,094	23	-	c	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Augusta	1940	65,919	15	1	b	-	x	x	x	x	x
5. Austin	1940	87,930	14	-	u	-	-	-	-	x	-
6. Baltimore	1910	859,100	157	-	c	-	x	x	x	x	x
7. Berkeley	1930	85,547	26	32 ^d	u	-	-	x	x	x	-
8. Birmingham	1940	267,583	52	-	c	-	x	x	x	x	x
9. Boston	1910	770,816	156	-	p	-	-	x	x	x	-
10. Buffalo	1930	575,901	72	-	p	x	x	x	x	x	x
11. Cambridge	1940	110,879	30	-	p	x	x	x	x	x	x
12. Camden ^c	1940	117,536	24	-	c	-	-	-	-	x	x
13. Chicago	1910	3,396,808	935	-	u	x	x	x	x	x	x
14. Cincinnati	1930	455,610	107	44	u	x	x	x	x	x	-
15. Cleveland	1910	878,536	206	142	p	-	x	x	x	x	x
						Special Meetings					Special Meetings

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							Census Tract Map	Census Tract Street Index	Census Tract	Government	Welfare
16. Columbus	1930	306,087	61	-	u	x	-	x	x	x	x
17. Dallas ^b	1940	294,734	58	6	u	-	-	-	-	-	-
18. Dayton ^b	1940	210,718	53	1	c	-	-	-	-	-	-
19. Denver	1940	322,412	44	-	u	-	-	x	-	-	x
20. Des Moines	1940	159,819	44	-	c	-	x	-	-	x	x
21. Detroit	1940	1,623,452	369	113	u	x	x	x	x	x	x
22. Duluth	1940	101,065	38	-	c	-	x	x	x	x	x
23. Elizabeth ^c	1940	109,512	21	-	c	-	-	-	-	x	-
24. Flint	1940	151,543	41	23	-	-	x	x	x	-	x
25. Hartford	1940	166,267	41	16	p	Research Div. C. of S. A.	-	x	x	x	x
26. Honolulu	1940	179,359	29	67 ^e	b	-	x	x	x	x	x
27. Houston	1940	384,514	50	-	p	Research Div. C. of S. A.	x	x	x	x	x
28. Indianapolis	1940	386,972	107	34	p	x	x	x	x	x	x
29. Jersey City ^c	1940	301,173	63	97	c	-	-	-	-	-	-
30. Kansas City	1940	399,178	92	-	p	-	x	x	x	x	x
31. Long Beach ^b	1940	164,271	31	255	b	Research Com. C. of C.	-	-	-	-	-
32. Los Angeles	1930	1,504,277	303	(b	(x	x	x	x	x ⁴

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							Census Tract Map	Census Tract Street Index	Government	Welfare Business
33. Louisville	1940	319,077	89	12	c	-	x	x	x	x
34. Macon	1940	57,865	17	8	-	-	-	-	-	x
35. Memphis	1940	292,942	75	9	c	-	x	-	x	x
36. Milwaukee	1940	587,472	153	-	c	x	x	x	x	-
37. Minneapolis	1940	492,370	121	11	p	x	x	x	x	x
38. Nashville	1930	167,402	40	-	p	Research Div. C. of S. A.	x	x	x	x
39. Newark ^c	1940	429,760	98	-	c	-	-	-	x	x
40. New Haven	1940	160,605	33	-	p	-	x	x	x	x
41. New Orleans	1940	494,537	133	-	u	-	x	x	x	x
42. New York City	1910	7,454,995	3,343	-	p	-	x	Health Areas	x	x
43. Oakland	1940	502,163	72	32 ^d	u	-	x	x	x	x
44. Oklahoma City ^b	1940	204,424	60	13	b	-	-	-	-	-
45. Paterson ^c	1940	139,656	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46. Philadelphia	1910	1,931,334	404	-	b	x	x	x	x	x
47. Pittsburgh	1910	671,659	194	297	p	x	x	x	x	x
48. Portland, Ore.	1940	305,394	60	-	c	-	x	-	x	x
49. Providence	1940	253,504	49	-	p	-	x	x	x	x ⁵

