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Background

- The Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS) was an operational test for collecting long form-type data.
- Largest household survey ever conducted by the Census Bureau, other than the census long form.
- Provides current information for the country, 50 states and the District of Columbia.
Survey Methodology

• 700,000 household survey conducted in 1,203 counties nationwide.
• Data collected using the American Community Survey (ACS) methodology and questionnaire.
• Data gathered throughout year.
  • Mailout/mailback questionnaire;
  • Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI); and
  • Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI).
• Over 96 percent response rate.
C2SS Data Findings

- First release of Census 2000 Supplementary Survey results to include 107 core tables.
- Narrative and tabular profiles.
- Demographic, economic, social and housing characteristics for the country, 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- Data estimate changes during the 1990s for many characteristics.
Types of Comparisons

• Comparisons among states using data from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey.
• National and state comparisons of C2SS data with 1990 census long form estimates.
• Comparisons with Census 2000 long form results in the future.
Comparisons: C2SS Data for States

- **Educational Attainment**: population age 25 years and over with a bachelor’s degree or more.
  - United States, 25.1 percent
  - Highest percentages:
    - District of Columbia, 41.1 percent
    - Massachusetts, 34.9 percent
    - Colorado, 33.4 percent
    - Connecticut, 33.3 percent
Comparisons: C2SS Data for States

- **Language spoken at home**: percent of population who speak a language other than English at home.
  - United States, 17.6 percent
  - Highest percentages:
    - California, 39.5 percent
    - New Mexico, 35.5 percent
    - Texas, 32.0 percent
Comparisons: C2SS Data for States

- **Median housing value**: dollar value of owner-occupied, one family housing units.
  - United States, $120,162
  - Highest values:
    - Hawaii, $284,536
    - California, $215,597
    - Massachusetts, $192,723
Comparability: 1990 Census to C2SS

- The C2SS provides a preliminary look at data similar to those that will be available from the Census 2000 long form.
- Legitimate comparisons to 1990 long form can be made, but not for all characteristics.
- Group Quarters population included in 1990 long form data, but not in the Supplementary Survey estimates.
- Some questions were changed substantially between 1990 and 2000.
Comparability: 1990 Census to C2SS

- C2SS characteristics most comparable to 1990 census long form results include:
  - **Population Items**
    - Age, sex, marital status, place of birth, citizenship, year of entry, *education*, *language*, veteran status, and commute to work.
  - **Housing Items**
    - Year householder moved in, rooms, plumbing, telephone service, vehicles available, heating fuel, tenure (owner/renter), monthly rent and selected monthly owner/renter costs.
Comparability: 1990 Census to C2SS

- C2SS characteristics comparable with some limitations to 1990 census long form results include:
  - **Population Items**
    Household relationship, ancestry, occupation and industry.
  - **Housing Items**
    Occupancy status, year built, year householder moved in and housing value.
## Comparisons: 1990 Census to C2SS

### Educational Attainment:

- Population 25 years old and over with a bachelor’s degree or more.
  
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- Population 25 years old and over with no high school diploma or GED.
  
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Comparisons: 1990 Census to C2SS

- Language spoken at home:
  - Percent of population who spoke a language other than English at home.
    - 1990 (Census): 13.8 percent
    - 2000 (C2SS): 17.6 percent
  - Percent of population who spoke Spanish at home.
    - 1990 (Census): 7.9 percent
    - 2000 (C2SS): 10.5 percent
Issues regarding collection of race and Hispanic origin data are complex.

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) decision to ask “One or more races” category first implemented for Census 2000.
- Small changes in how a question is asked can result in different answers.
  - C2SS collection methods were not the same as Census 2000.
  - As expected, C2SS results differed.
- Census 2000 provides the official counts of the population.
Next Steps

• Additional releases of C2SS data.
  • Fall 2001: 107 core tables for substate areas (most counties and cities with populations of 250,000 or more).
  • Winter 2001: 700 non-core tables for country, 50 states and the District of Columbia.
• Comparisons of C2SS data with Census 2000 long form results results in 2002.
Summary

• Census 2000 Supplementary Survey feasibility test an operational success.
• Data released today are an example of what will be available every year for smaller areas from the American Community Survey beginning in 2004, pending congressional funding.
• These data reflect many aspects of how the country has changed over the decade.
Contact Information

- Visit the Census Bureau Web sites:
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