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Rank	State	2000 Response Rate (Percent)
	National	67
1	Iowa	76
2	Minnesota	75
2	Nebraska	75
2	Wisconsin	75
5	South Dakota	74
6	Ohio	72
6	Virginia	72
6	North Dakota	72
9	Michigan	71
9	Kansas	71
11	California	70
11	Colorado	70
11	Connecticut	70
11	Pennsylvania	70
15	Illinois	69
15	Massachusetts	69
15	Indiana	69
15	Missouri	69
15	Maryland	69
20	Montana	68
20	New Jersey	68
20	Utah	68
20	Oregon	68
24	Rhode Island	67
24	New Hampshire	67
24	Idaho	67
27	Washington	66
27	Kentucky	66
27	Wyoming	66
27	Nevada	66
31	Georgia	65
31	Tennessee	65
33	Oklahoma	64
33	Arkansas	64
33	West Virginia	64
33	Texas	64
33	North Carolina	64
38	Florida	63
38	Delaware	63
38	New York	63

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Rank	State	2000 Response Rate (Percent)
38	Arizona	63
38	Mississippi	63
43	New Mexico	62
44	Alabama	61
44	Maine	61
44	Vermont	61
47	District of Columbia	60
47	Louisiana	60
47	Hawaii	60
50	South Carolina	59
51	Alaska	56
52	Puerto Rico	53

Table 2. States by Greatest Change

1	2	3	4	5
Rank	State	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
	National	65	67	+2
1	California	65	70	+5
1	Massachusetts	64	69	+5
1	Rhode Island	62	67	+5
1	Nevada	61	66	+5
1	Wyoming	61	66	+5
6	Connecticut	66	70	+4
6	New Hampshire	63	67	+4
6	District of Columbia	56	60	+4
6	Alaska	52	56	+4
10	Colorado	67	70	+3
10	New Jersey	65	68	+3
10	Texas	61	64	+3
10	Maine	58	61	+3
14	Virginia	70	72	+2
14	Georgia	63	65	+2
14	Florida	61	63	+2
14	Louisiana	58	60	+2
18	Nebraska	74	75	+1
18	Illinois	68	69	+1
18	Montana	67	68	+1
18	Oregon	67	68	+1
18	Utah	67	68	+1
18	North Carolina	63	64	+1
18	Oklahoma	63	64	+1
18	Arizona	62	63	+1
18	Mississippi	62	63	+1
18	New York	62	63	+1
18	South Carolina	58	59	+1
29	Iowa	76	76	0
29	South Dakota	74	74	0
29	North Dakota	72	72	0
29	Missouri	69	69	0
29	Tennessee	65	65	0
29	New Mexico	62	62	0
35	Minnesota	76	75	-1
35	Kansas	72	71	-1
35	Michigan	72	71	-1
35	Maryland	70	69	-1
35	Washington	67	66	-1
35	Arkansas	65	64	-1
35	West Virginia	65	64	-1
35	Alabama	62	61	-1

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Rank	State	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
43	Wisconsin	77	75	-2
43	Hawaii	62	60	-2
45	Ohio	75	72	-3
45	Pennsylvania	73	70	-3
45	Indiana	72	69	-3
45	Idaho	70	67	-3
45	Kentucky	69	66	-3
45	Vermont	64	61	-3
51	Delaware	68	63	-5
NA	Puerto Rico	NA	53	N/A