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							Census Tract Map	Census Tract Street Index	Government	Welfare Business	
50. Richmond	1940	193,042	47	-	o	-	x	x	-	x	-
51. Rochester	1940	324,975	88	-	c	x	x	x	x	x	x
52. St. Louis	1910	816,048	128	119	b	-	x	x	-	x	x
53. St. Paul	1940	287,736	73	4	c	-	x	x	x	x	-
54. San Francisco	1940	634,536	119	-	b	-	x	x	x	x	x
55. Savannah	1940	95,996	37	7	b	-	-	x	-	-	x
56. Seattle	1940	368,302	79	-	u	-	x	x	x	x	x
57. Syracuse	1930	205,967	61	-	u	-	x	x	x	x	-
58. Toledo	1940	282,349	55	-	c	-	x	x	x	x	x
59. Trenton ^c	1940	124,697	22	-	u	-	-	-	-	-	x
60. Washington, I.C.	1930	663,091	96	-	p	Research Div. C. of S. A.	x	x	x	x	x
61. Yonkers ^c	1930	142,598	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-

Footnotes

- ^aKey to symbols: u, university; b, business; c, city or county government; p, private agency
- ^bQuestionnaire not returned
- ^cQuestionnaire not returned. Information supplied by survey of member of Consulting Staff, Vital Statistics Division, U. S. Bureau of the Census
- ^dCensus tracts adjacent to Berkeley and Oakland
- ^eEntire territory of Hawaii is tracted

CENSUS TRACT KEY PERSONS

The Committee has maintained a Census Tract Key Person in each tract city to coordinate and promote the use of census tracts locally. Many of the same persons have served both loyally and efficiently for many years. The wide use being made of census tracts in their cities is evidence of this fact. Displacements and the pressure of work occasioned by the war, however, have held back the development of the use of census tracts in some cities. About a third of the Key Persons are new to this position, having replaced former Key Persons only within the last year or so and others only within the past few months.

The Key Person should be a leader in his community, capable of promoting the use of census tracts and actively engaged in work involving the use of census tracts and census tract data. He should be a "live wire", have community-wide interests, and be in touch with city agencies, civic and welfare organizations, university research people, and the business interests of the city. He should be aware of the available statistical information about his city and have some knowledge of the needs for various types of data as well as the statistical techniques by which these needs can be met.

At the present time, 16 of the Census Tract Key Persons are associated with Councils of Social Agencies or other welfare organizations, 14 with universities, 12 with City Planning Commissions, 10 with Chambers of Commerce or private business enterprises, and 5 with various municipal departments. There are 4 vacancies. A list of Key Persons is shown below:

Table II

List of Census Tract Key Persons

Akron, Ohio

Dr. H. O. DeGraff
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Augusta, Ga.

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Secretary
The Chamber of Commerce

Atlanta, Ga.

Frank K. Shaw
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Austin, Texas

Dr. Carl M. Rosenquist
Department of Sociology
University of Texas

Atlantic City, N. J.

Mall Dodson
Public Relations Officer
City Hall

Baltimore, Md.

Dr. W. Thurber Fales
Director, Statistical Section
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List of Census Tract Key Persons(Cont'd)

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Birmingham, Ala. George V. Truss Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics Jefferson County Board of Health Fourth Ave. and Nineteenth St., N.	Dallas, Texas Dr. Walter T. Watson Department of Sociology Southern Methodist University
Boston, Mass. Miss Dorothy W. Myers Statistician Greater Boston Community Council 261 Franklin St. (10)	Dayton, Ohio Herbert W. Starick Planning Director City Plan Board 530 Municipal Bldg.
Buffalo, N. Y. Miss Sara Kerr Executive Secretary Buffalo Foundation 361 Delaware Ave. (2)	Denver, Colo. Dr. F. L. Carmichael Director, Bureau of Business and Social Research University of Denver 2011 Glenarm Place
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Chicago, Ill. Dr. Louis Wirth Department of Sociology University of Chicago 1126 E. 59th St. (37)	Duluth, Minn. John C. Hunner Secretary and Chief Technician City Planning Commission 209 City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio Dr. Earle Eubank Department of Sociology University of Cincinnati Burnet Woods Station (21)	Elizabeth, N. J. Mrs. Frances M. Burrus Executive Director Elizabeth Housing Authority 688 Maple Ave.
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List of Census Tract Key Persons (Cont'd)

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Jersey City, N. J.
 Hugh Clarke
 City Development Engineer
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Long Beach and Los Angeles, Calif.
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Louisville, Ky.

Macon, Ga.

