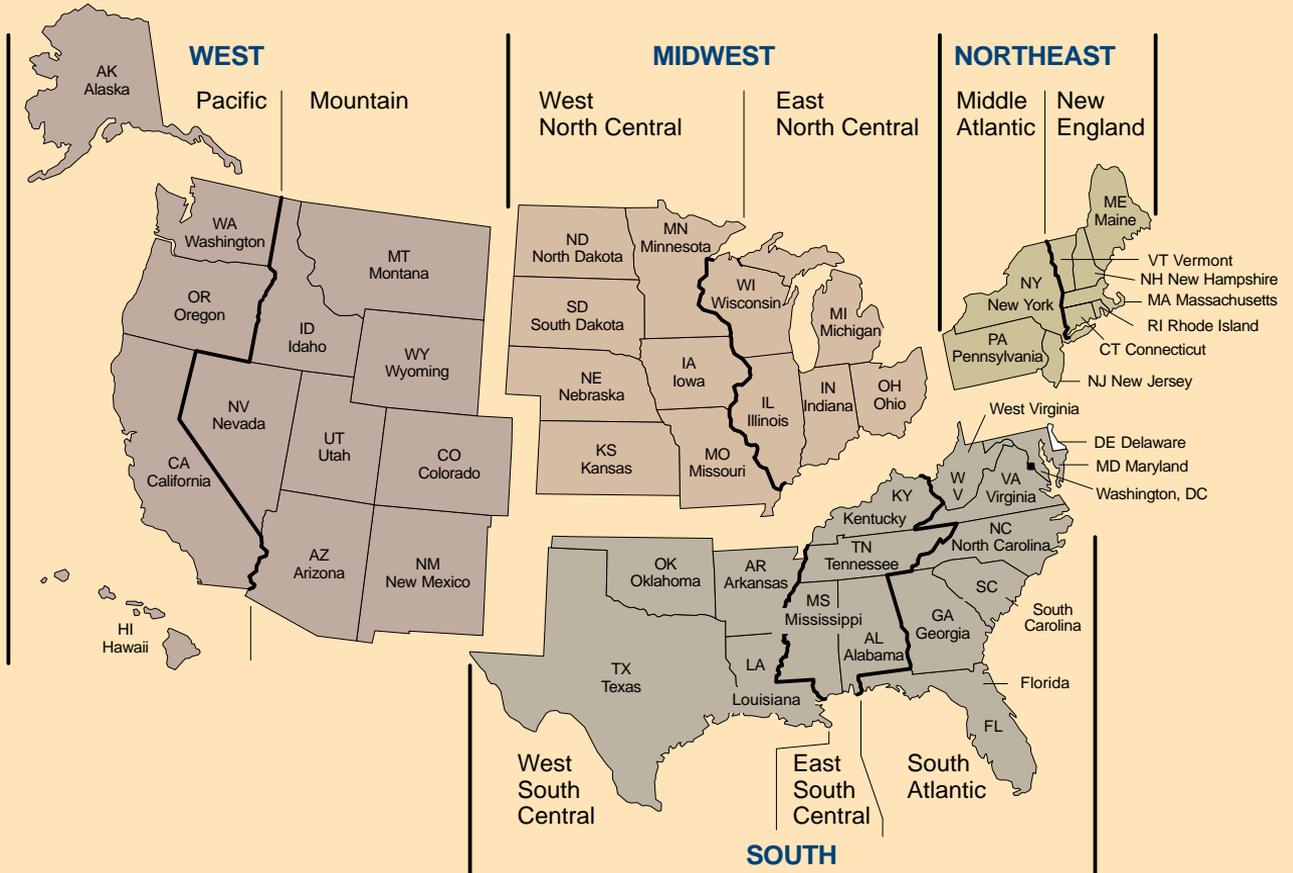
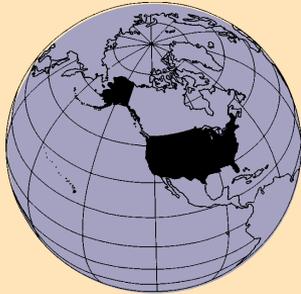


Figure 1.