NA: Puerto Rico did not use mailout/mailback in 1990

Table 3. Highest Achievers: 100 Most Populous Counties and County Equivalents

1	2	3	4	5	6
Rank	County	7/01/99 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
1	Macomb County, MI	792,082	81	81	0
2	Fairfax County, VA	945,717	76	80	+4
3	Oakland County, MI	1,179,978	77	79	+2
3	St Louis County, MO	996,181	77	79	+2
5	DuPage County, IL	892,547	75	78	+3
6	Hennepin County, MN	1,064,419	75	77	+2
6	Montgomery County, MD	852,174	76	77	+1
8	Orange County, CA	2,760,948	69	76	+7
8	Ventura County, CA	745,063	76	76	0
8	Montgomery County, PA	724,087	77	76	-1
8	Monroe County, NY	712,419	77	76	-1
8	Bucks County, PA	594,047	75	76	+1
13	Santa Clara County, CA	1,647,419	71	75	+4
13	Contra Costa County, CA	933,141	71	75	+4
13	Bergen County, NJ	857,052	72	75	+3
13	San Mateo County, CA	702,102	70	75	+5
13	Norfolk County, MA	643,580	70	75	+5
13	Lake County, IL	617,975	69	75	+6
19	Middlesex County, MA	1,426,606	67	74	+7
19	Nassau County, NY	1,305,057	73	74	+1
19	Erie County, NY	925,957	69	74	+5
19	Milwaukee County, WI	906,248	76	74	-2
19	Baltimore County, MD	723,914	76	74	-2
19	Middlesex County, NJ	717,949	69	74	+5
19	Gwinnett County, GA	545,632	67	74	+7
19	Delaware County, PA	541,502	74	74	0
19	Summit County, OH	537,856	78	74	-4
28	San Diego County, CA	2,820,844	68	73	+5
28	Kent County, MI	550,388	74	73	-1
30	Wayne County, MI	2,106,495	68	72	+4
30	Alameda County, CA	1,415,582	65	72	+7
30	Hartford County, CT	829,671	67	72	+5
30	Multnomah County, OR	633,224	66	72	+6
30	Monmouth County, NJ	611,444	67	72	+5
30	DeKalb County, GA	596,853	65	72	+7
30	Cobb County, GA	583,541	66	72	+6

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Rank	County	7/01/99 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
37	King County, WA	1,664,846	69	71	+2
37	Allegheny County, PA	1,256,806	75	71	-4
37	El Paso County, TX	701,908	67	71	+4
37	Jefferson County, KY	672,900	74	71	-3
37	Wake County, NC	586,940	66	71	+5
37	Montgomery County, OH	565,866	74	71	-3
43	Los Angeles County, CA	9,329,989	64	70	+6
43	Cuyahoga County, OH	1,371,717	72	70	-2
43	Franklin County, OH	1,027,821	74	70	-4
43	Fairfield County, CT	841,334	66	70	+4
43	Hamilton County, OH	840,443	75	70	-5
43	Worcester County, MA	738,629	67	70	+3
43	Essex County, MA	704,407	64	70	+6
50	Tarrant County, TX	1,382,442	62	69	+7
50	Fresno County, CA	763,069	63	69	+6
50	San Joaquin County, CA	563,183	64	69	+5
50	Tulsa County, OK	548,296	64	69	+5
54	San Bernardino County, CA	1,669,934	63	68	+5
54	Suffolk County, NY	1,383,847	66	68	+2
54	Bexar County, TX	1,372,867	68	68	0
54	Westchester County, NY	905,572	66	68	+2
54	Salt Lake County, UT	850,243	66	68	+2
54	New Haven County, CT	793,208	64	68	+4
54	Prince George's County, MD	781,781	66	68	+2
54	San Francisco County, CA	746,777	64	68	+4
54	Mecklenburg County, NC	648,400	68	68	0
63	Sacramento County, CA	1,184,586	66	67	+1
63	Pima County, AZ	803,618	66	67	+1
63	Travis County, TX	727,022	62	67	+5
63	Jackson County, MO	654,484	63	67	+4
63	Snohomish County, WA	596,598	66	67	+1
63	Davidson County, TN	530,050	57	67	+10
69	Duval County, FL	738,483	59	66	+7
69	Kern County, CA	642,495	60	66	+6
69	Oklahoma County, OK	636,539	63	66	+3
72	Cook County, IL	5,192,326	63	65	+2
72	Maricopa County, AZ	2,861,395	62	65	+3
72	Miami-Dade County, FL	2,175,634	61	65	+4
72	Dallas County, TX	2,062,100	60	65	+5
72	Riverside County, CA	1,530,653	59	65	+6
72	Clark County, NV	1,217,155	60	65	+5
72	Pinellas County, FL	878,499	66	65	-1