Memphis, Tenn.
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Milwaukee, Wis.
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 Citizens' Bureau of Milwaukee
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 Minneapolis Council of Soc. Agencies
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Nashville, Tenn.
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 Council of Community Agencies
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Newark, N. J.
 Joseph Reilly
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New Haven, Conn.
 Miss Helen M. Currier
 Secretary
 New Haven Council of Social Agencies
 165 Elm St.

New Orleans, La.
 Dr. Harlan W. Gilmore
 Department of Sociology
 Tulane University of Louisiana (15)

New York City, N. Y.
 Dr. Neva R. Deardorff
 Director, Research Bureau
 Welfare Council of New York City
 44 East 23rd St. (10)

Oakland, Calif.
 Samuel C. May
 Director, Bur. of Public Administration
 University of California
 Berkeley (4)

List of Census Tract Key Persons (Cont'd)

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jack Hull
Manager, Research Division
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

St. Paul, Minn.

George H. Herrold
Planning Engineer
The City Planning Board
Court House (2)

Paterson, N. J.

San Francisco, Calif.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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Syracuse, N. Y.

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Syracuse University (10)

Providence, R. I.

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City Plan Commission
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Richmond, Va.

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Trenton, N. J.

Professor Harlan H. Miller
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New Jersey State Teachers College (5)

Rochester, N. Y.

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Yonkers, N. Y.

LOCAL CENSUS TRACT COMMITTEES

Every Key Person is urged to create a Census Tract Committee for his city. The committee should include:

1. A member of the American Statistical Association
2. A member of the American Marketing Association
3. The business manager of a local newspaper
4. A public utility man
5. A member of the Real Estate Board
6. The Secretary or Research Director of the Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade
7. The Chief Engineer of the Planning Commission
8. The Health Commissioner or the Registrar of Vital Statistics of the City Health Department
9. The Director of the Public Housing Authority
10. The Executive Secretary or Research Director of the Council of Social Agencies
11. The Chief Librarian
12. A professor of sociology from a local college or university
13. A representative churchman
14. The superintendent of schools
15. The president of a local bank
16. Others

The local committee should give consideration to ways and means of promoting an understanding of the use of census tracts within the community. Its members should assume primary responsibility for developing census tract uses among the group of interests each represents and should serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas among the several interests within the city. The Key Person should serve the committee as Chairman or Secretary. The Committee need not meet more than once or twice a year.

Fourteen cities have established such special committees. In 5 cities the research committee of the organization with which the Key Person is affiliated is used. Three Key Persons call special meetings of all interested persons from time to time. In Baltimore last year, for example, 45 persons representing 19 organizations and business firms devoted an entire afternoon to the consideration of tract use. Most of the new Key Persons are now organizing committees.

The names of committee members in the 14 cities are given below:

List of Local Census Tract Committees

Akron:

*Dr. H. O. DeGraff
Department of Sociology
University of Akron

E. J. Larrick
Secretary
United War Chest

List of Local Census Tract Committees(Cont'd)

Atlanta:

*Frank K. Shaw
Engineer
Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

J. Royce Dobbs
Atlanta Constitution

Frank Gilreath
Atlanta Journal

A. R. Dorson
Treasurer
City Housing Authority

Frank G. Etheridge
Commissioner
City Housing Authority

O. M. Harper
Commissioner
City Housing Authority

C. F. Palmer
Chairman
City Housing Authority

James D. Robinson, Jr.
Vice-Chairman
City Housing Authority

James H. Therroll
Executive Director
City Housing Authority

Philip Weltner
General Counsel
City Housing Authority

W. B. Bean
City Planning Commission

Raymond W. Torras
Chief Planning Engineer
City Planning Commission

Mayors and City Councils
East Point, College Park, Hapeville,
Chamblee and Avondale Estates

W. H. Weaver
City Engineer
Decatur, City of

George Sparks
City Engineer
East Point

Raymond Schwartz
Federal Housing Administration

Mayor and Board of City Commissioners
Decatur

C. D. Roberts
Fulton County Surveyor

E. W. Roberts
Georgia Geodetic and Cadastral Survey

Ben Wooten
Georgia Geodetic and Cadastral Survey

P. H. Nabors
Georgia Power Company

State Planning Board

Spratlin, Harrington and Thomas

U. S. Bureau of the Census

W. H. Schroeder
U. S. Bureau of Foreign & Domestic
Commerce

K. S. McAllister
U. S. Housing Authority

Buffalo:

Miss Janet A. Scott
Executive Secretary
Buffalo and Erie Tuberculosis
Association, Inc.

