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The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications is the finding tool for federal publications that includes descriptive records for historical and current publications and provides direct links to those that are available online.

[Census of Population and Housing: Population & Housing Unit Counts \(Series PHC-3\)](#)

The PHC-3, Population and Housing Unit Counts, report series provides Census 2000 and historical comparisons of the 100-percent population and housing unit counts. It provides land and water area measurements, and population density. The user notes section documents geographic changes over the past decade.

[Census of Population and Housing: Summary Population & Housing Characteristics \(Series PHC-1\)](#)

The PHC-1, "Summary Population and Housing Characteristics," report series provides data based on the 100-percent questions. The subjects are age, Hispanic or Latino origin, household relationship, race, sex, tenure (owner- or renter-occupied), and vacancy characteristics. Land area measurements and population density also are provided.

[Census of Population and Housing: Summary Social, Economic, & Housing Characteristics \(Series PHC-2\)](#)

The PHC-2, "Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics," report series provides sample data on a wide range of characteristics. Population characteristics data include disability status; earnings in 1999; educational attainment; employment status; full-time, year-round workers in 1999; income in 1999; journey to work; language spoken at home and ability to speak English; nativity; place of birth; poverty status in 1999; residence in 1995; school enrollment and type of school; veteran status; and work status in 1999. Housing characteristics data include bedrooms; gross rent; house heating fuel; kitchen facilities; mortgage status; occupancy; owner costs; plumbing facilities; rental cost; rooms; telephone service available; tenure; units in structure; value of home; vehicles available; year moved into unit; and year structure built.

[Census of Population and Housing: Social, Economic, & Housing Characteristics \(Outlying Areas\) \(Series PHC-4\)](#)

The PHC-4 contains information similar to that found in the PHC-2 for American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

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The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) annual edition is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

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Short biographies of each member of the Senate and House, listed by state or district.

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[Congressional Record](#)

The Congressional Record is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress. It is published daily when Congress is in session.

[Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation](#)

The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation, popularly known as the Constitution Annotated, encompasses the U.S. Constitution and analysis and interpretation of the U.S. Constitution with in-text annotations of cases decided by the Supreme Court of the United States.

[Economic Indicators](#)

Available from April 1995 forward, this monthly publication is prepared by the Council of Economic Advisers for the Joint Economic Committee. It provides economic information on gross domestic product, income, employment, production, business activity, prices, money, credit, security markets, Federal finance, and international statistics.

[Economic Report of the President](#)

The Economic Report of the President is an annual report written by the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. It overviews the nation's economic progress using text and extensive data appendices.

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[Federal Register](#)

The Federal Register is the official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents.

[Historical Statistics of the United States - Colonial Times to 1970 - Part 1](#)

Historical Statistics of the United States provides a wide range of statistical data quantifying various aspects of the development of the nation.

[Historical Statistics of the United States - Colonial Times to 1970 - Part 2](#)

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[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

The Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) is a guide to career information about hundreds of occupations.

[Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States](#)

The Public Papers of the Presidents (PPP) is an official series in which Presidential writings, addresses, and remarks of a public nature are made available.

[Social Security Handbook](#)

The Social Security Handbook includes the provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act), regulations issued under the Act, and precedential case decisions (rulings). It is one of numerous publications about the Social Security programs. It is a readable, easy to understand resource for the very complex Social Security programs and services.

[United States Statutes at Large](#)

The United States Statutes at Large, typically referred to as the Statutes at Large, is the permanent collection of all laws and resolutions enacted during each session of Congress.

[United States Code](#)

The United States Code is the codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

[United States Government Manual](#)

As the official handbook of the Federal Government, the United States Government Manual provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies; international organizations in which the United States participates; and boards, commissions, and committees.

[United States Reports](#)

The United States Reports contain the final, official opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

[USA Counties](#)

USA Counties features over 6,600 data items for the United States, States, and counties from a variety of sources.

Files include data published for 2010 population as well as many other items from the 2010 Census of Population and Housing, the 1990 census, the 1980 census and the 2007, 2002, 1997, and 1992 economic censuses.