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72	Orange County, FL	817,206	62	65	+3
72	Providence County, RI	574,108	61	65	+4
81	Harris County, TX	3,250,404	59	64	+5
81	Palm Beach County, FL	1,049,420	58	64	+6
81	Hillsborough County, FL	940,484	62	64	+2
81	Shelby County, TN	873,000	63	64	+1
81	Marion County, IN	810,946	70	64	-6
81	Pierce County, WA	688,807	63	64	+1
87	Broward County, FL	1,535,468	62	63	+1
87	Honolulu County, HI	864,571	66	63	-3
89	Fulton County, GA	744,827	57	62	+5
90	Jefferson County, AL	657,422	63	61	-2
91	New York County, NY	1,551,844	52	60	+8
91	Hudson County, NJ	552,819	55	60	+5
93	Essex County, NJ	747,355	57	58	+1
93	Suffolk County, MA	641,695	47	58	+11
95	Philadelphia County, PA	1,417,601	57	57	0
96	Bronx County, NY	1,194,099	55	56	+1
97	Hidalgo County, TX	534,907	52	55	+3
98	Queens County, NY	2,000,642	58	54	-4
99	Baltimore city, MD *	632,681	63	53	-10
100	Kings County, NY	2,268,297	49	51	+2

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2	Davidson County, TN	530,050	57	67	+10
3	New York County, NY	1,551,844	52	60	+8
4	Orange County, CA	2,760,948	69	76	+7
4	Duval County, FL	738,483	59	66	+7
4	Middlesex County, MA	1,426,606	67	74	+7
4	Alameda County, CA	1,415,582	65	72	+7
4	Tarrant County, TX	1,382,442	62	69	+7
4	DeKalb County, GA	596,853	65	72	+7
4	Gwinnett County, GA	545,632	67	74	+7
11	Riverside County, CA	1,530,653	59	65	+6
11	Palm Beach County, FL	1,049,420	58	64	+6
11	Kern County, CA	642,495	60	66	+6
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20	Dallas County, TX	2,062,100	60	65	+5
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20	Clark County, NV	1,217,155	60	65	+5
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37	Wayne County, MI	2,106,495	68	72	+4
37	Fairfield County, CT	841,334	66	70	+4
37	El Paso County, TX	701,908	67	71	+4
48	Maricopa County, AZ	2,861,395	62	65	+3
48	DuPage County, IL	892,547	75	78	+3
48	Bergen County, NJ	857,052	72	75	+3
48	Orange County, FL	817,206	62	65	+3
48	Oklahoma County, OK	636,539	63	66	+3
48	Hidalgo County, TX	534,907	52	55	+3
48	Worcester County, MA	738,629	67	70	+3
55	Cook County, IL	5,192,326	63	65	+2
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55	Westchester County, NY	905,572	66	68	+2
55	Salt Lake County, UT	850,243	66	68	+2
55	Prince George's County, MD	781,781	66	68	+2
66	Broward County, FL	1,535,468	62	63	+1
66	Nassau County, NY	1,305,057	73	74	+1
66	Bronx County, NY	1,194,099	55	56	+1
66	Sacramento County, CA	1,184,586	66	67	+1
66	Shelby County, TN	873,000	63	64	+1
66	Montgomery County, MD	852,174	76	77	+1
66	Pima County, AZ	803,618	66	67	+1
66	Essex County, NJ	747,355	57	58	+1
66	Pierce County, WA	688,807	63	64	+1
66	Snohomish County, WA	596,598	66	67	+1
66	Bucks County, PA	594,047	75	76	+1
77	Philadelphia County, PA	1,417,601	57	57	0
77	Bexar County, TX	1,372,867	68	68	0
77	Macomb County, MI	792,082	81	81	0

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77	Mecklenburg County, NC	648,400	68	68	0
77	Delaware County, PA	541,502	74	74	0
83	Pinellas County, FL	878,499	66	65	-1
83	Montgomery County, PA	724,087	77	76	-1
83	Monroe County, NY	712,419	77	76	-1
83	Kent County, MI	550,388	74	73	-1
87	Cuyahoga County, OH	1,371,717	72	70	-2
87	Milwaukee County, WI	906,248	76	74	-2
87	Baltimore County, MD	723,914	76	74	-2
87	Jefferson County, AL	657,422	63	61	-2
91	Honolulu County, HI	864,571	66	63	-3
91	Jefferson County, KY	672,900	74	71	-3
91	Montgomery County, OH	565,866	74	71	-3
94	Queens County, NY	2,000,642	58	54	-4
94	Allegheny County, PA	1,256,806	75	71	-4
94	Franklin County, OH	1,027,821	74	70	-4
94	Summit County, OH	537,856	78	74	-4
98	Hamilton County, OH	840,443	75	70	-5
99	Marion County, IN	810,946	70	64	-6
100	Baltimore city, MD *	632,681	63	53	-10