Ralph M. Andrews
Executive Vice President
Buffalo Chamber of Commerce

William N. Kessel
Manager, Statistical and Research Div.
Buffalo Chamber of Commerce

List of Local Census Tract Committees(Cont'd)

Buffalo: (Cont'd)

Milton C. Guggenheimer
President
Buffalo City Planning Association

Elmer J. Tropman
Executive Secretary
Buffalo Council of Social Agencies

Russel C. Harris
National Advertising Manager
Buffalo Courier - Express

Dr. Edward F. Durney
Child Hygiene Division
Buffalo Department of Health

Dr. Francis E. Fronczak
Commissioner
Buffalo Department of Health

Newell L. Nussbaumer
Commissioner
Buffalo Department of Public Works

Alfred H. Kirchhofer
Buffalo Evening News

*Miss Sara Kerr
Executive Secretary
Buffalo Foundation

John H. Travers, Jr.
Buffalo Junior Chamber of Commerce

Robert D. Sipprell
Executive Secretary
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority

Sidney Detmers
Manager
Buffalo Municipal Research Bureau

James A. Whitmore
City Planning Commission

Dr. William T. Clark
Superintendent
Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital

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Mrs. Elizabeth G. Ponafidine
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International Institute

Judge Cocil B. Wiener
Executive Director
Jewish Welfare Society of Buffalo, Inc.

Honorable Joseph J. Kelly
Office of the Mayor

Fonton M. Parke
Parke Hall and Co.

Elvin G. Speyer
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Miss Alice Williams
Executive Secretary
United War and Community Fund

Professor Edmund D. McGarry
University of Buffalo

Dr. Robert E. Riegel
University of Buffalo

Dr. Mazie Wagner
University of Buffalo

Dean Niles Carpenter
University of Buffalo School of
Social Work

Cambridge:

Committee membership list not
available

Chicago:

Donald J. Campbell
Armour and Co.

Ralph Lee Goodman
Big 4 Advertising Carriers

List of Local Census Tract Committees (Cont'd)

Chicago (Cont'd)

Stanley P. Farwell
Business Research Corporation

Lee H. Madden
Business Research Corporation

Erwin W. Bochmler
Central Y. M. C. A. College

Louis A. Dumond
Chicago Association of Commerce

William J. Hoote
Chicago Herald-American

T. T. McCrosky
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Philip L. Soman
Chicago Recreation Commission

L. M. Trainer
Chicago Surface Lines

M. G. Barker
The Chicago Times, Inc.

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Commonwealth Edison Co.

Miss Lillian Ripple
Council of Social Agencies

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Herbert V. Prochnow
First National Bank of Chicago

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Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Dr. Paul L. Schroeder
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J. J. Harrington and Co.

W. Herrington
Leo Burnett Co., Inc.

J. L. Palmer
Marshal Field and Co.

Arthur J. O'Hara
The Northern Trust Co.

Homer B. Vanderblue
Northwestern University

J. A. Farber
Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.

Harry L. Oppenheimer
S. D. Leidersdorf Co.

Arthur Rosenbaum
Sears, Roebuck and Co.

John W. Boatwright
Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)

William H. Johnson
Superintendent of Schools

Ernest W. Burgess
University of Chicago

*Louis Wirth
University of Chicago

S. T. Rockwell
Western Electric Co.

Cincinnati:

Committee membership list not
available

Columbus:

P. A. Hall
Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

Dr. N. C. Dysart
Columbus Board of Health

James A. Maddox
Columbus Chamber of Commerce

E. H. Stork
Columbus City Engineer's Office

John L. Hall
Columbus Council of Social Agencies

O. A. Corzilius
Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority

List of Local Census Tract Committees(Cont'd)

Columbus: (Cont'd)

H. M. Appleman
Columbus Public Schools

Miss Josephine Lowry
Columbus Retail Merchants'
Association

Dr. Joseph Himes
Columbus Urban League

Dr. Viva Boothe
Ohio State University

Merriss Cornell
Ohio State University

*Dr. Mary Louise Mark
Ohio State University

Detroit:

John R. Stewart
Statistician
Detroit Board of Commerce

G. Arthur Blakeslee
Statistician
Detroit Board of Health

Miss Rosina Mchaupt
Statistician
Detroit Bureau of Governmental
Research

Stuart E. Walker
Detroit City Plan Commission

Leon S. Church
The Detroit Edison Co.

