

U.S. Census Bureau[1990 Census](#) | [Census 2000 Gateway](#)**Selected Historical Decennial Census
Population and Housing Counts****United States****1790 to 1990**

1. [Population, Housing Units, Area Measurements, and Density \[PDF 16k\]](#)
Includes total population, percent change, housing units and density, and total area and land area
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, "1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States", (CPH-2)
2. [Urban and Rural Populations \[PDF 16k\]](#)
Includes total United States, urban, and rural populations, percent change, and the percent of urban and rural population
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, "1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States", (CPH-2)
NOTE: An error in the 1960 rural population count was discovered after the publication of CPH-2-1 from the 1960 population using the 'Current urban definition' is 54,054,425.
3. [Mean Center of Population of the United States \[PDF 14k\]](#)
Two tables showing the latitude, longitude and approximate geographic location of the mean and median centers of population of the United States, urban, and rural populations, percent change, and the percent of urban and rural population by Census
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, "1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States", (CPH-2).
4. [Statistical Abstract of the United States](#)
The Statistical Abstract contains historical census data in the section containing Population Data.

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5. [Historical Census Statistics on the Foreign-born Population of the United States](#)
A report comparing native and foreign born populations for selected censuses. Topics include: age and sex, nativity, and languages spoken at home. Includes background discussion and references.
Source: Population Division Working Paper No. 29

1950 to 1990

6. [1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States \(CPH-2\) \[PDF 17M\]](#)
Includes: Urban and Rural Housing Units (Table 5).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

1960 to 1990

7. [Means of Transportation to Work \[TXT 7k\]](#)
Source: *1990 Census of Population (STF3C)*, *1980 Census of Population*, "General Social and Economic Characteristics of Population", "Characteristics of the Population, United States Summary", and *1960 Census of Population*, "Characteristics of the Population, United States Summary".

1970 to 1990

8. [1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States \(CPH-2\) \[PDF 17M\]](#)
Includes: Population and Housing Units for Areas (Table 1).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

1980 to 1990

9. [Journey To Work and Place Of Work](#)
Tables related to how people get to work, the length of time getting to work, where they work, and if they use a carpool

10. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Population, Housing Units and Land Area (Table 6).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.
11. Top 25 American Indian Tribes [TXT 4k]
Source: *1990 Census of Population*, "Characteristics of American Indians by Tribe and Language", (CP-3-7).

States, Divisions, Regions, United States

1790 to 1990

12. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Apportionment of Membership of the House of Representatives (Table 3), Decennial Rates of Change in Population (Table 20), and Urban and Rural Population (Table 23).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.
13. Population [PDF 36k]
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, "1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States", (CPH-2)
NOTE: Four errors were discovered after the publication of CPH-2-1 from the 1990 Census.
The correct 1920 count for Hawaii is 255,881; the correct 1920 count for Maryland is 1,449,661; the correct 1970 count for Alaska is 302,583.

1900 to 1990

14. Urban and Rural Populations: 1900 to 1990 [TXT 49k]
Contains total and percent of urban and rural populations.
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, "1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States", (CPH-2)

1940 to 1990

15. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Housing Units (Table 17), Decennial Rates of Change in Housing Units (Table 19), and Percent Distribution
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

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16. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Urban and Rural Housing Units (Table 24).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

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17. Persons by Poverty Status
Contains total population, population below poverty level, and percent below poverty.
18. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: 1990 Area Measurements, Density (Table 22); Rank by Population, Population Change, Urban, Rural, Area Rank by Housing Units, Housing Unit Change, Urban, Rural, Area Measurements, and Density (Table 29).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

1980 to 1990

19. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Number of Counties by Percent Change in Population (Table 43) and Number of Counties by Percent Change
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

States

1900 to 1990

20. Homeownership
Table showing homeownership rates.

1940 to 1990

21. Housing
Tables and graphs showing housing trends.

1960 to 1990

22. Income
Tables showing household, family, and person income.

Counties, States, United States

1900 to 1990

23. Population Census Counts
Source: The Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990
This report was compiled by the Census Bureau and published by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The first census in which a county appeared, and the census since which it has not had a significant boundary change. county was formed, changes in the county names, and more. The cost of the 236 page report is \$35. NTIS also sells a **can order this report by calling NTIS at (703) 605-6000 or 1-800-553-6847.**

1940 to 1990

24. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Population and Housing Units (Table 30).
Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing.

1960 to 1990

25. Income
Tables showing household, family, and person income.

Metropolitan Areas (MAs)

1960 to 1990

26. Income
Tables showing household, family, and person income.

1970 to 1990

27. 1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States (CPH-2) [PDF 17M]
Includes: Population and Housing Units, Land Area and Density (Table 48).
Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing.

Largest Cities and Other Urban Places - population totals for the largest urban pl

1790 to 1990

28. Population of the 100 Largest Cities and Other Urban Places: 1790 to 1990
Includes background discussion, ranking tables, and references
Source: Population Division Working Paper No. 27

1980 to 1990

29. [Cities with 1990 Population Greater than 100,000 \[TXT 24k\]](#)
Sorted by 1990 population size
30. [Cities with 1990 Population Greater than 100,000 \[TXT 23k\]](#)
Sorted by 1980-90 percent change

Coastal Regions - counties with at least 15 percent of their land area in a coastal waters**1960 to 1980**

31. [Population \[TXT 3k\]](#)
Number of coastal counties per state by census year

Places**1790 to 1990**

32. [1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States \(CPH-2\) \[PDF 17M\]](#)
Includes: [Urban and Rural Population \(Table 7\)](#), and [Population Rank of Incorporated Places of 100,000 Population](#) o
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.


1850 to 1990

33. [1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States \(CPH-2\) \[PDF 17M\]](#)
Includes [Rank of 50 Largest Incorporated Places by Population \(Table 47\)](#).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.

1970 to 1990

34. [1990 Population and Housing Unit Counts: United States \(CPH-2\) \[PDF 17M\]](#)
Includes [Population and Housing Units \(Table 45\)](#).
Source: *1990 Census of Population and Housing*.



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