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Table 5. Highest Achievers: 100 Most Populous Cities

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Rank	City	7/01/98 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
1	Chesapeake city, VA	199,564	71	78	+7
2	Lincoln city, NE	213,088	75	77	+2
2	Hialeah city, FL	211,392	71	77	+6
2	Madison city, WI	209,306	80	77	-3
2	Fremont city, CA	204,298	71	77	+6
2	Huntington Beach city, CA	195,316	70	77	+7
7	Plano city, TX	219,486	76	76	0
7	Glendale city, CA	185,086	70	76	+6
9	Virginia Beach city, VA	432,380	69	75	+6
9	Santa Ana city, CA	305,955	61	75	+14
9	Anaheim city, CA	295,153	64	75	+11
12	San Jose city, CA	861,284	69	74	+5
12	St. Paul city, MN	257,284	71	74	+3
14	San Diego city, CA	1,220,666	67	73	+6
14	Omaha city, NE	371,291	71	73	+2
14	Aurora city, CO	250,604	63	73	+10
17	El Paso city, TX	615,032	68	72	+4
17	Portland city, OR	503,891	66	72	+6
17	Colorado Springs city, CO	344,987	70	72	+2
17	Riverside city, CA	262,140	64	72	+8
21	Seattle city, WA	536,978	70	71	+1
21	Garland city, TX	193,408	65	71	+6
23	Denver city, CO	499,055	63	70	+7
23	Des Moines city, IA	191,293	72	70	-2
23	Fort Wayne city, IN	185,716	71	70	-1
26	Long Beach city, CA	430,905	63	69	+6
26	Raleigh city, NC	259,423	65	69	+4
26	Akron city, OH	215,712	73	69	-4
29	San Antonio city, TX	1,114,130	67	68	+1
29	San Francisco city, CA	745,774	64	68	+4
29	Milwaukee city, WI	578,364	71	68	-3
29	Charlotte city, NC	504,637	68	68	0
29	Fresno city, CA	398,133	63	68	+5
29	Toledo city, OH	312,174	70	68	-2
29	Arlington city, TX	306,497	61	68	+7
29	Lexington-Fayette, KY	241,749	66	68	+2
29	Bakersfield city, CA	210,284	62	68	+6
29	Glendale city, AZ	193,482	62	68	+6
39	Columbus city, OH	670,234	71	67	-4

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39	Austin city, TX	552,434	62	67	+5
39	Nashville-Davidson, TN	510,274	57	67	+10
39	Tulsa city, OK	381,393	62	67	+5
39	Minneapolis city, MN	351,731	68	67	-1
39	Wichita city, KS	329,211	71	67	-4
39	Greensboro city, NC	197,910	68	67	-1
39	Grand Rapids city, MI	185,437	70	67	-3
47	Albuquerque city, NM	419,311	62	66	+4
47	Stockton city, CA	240,143	62	66	+4
47	Lubbock city, TX	190,974	61	66	+5
47	Jackson city, MS	188,419	59	66	+7
51	Jacksonville city, FL	693,630	59	65	+6
51	Fort Worth city, TX	491,801	60	65	+5
51	Oklahoma City city, OK	472,221	61	65	+4
51	Tucson city, AZ	460,466	64	65	+1
51	Las Vegas city, NV	404,288	61	65	+4
51	Oakland city, CA	365,874	57	65	+8
51	Louisville city, KY	255,045	69	65	-4
51	Norfolk city, VA	215,215	61	65	+4
51	Mobile city, AL	202,181	63	65	+2
60	Los Angeles city, CA	3,597,556	60	64	+4
60	Phoenix city, AZ	1,198,064	60	64	+4
60	Indianapolis city, IN	741,304	70	64	-6
60	Kansas City city, MO	441,574	59	64	+5
60	Corpus Christi city, TX	281,453	64	64	0
60	Scottsdale city, AZ	195,394	65	64	-1
60	Augusta-Richmond County (remainder), GA	187,689	63	64	+1
67	Honolulu CDP, HI	395,789	66	63	-3
67	St. Petersburg city, FL	236,029	64	63	-1
67	Montgomery city, AL	197,014	60	63	+3
67	Yonkers city, NY	190,153	62	63	+1
71	Dallas city, TX	1,075,894	57	62	+5
71	Detroit city, MI	970,196	57	62	+5
71	Tampa city, FL	289,156	61	62	+1
71	Anchorage city, AK	254,982	54	62	+8
71	Richmond city, VA	194,173	62	62	0
71	San Bernardino city, CA	186,402	59	62	+3
77	Houston city, TX	1,786,691	56	61	+5
77	Pittsburgh city, PA	340,520	66	61	-5
77	Cincinnati city, OH	336,400	67	61	-6
77	Baton Rouge city, LA	211,551	53	61	+8
77	Shreveport city, LA	188,319	62	61	-1
82	Memphis city, TN	603,507	61	60	-1
82	Washington city, DC	523,124	56	60	+4