*Dr. Lent D. Wason
School of Public Affairs and
Social Work
Wayne University

Indianapolis:

Professor James H. Peeling
Department of Sociology
Butler University

Indianapolis: (Cont'd)

D. T. Burns
Citizens Gas and Coke Utility

Dr. Herman G. Morgan
City Board of Health

George F. Rooker
City Plan Commission

Charles A. Breece (Chairman
Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

*Sydney B. Markey
Indianapolis Council of Social
Agencies

Norman Isaacs
Indianapolis News

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The Research Divisions of the Council of Social Agencies act as **advisory committees** to the Key Persons in Hartford, Houston, Nashville, and Washington, D.C.

The Research Committee of the Chamber of Commerce acts as an advisory committee to the Key Person in Los Angeles.

Special meetings of organizations and business firms using census tracts are called from time to time in Baltimore, Berkeley, and Cleveland.

*1 Census Tract Key Person

CENSUS TRACT MAPS AND CENSUS TRACT STREET INDEXES

Adequate maps showing census tract boundaries and conveniently arranged census tract street indexes are vital to the successful promotion of the use of census tracts in any community.

Two kinds of maps should be readily available: a map showing all streets and the tract boundaries, and an outline map suitable for spotting statistical data.

A detailed street map is required by any agency which covers the city or any part of the city on an address basis. Thus, such a map is required by the Community Fund in laying out its campaign areas, the Visiting Nurse Association for its administrative districts, the tax assessor's office in the work of evaluating individual pieces of property, and the Chamber of Commerce in locating business sites.

Outline maps are equally important because it is only by their use that an agency can present its facts visually for study and demonstration. These may include, for example, the success of fund collections by area, distribution of services rendered, trends in property values by area, distribution of sales, or more general related information such as increases and decreases of population by area and distribution of population by economic status, race, age, education, and so forth.

Not only are such maps essential to show the geographical distribution of such items but they are equally necessary in portraying visually the relationship between items such as fund collections and economic status of the total population, nursing service rendered by type of population, retail sales by economic status, juvenile delinquency by nativity of parents, or any of a thousand and one phenomena under study by the civic, social, and business interests in every city.

Census tract street indexes are of assistance to any agency allocating its records geographically by tracts. These include nurses' visits, persons attending a specific hospital, place of residence of customers, active savings accounts, births, deaths, residence of juvenile delinquents, and thousands of other items.

Of the 56 cities from which information was received, 41 have available some kind of map and 44 have compiled some form of census tract street index. Only 38 cities have both maps and a street index; 3 have a map but no index; 6 have an index but no map; and 9 have neither.

Following is a summary of the reports submitted by Key Persons. The list of maps available for each city is not complete inasmuch as the questionnaire asked only whether the city had a published map showing all streets and census tract boundaries. It should also be noted that several cities which have published only outline maps indicated that the office of the Key Person marks tract boundaries on an adequate street map upon request.

No attempt has been made to differentiate between printed and mimeographed street indexes but all are considered "published" since they are available in quantity regardless of form. Of the 44 cities which have developed a Street index, 40 have published them but 5 of these are now out of print. Thus it may be said that in only 35 cities are census tract street indexes readily available for day-to-day use.

Table III

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Kinds of Census Tract Maps Available in Various Cities

City	Type	Form	Latest Date	Size	Price	Agency
Akron	Street	Printed	1940	36 x 36	\$.10	Chamber of Commerce
Atlanta	Street	Printed	1936	30 x 30	.50	Chamber of Commerce
Atlantic City	-	-	-	-	-	-
Augusta, Ga.	Street	Printed	-	-	Free	Chamber of Commerce
Austin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baltimore	Outline	Printed	-	8½ x 11	Free	City Health Department
		(Tract boundaries specified)				
	Outline	Printed	-	8½ x 11	Free	City Health Department
		(Tract boundaries not specified)				
	Outline	Printed	-	16 x 20	Free	City Health Department
		(Tract boundaries specified)				
	Outline	Printed	-	8½ x 11	Free	City Planning Commission
		(Tracts and tract boundaries specified)				
Berkeley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birmingham	Outline	Printed	1938	10 x 20	Free	County Health Department
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	Outline	Printed	1930	8½ x 11	.07½	Buffalo Foundation
		(3 later editions)			(also free)	
	Street	Printed	1930	18½ x 25	.25	Buffalo Foundation
		(3 later editions)			(also free)	
Cambridge	Street	Hand-blocked	-	-	.25	Community Council
Camden	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	Street	Printed	1932	-	.75	University of Chicago Book Shop
Cincinnati	Street	Printed	1935	36 x 48	-	City Buildings Department
Cleveland	Outline	Printed	1945	8½ x 11	.10	Cleveland Health Council
		(5-City)				
	Outline	Printed	1945	8½ x 11	.10	Cleveland Health Council
		(5-City, with industrial areas)				
	Outline	Printed	1945	8½ x 11	.10	Cleveland Health Council
		(5-City, with main streets)				
	Outline	Printed	1945	8½ x 11	.10	Cleveland Health Council
		(Metropolitan District and County with Industrial Areas)				
	Outline	Printed	1945	8½ x 11	.10	Cleveland Health Council
		(Metropolitan District and County with main streets)				