Map of the United States, Showing Census Divisions and Regions



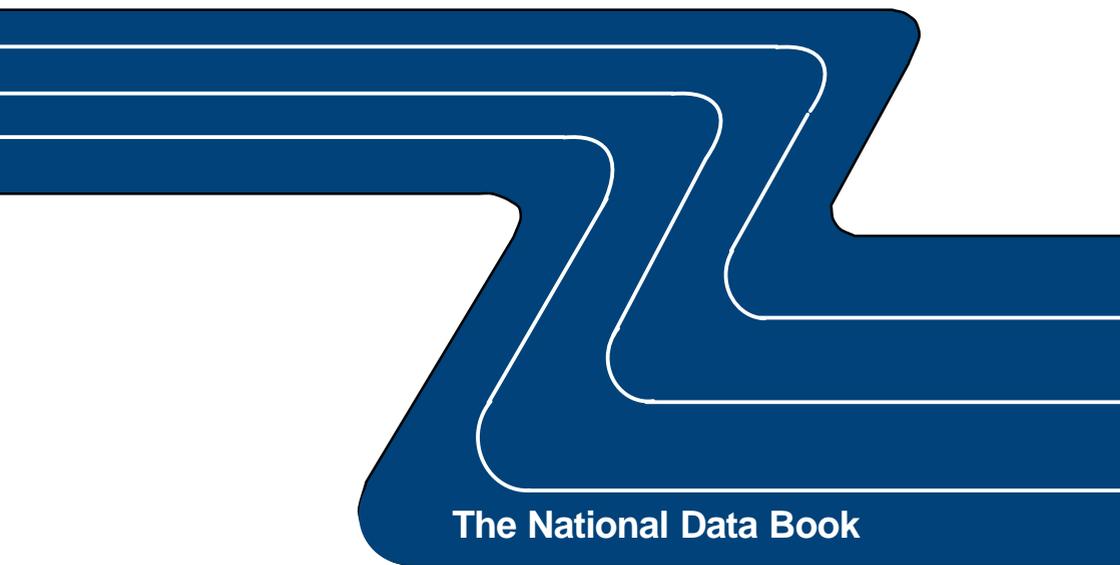
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Preface

The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published since 1878, is the standard summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It is designed to serve as a convenient volume for statistical reference and as a guide to other statistical publications and sources. The latter function is served by the introductory text to each section, the source note appearing below each table, and Appendix I, which comprises the Guide to Sources of Statistics, the Guide to State Statistical Abstracts, and the Guide to Foreign Statistical Abstracts.

This volume includes a selection of data from many statistical publications, both government and private. Publications cited as sources usually contain additional statistical 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 Data not available in publications issued by the contributing agency but obtained from unpublished records are identified in the source notes as “unpublished data.”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.

Except as indicated, figures are for the United States as presently constituted. Although emphasis in the *Statistical Abstract* is primarily given to national data, many tables present data for regions and individual States and a smaller number for metropolitan areas and cities. Appendix II, Metropolitan Area Concepts and Components, presents explanatory text, a complete current listing and population data for metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's), the primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA's), and the consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA's) defined as of June 30, 1993. Table 43 in section 1 presents selected population characteristics for MSA's with population of 250,000 or more. Statistics for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and for outlying areas of the United States are included in many State tables and are supplemented by information in section 29. Additional information for States, cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and other small units, as well as more

historical data, are available in various supplements to the *Abstract* (see inside back cover).

Changes in this edition.—As many of our users may know, the very popular *U.S. Industrial Outlook* no longer is being published by the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration (ITA). The loss of the data series contained in the *Outlook* has been of concern to many of our users. With the help of the ITA staff, we are able to present in section 31 updates of 92 data series previously published in the *Outlook*.

We hope to be able to continue to update these “Trends” tables in future editions of the *Abstract*. To help accommodate these extra pages for this section, we have eliminated the front matter “State Rankings.” These will be available separately in the fall and as a section on the CD-ROM version of the book.

We have introduced 76 new tables throughout the other sections of the *Abstract*. These include many from the 1992 Economic and Agriculture Censuses. Other topics include estimates of undocumented immigrants, use of computers, bond ratings for States and cities, union membership by State, net worth, mutual funds, and homeownership rates. See Appendix VI, pp. 990-992 for a complete list of new tables introduced in this edition.)

Statistics in this edition are generally for the most recent year or period available by spring 1995. Each year almost 1,500 tables and charts are reviewed and evaluated; new tables and charts of current interest are added, continuing series are updated, and less timely data are condensed or eliminated. Text notes and appendices are revised as appropriate.

USA Statistics in Brief, 1995, a pocket-size pamphlet highlighting many statistical series in the *Abstract*, is available separately. Single copies can be obtained free from U.S. Bureau of the Census, Customer Services, Washington, DC 20233 (telephone 301-457-4100).

Historical statistics.—Specific headline references in this *Abstract* link many tables to earlier data shown in *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial*

Times to 1970. (See Appendix IV, pp. 985 and 986).

Statistics for States and metropolitan areas.—Data for States and metro areas may also be found in the *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book, 1991*.

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. (See also Appendix III, pp. 970-984.) The Bureau of the Census cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than those for

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Suggestions and comments.—Users of the *Statistical Abstract* and its supplements (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. Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.