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82	Rochester city, NY	216,887	65	60	-5
85	Atlanta city, GA	403,819	55	59	+4
85	Miami city, FL	368,624	59	59	0
85	Mesa city, AZ	360,076	60	59	-1
88	Philadelphia city, PA	1,436,287	57	57	0
88	Boston city, MA	555,447	46	57	+11
88	Cleveland city, OH	495,817	59	57	-2
88	Buffalo city, NY	300,717	55	57	+2
92	Birmingham city, AL	252,997	57	56	-1
93	New York city, NY	7,420,166	53	55	+2
93	Chicago city, IL	2,802,079	54	55	+1
93	Sacramento city, CA	404,168	64	55	-9
96	Baltimore city, MD	645,593	63	53	-10
96	St. Louis city, MO	339,316	56	53	-3
96	Jersey City city, NJ	232,429	48	53	+5
99	New Orleans city, LA	465,538	50	52	+2
100	Newark city, NJ	267,823	44	46	+2

**Table 6. 100 Most Populous Cities
by Greatest Change**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Rank	City	7/01/98 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
1	Santa Ana city, CA	305,955	61	75	+14
2	Anaheim city, CA	295,153	64	75	+11
2	Boston city, MA	555,447	46	57	+11
4	Nashville-Davidson, TN	510,274	57	67	+10
4	Aurora city, CO	250,604	63	73	+10
6	Oakland city, CA	365,874	57	65	+8
6	Riverside city, CA	262,140	64	72	+8
6	Anchorage city, AK	254,982	54	62	+8
6	Baton Rouge city, LA	211,551	53	61	+8
10	Arlington city, TX	306,497	61	68	+7
10	Chesapeake city, VA	199,564	71	78	+7
10	Huntington Beach city, CA	195,316	70	77	+7
10	Jackson city, MS	188,419	59	66	+7
10	Denver city, CO	499,055	63	70	+7
15	Jacksonville city, FL	693,630	59	65	+6
15	Virginia Beach city, VA	432,380	69	75	+6
15	Hialeah city, FL	211,392	71	77	+6
15	Bakersfield city, CA	210,284	62	68	+6
15	Fremont city, CA	204,298	71	77	+6
15	Glendale city, AZ	193,482	62	68	+6
15	Glendale city, CA	185,086	70	76	+6
15	San Diego city, CA	1,220,666	67	73	+6
15	Portland city, OR	503,891	66	72	+6
15	Long Beach city, CA	430,905	63	69	+6
15	Garland city, TX	193,408	65	71	+6
26	Dallas city, TX	1,075,894	57	62	+5
26	Detroit city, MI	970,196	57	62	+5
26	San Jose city, CA	861,284	69	74	+5
26	Austin city, TX	552,434	62	67	+5
26	Fort Worth city, TX	491,801	60	65	+5
26	Kansas City city, MO	441,574	59	64	+5
26	Fresno city, CA	398,133	63	68	+5
26	Tulsa city, OK	381,393	62	67	+5
26	Jersey City city, NJ	232,429	48	53	+5
26	Lubbock city, TX	190,974	61	66	+5
26	Houston city, TX	1,786,691	56	61	+5
37	Los Angeles city, CA	3,597,556	60	64	+4
37	Phoenix city, AZ	1,198,064	60	64	+4
37	San Francisco city, CA	745,774	64	68	+4
37	Oklahoma City city, OK	472,221	61	65	+4
37	Albuquerque city, NM	419,311	62	66	+4