Kinds of Census Tract Maps Available in Various Cities(Cont'd)

City	Type	Form	Latest Date	Size	Price	Agency
Cleveland	Outline	Printed	1942	17 x 22	\$.75	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.
		(5-City)				
	Outline	Printed	1944	17 x 22	.75	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.
		(5-City, with industrial areas)				
	Outline	Printed	1942	17 x 22	.75	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.
		(Metropolitan District and County)				
	Outline	Printed	1944	17 x 22	.75	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.
		(Metropolitan District and County, with main streets)				
	Outline	Printed	1944	17 x 22	.75	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.
		(Metropolitan District and County, with industrial areas)				
	Street	Printed	1941	33 x 39	2.00	Howard Whipple Green
		(14-City)				
	Street	Printed	1945	44 x 58	6.50	Howard Whipple Green
		and (Metropolitan District and County)				
		Mounted				
	Street	Printed	1945	44 x 58	3.50	Howard Whipple Green
		(Metropolitan District and County)				
Street	Printed	1945	44 x 58	3.50	Howard Whipple Green	
	(Metropolitan District and County, with streets in blue)					
Outline	Printed	1941	44 x 58	2.00	Howard Whipple Green	
	(Metropolitan District and County)					
Street	Blue Line	1940	34'x34'	75.00	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.	
	Print					
	(Cuyahoga County - 52 sheets, with census tracts and lot lines)					
Street	Blue Line	1940	34'x34'	75.00	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.	
	Print					
	(Cuyahoga County - 52 sheets, with census tracts)					
Street	Blue Line	1940	34'x34'	75.00	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.	
	Print					
	(Cuyahoga County-52 sheets, with census tracts and block numbers)					
Street	Blue Line	1940	34'x34'	75.00	Cleve. Real Prop. Inven.	
	Print					
	(Cuyahoga County - 52 sheets, with census tracts, block numbers and 8 population and housing figures for each block)					
Street	Blue Line	1945	13'x13'	100.00	Howard Whipple Green	
	(Metropolitan District and County)					
Columbus	-	-	-	-	-	
Dallas	-	-	-	-	-	
Dayton	-	-	-	-	-	
Denver	-	-	-	-	-	
Des Moines	Outline	-	-	19 x 27	free	City Plan Commission

Kinds of Census Tract Maps Available in Various Cities(Cont'd)

City	Type	Form	Latest Date	Size	Price	Agency
Detroit	Outline	Printed	-	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14	\$.02	Bureau of Gov. Research (Detroit, Highland Park and Mamtramck)
	Outline	Printed	-	22 x 34	.10	Bureau of Gov. Research (Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck)
	Outline	Blueprint	-	35 x 53	1.60	Bureau of Gov. Research (Detroit Metropolitan District)
	Outline	Blueprint	-	34 x 45	1.40	Bureau of Gov. Research
Duluth	Street	Blue Line	1936	62 x 22	1.50	City Planning Dept.
Elizabeth	-	-	-	-	-	
Flint	Street	Printed	1939	12 x 12	free	Chamber of Commerce
Hartford	-	-	-	-	-	
Honolulu	Street	Printed	1941	36 x 50	2.00	J. B. Mann
Houston	Street	Printed	-	large	-	
	Outline	Printed	-	small	-	
Indianapolis	Street	Printed	1943	32 x 48	.90	Coun. of Social Agencies
Jersey City	-	-	-	-	-	
Kansas City, Mo.	Street	Printed	1942	22 x 14	1.00	Chamber of Commerce (including Street Index)
Long Beach	-	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	Street	Printed	1940	25 x 32	-	Regional Planning Com.
	Street	Printed	1940	48 x 72	-	Bridwell Engineering Co.
	Street	Printed	-	3 sizes	-	California Blueprint Co.
	(With transparent overlays showing tract boundaries)					
Louisville	Street	Printed	1941	19 x 24	.15	Planning & Zoning Com.
Macon	-	-	-	-	-	
Memphis	Street	Printed	1938	48 x 54	1.25	L. P. Cockrill
Milwaukee	Street	Printed	1938	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	free	Municipal Ref. Library
Minneapolis	Street	Printed	1937	36 x 54	.85	Coun. of Social Agencies
	Outline	Printed	-	24 x 36	.38	Coun. of Social Agencies
	Outline	Printed	-	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14	.01	Coun. of Social Agencies
Nashville	Street	Printed	1940	-	.25	Coun. of Com. Agencies
Newark	-	-	-	-	-	
New Haven	Street	Blueprint	1929	30 x 40	-	City Bur. of Engineering

Kinds of Census Tract Maps Available in Various Cities(Cont'd)

<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Latest Date</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Agency</u>
New Orleans	Street	Printed	1944	36 x 36	2.00	City Plan. and Zon. Com.
New York City	Outline	Printed	1940	-	.25	Welfare Council
	(One for each borough)					
Oakland	Street	Blueline	1945	23 x 39	free	City Planning Com.
Oklahoma City	-	-	-	-	-	
Paterson	-	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia	Outline	Printed	1940	17 x 22	-	Coun. of Social Agencies
Pittsburgh	Street	Printed	1942	34 x 34	.50	Fed. of Social Agencies
	Outline	Printed	1932	8½ x 11	-	Fed. of Social Agencies
	(City)					
	Outline	Printed	-	8½ x 11	-	Fed. of Social Agencies
	(County)					
Portland, Ore.	Street	Blueline	-	48 x 42	free	City Plan. Commission
Providence	Street	Printed	1941	47 x 55	5.00	Educational Exhibition Co.
Richmond	Street	Printed	1941	29 x 37	.35	Dept. of Public Works
Rochester	Street	Printed	1945	21 x 32	.50	Div. of Regional Planning
St. Louis	Street	Printed	1943	108x108	27.00	Census Committee
St. Paul	Street	Blueprint	1935	36 x 48	cost	City Planning Board
San Francisco	Street	Printed	1941	25 x 32	free	Chamber of Commerce
Savannah	-	-	-	-	-	
Seattle	Street	Printed	1939	17 x 27	.15	Kroll Map Co.
Syracuse	Street	Printed	-	54 x 62	1.00	Syracuse Housing Authority
	Street	Printed	1939	28 x 33	.35	Syracuse Housing Authority
	Outline	Printed	-	small	.10	Syracuse Housing Authority
Toledo	Street	Printed	1943	29 x 31½	.25	City Plan Commission
Trenton	-	-	-	-	-	
Washington, D.C.	Street	Printed	1940	26 x 28	.15	Coun. of Social Agencies
Yonkers	-	-	-	-	-	

Table IV

Kinds of Census Tract Street Indexes in Various Cities

<u>City</u>	<u>Street Index</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Latest Publication Date</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Akron	Yes	Yes	1940	\$.50	Chamber of Commerce
Atlanta	Yes	Yes	1936	Free	Chamber of Commerce
Atlantic City	-	-	-	-	
Augusta, Ga.	Yes	Yes	1942	-	Federal Works Agency
Austin	-	-	-	-	
Baltimore	Yes	Yes	1944 Revised ann.	free	City Health Department
Berkeley	Yes	Yes	1940	free	Dept. of Pub. Charities
Birmingham	Yes	Yes	1939	free	County Health Department
Boston	Yes	Yes	1941	free	Community Council
Buffalo	Yes	Yes	1938	1.00	Buffalo Foundation
Cambridge	Yes	Yes	-	.25	Community Council
Camden	-	-	-	-	
Chicago	Yes	Yes	-	.75	Univ. of Chicago Book Shop
		Out of print	-- to be revised		
Cincinnati	Yes	Yes	1935	-	City Fire Department
		Out of print			
Cleveland	Yes	Yes	1944	9.00	Cleveland Health Council
Columbus	Yes	Yes	1941	1.00	Ohio State University
Dallas	-	-	-	-	
Dayton	-	-	-	-	
Denver	Yes	Typewritten	-	-	University of Denver
Des Moines	-	-	-	-	
Détroit	Yes	Yes	1942	2.00	Bur. of Gov. Research
Duluth	Yes	No	1938 Revised ann.	-	City Planning Dept.