1	2	3	4	5	6
Rank	City	7/01/98 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
37	Las Vegas city, NV	404,288	61	65	+4
37	Stockton city, CA	240,143	62	66	+4
37	Norfolk city, VA	215,215	61	65	+4
37	El Paso city, TX	615,032	68	72	+4
37	Washington city, DC	523,124	56	60	+4
37	Atlanta city, GA	403,819	55	59	+4
37	Raleigh city, NC	259,423	65	69	+4
49	St. Paul city, MN	257,284	71	74	+3
49	Montgomery city, AL	197,014	60	63	+3
49	San Bernardino city, CA	186,402	59	62	+3
52	New York city, NY	7,420,166	53	55	+2
52	New Orleans city, LA	465,538	50	52	+2
52	Omaha city, NE	371,291	71	73	+2
52	Colorado Springs city, CO	344,987	70	72	+2
52	Newark city, NJ	267,823	44	46	+2
52	Lexington-Fayette, KY	241,749	66	68	+2
52	Lincoln city, NE	213,088	75	77	+2
52	Mobile city, AL	202,181	63	65	+2
52	Buffalo city, NY	300,717	55	57	+2
61	Chicago city, IL	2,802,079	54	55	+1
61	San Antonio city, TX	1,114,130	67	68	+1
61	Seattle city, WA	536,978	70	71	+1
61	Tucson city, AZ	460,466	64	65	+1
61	Tampa city, FL	289,156	61	62	+1
61	Yonkers city, NY	190,153	62	63	+1
61	Augusta-Richmond County (remainder), GA	187,689	63	64	+1
68	Philadelphia city, PA	1,436,287	57	57	0
68	Charlotte city, NC	504,637	68	68	0
68	Miami city, FL	368,624	59	59	0
68	Corpus Christi city, TX	281,453	64	64	0
68	Plano city, TX	219,486	76	76	0
68	Richmond city, VA	194,173	62	62	0
74	Birmingham city, AL	252,997	57	56	-1
74	Memphis city, TN	603,507	61	60	-1
74	Mesa city, AZ	360,076	60	59	-1
74	Minneapolis city, MN	351,731	68	67	-1
74	St. Petersburg city, FL	236,029	64	63	-1
74	Greensboro city, NC	197,910	68	67	-1
74	Scottsdale city, AZ	195,394	65	64	-1
74	Shreveport city, LA	188,319	62	61	-1
74	Fort Wayne city, IN	185,716	71	70	-1
83	Toledo city, OH	312,174	70	68	-2
83	Cleveland city, OH	495,817	59	57	-2
83	Des Moines city, IA	191,293	72	70	-2

1	2	3	4	5	6
Rank	City	7/01/98 Population Estimate	1990 Response Rate (RR) (Percent)	2000 Response Rate (Percent)	Difference Between 2000 and 1990 RR
86	Milwaukee city, WI	578,364	71	68	-3
86	Grand Rapids city, MI	185,437	70	67	-3
86	Honolulu CDP, HI	395,789	66	63	-3
86	St. Louis city, MO	339,316	56	53	-3
86	Madison city, WI	209,306	80	77	-3
91	Columbus city, OH	670,234	71	67	-4
91	Wichita city, KS	329,211	71	67	-4
91	Louisville city, KY	255,045	69	65	-4
91	Akron city, OH	215,712	73	69	-4
95	Pittsburgh city, PA	340,520	66	61	-5
95	Rochester city, NY	216,887	65	60	-5
97	Indianapolis city, IN	741,304	70	64	-6
97	Cincinnati city, OH	336,400	67	61	-6
99	Sacramento city, CA	404,168	64	55	-9
100	Baltimore city, MD	645,593	63	53	-10

Table 7. Summary of Census 2000 Response Rates for Cities, Places and Townships by State