Kinds of Census Tract Street Indexes in Various Cities(Cont'd)

<u>City</u>	<u>Street Index</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Latest Publication Date</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Elizabeth	-	-	-	-	
Flint	Yes	Yes	1939	-	Flint Inst. of Research and Planning
Hartford	Yes	Yes	1942	free	Coun. of Social Agencies
Honolulu	Yes	Yes	1941	.50	Coun. of Social Agencies
Houston	Yes	Card Index	-	-	Coun. of Social Agencies
Indianapolis	Yes	Yes	1942	1.00	Coun. of Social Agencies
Jersey City	-	-	-	-	
Kansas City, Mo.	Yes	Yes	1942	1.00	Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles	In process				
Louisville	Yes	Yes Out of print	1935	-	Plan. and Zoning Com.
Macon	-	-	-	-	
Memphis	-	-	-	-	
Milwaukee	Yes	Yes	1938	free	Municipal Ref. Library
Minneapolis	Yes	Yes Out of print	1936 Being revised	.75	Coun. of Social Agencies
Nashville	Yes	Yes	1942	free	Coun. of Ccm. Agencies
Newark	-	-	-	-	
New Haven	Yes	Yes	1936	free	Coun. of Soc. Agencies
New Orleans	Yes	Yes	1939	1.00	Tulane University
New York City	Health Areas	Yes	1930- 1934	-	Welfare Council
Oakland	Yes	Yes None available	1940 To be revised	-	City Planning Commission

Kinds of Census Tract Street Indexes in Various Cities(Cont'd)

<u>City</u>	<u>Street Index</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Latest Publication Date</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Oklahoma City	-	-	-	-	
Paterson	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia	Yes	Yes	1937	1.00	Coun. of Social Agencies
Pittsburgh	Yes-city	Yes	1938	1.00	Fed. of Social Agencies
	Yes-county	Yes	1939	1.00	Fed. of Social Agencies
	Place name Directory for county	Yes	1939	.50	Fed. of Social Agencies
Portland, Ore.	-	-	-	-	
Providence	Yes	Yes	1942	.15	Coun. of Social Agencies
Richmond	Yes	Yes	1942	1.00	Dept. of Public Works
Rochester	Yes	Yes	1936	-	University of Rochester
St. Louis	Yes-city	Yes	1939	1.00	Social Plan. Council
	Yes-county	Yes	1939	1.25	Social Plan. Council
St. Paul	Yes	Yes	1943	free	Amherst H. Wilder Charity
San Francisco	Yes	Yes	1936	free	Chamber of Commerce
Savannah	Yes	Yes	1940	-	
Seattle	Yes	Yes	1939	1.00	Univ. of Washington Press
Syracuse	Yes	Yes	1942	.50	Coun. of Social Agencies
Toledo	Yes	Yes	1942	1.00	City Plan Commission
Trenton	-	-	-	-	
Washington, D.C.	Yes	Yes	1935	2.50	Coun. of Social Agencies
Yonkers	-	-	-	-	

CENSUS TRACT USERS

The analysis of the questionnaires submitted indicates that the principal users of census tracts and census tract data may be roughly divided into three types. A record collecting agency, such as the Vital Statistics Office, may allocate births, deaths, and cases of communicable diseases by tracts for both administrative and research purposes. The Chamber of Commerce, on the other hand, may not collect any data itself but may use Census data and data developed locally by tracts in preparing market analyses of sections of the city.

Finally, an agency may not be interested in analytical research but find tracts useful in a more or less purely administrative way. The Community Fund, for example, may establish its campaign areas on a tract basis in order to have accurate information on population and families in each area, but its interest in tracts as such may not go beyond this point.

The questionnaire mailed to Key Persons last year asked for the five principal users of census tracts, the five principal users of census tract publications, and the five principal users of the block data publications. Many Key Persons in answering did not attempt to differentiate between agencies actually using tracts and those using only tract data published by the United States Bureau of the Census and by local agencies. Others felt the list of the five principal users would be the same in any case. Several Key Persons indicated that it was impossible to select the five principal users from the many agencies and business firms using tracts in their cities and therefore answered these questions by listing categories of users, such as "city agencies," "welfare agencies," "real estate firms," and so forth.

Under these circumstances, it does not seem practical to present a list of users in each city. There is attached, however, a list of all the specific agencies and organizations mentioned together with the number of times each was mentioned by the 56 cities from which information was received.