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
State	Total Places	Exceeds 1990 Response Rate (RR)	Meets and Exceeds "90 Plus 5"	2000 RR of 70 Percent or Higher	2000 RR of 80 Percent or Higher	2000 RR of 90 Percent or Higher
National	34,805	14,996	8,832	17,209	4,548	93
Alabama	449	121	60	24	1	0
Alaska	39	4	4	2	0	0
Arizona	86	37	24	9	0	0
Arkansas	498	147	82	85	2	0
California	471	385	254	315	43	0
Colorado	262	151	104	100	11	0
Connecticut	179	150	95	124	30	0
Delaware	57	11	6	7	1	0
District of Columbia	1	1	0	0	0	0
Florida	396	226	138	61	6	0
Georgia	536	168	96	45	1	0
Hawaii	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Idaho	183	82	48	52	6	0
Illinois	2,717	1,260	617	1,919	448	1
Indiana	1,575	451	213	825	104	0
Iowa	949	353	172	762	301	13
Kansas	1,956	912	586	979	191	7
Kentucky	433	88	36	177	66	3
Louisiana	298	94	54	11	0	0
Maine	322	182	100	51	2	0
Maryland	157	71	41	48	15	0
Massachusetts	336	261	173	203	64	0
Michigan	1,777	618	283	825	190	2
Minnesota	2,603	1,185	762	1,738	780	14
Mississippi	296	92	57	23	1	0
Missouri	1,264	357	181	553	91	1
Montana	113	74	47	49	2	0
Nebraska	950	702	568	748	262	7
Nevada	16	9	7	5	0	0
New Hampshire	185	122	88	77	6	0
New Jersey	564	394	203	360	115	0
New Mexico	95	20	10	5	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
State	Total Places	Exceeds 1990 Response Rate (RR)	Meets and Exceeds "90 Plus 5"	2000 RR of 70 Percent or Higher	2000 RR of 80 Percent or Higher	2000 RR of 90 Percent or Higher
New York	1,474	757	385	672	134	0
North Carolina	528	190	105	57	5	0
North Dakota	1,504	863	641	703	220	20
Ohio	2,251	643	304	1,402	258	1
Oklahoma	590	247	127	55	7	0
Oregon	237	107	52	67	4	0
Pennsylvania	2,521	705	326	1,553	349	2
Rhode Island	38	36	28	25	1	0
South Carolina	265	109	69	7	0	0
South Dakota	1,121	869	739	770	324	18
Tennessee	348	92	40	60	6	0
Texas	1,180	496	298	210	28	0
Utah	216	114	67	97	13	0
Vermont	200	72	41	41	5	0
Virginia	229	64	31	75	8	0
Washington	277	120	54	70	8	0
West Virginia	232	55	20	45	3	0
Wisconsin	1,770	694	378	1,102	436	4
Wyoming	61	35	18	16	0	0

NA=Not Applicable - Hawaii defines all governmental units as counties.

Reference Notes to Census 2000 Response Rates

- 1. Boundary Changes.** Some towns that are listed on the Web site did not exist in 1990, so they show a 1990 response rate of "0." They will post a very large "increase" in response rate from 1990 to 2000
- 2. Changes in the way the area was counted.** Differences in collection methods from 1990 to 2000 can account for some changes.
- 3. Changes in the proportion of households counted through mail-back as opposed to other forms of enumeration.** When the proportion of the mail-out/mail-back universe for a particular area varies from census to census, this factor will alter the mail universe and could affect the comparison of response rates.
- 4. Small changes in small numbers can make large percentage differences for small populations.** If a town has 20 households, and half mailed back their forms in 1990, the town had a 50 percent mail-back that year. If 15 of those 20 households mailed back their forms in 2000, the town would show a mail-back rate of 75 percent — a 25-point increase in response rate for only five more census forms.
- 5. Areas that merged into one consolidated area.** In these cases, the Census Bureau added numerators and denominators from the respective multiple 1990 entities and calculated a new rate.
- 6. Puerto Rico's target rate.** At the request of the Governor, the Census Bureau assigned 65 percent (the 1990 national response rate) and added five percentage points to obtain a default target rate. The mail-back method was not used in 1990.