

Demographic and Social Statistics:

[African Population Database](#) (*United Nations Environment Programme / Global Resource Information Database (UNEP/GRID)*) African Population Database Authored by Uwe Deichmann National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis University of California, Santa Barbara, CA. The database is largely a compilation of existing data sources. In this latest version of the database, there is data available from more than 109,000 administrative units (83,000 of which are in South Africa), compared to about 800 in the first version, 2,200 in the second version and 4,700 in the third. In addition, for each of these units a population estimate was compiled for 1960, 70, 80, 90 and 2000 which provides an indication of past population dynamics in Africa. The institutions listed in the acknowledgments generously made digital boundary data sets available which have been integrated into the continental database. The main contribution of the project described here has been to compile all these data from different sources, put them into a consistent format, and to produce matching population figures.

[American Religion Data Archive \(ARDA\)](#) (*Purdue University*)

The American Religion Data Archive (ARDA) collects quantitative data sets for the study of American religion. Most files are from surveys, but other forms of quantitative data collections on religion are available as well. Users may search the documentation of multiple studies or categories of studies to locate the full text of survey questions. When a question is identified, you may view full marginal frequencies and selected cross-tabulations of responses (e.g., with age, marital status, education, sex, political party affiliation) as tables. Users may also save question text from multiple searches to a “Question Bank” for easy printing or downloading. Users may browse a list of studies grouped by type, view study descriptions and entire codebooks for individual studies, create cross-tabulations of particular variables, and download documentation and raw data for later analysis.

[Census Bureau \(US\) Home Page](#)

The Bureau is responsible for conducting and disseminating the results of the U.S. decennial census as well as other major surveys. Additional links include the [Subjects A to Z](#) page and the [search](#) page.

Census Bureau (US) [2007 Statistical Abstract of the United States](#)

The complete *Statistical Abstract* is available in Adobe PDF format (each individual section is available as a separate PDF file); Frequently Requested Tables are available as plain text files. The *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. Use the Abstract as a convenient volume for statistical reference and as a guide to sources of more information both in print and on the Web. Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations.

Census Bureau (US) [Census Briefs](#)

Census Briefs are reports issued occasionally and provide timely data on specific issues of public policy. Presented in narrative style with graphs, the reports summarize data from demographic surveys of the U.S. population. These documents are in Adobe Acrobat's Portable Document Format (PDF). Topics/issues covered by reports include: Agriculture, Business-Trade and Services, Population and Housing, Construction and Housing, Economic Census, Foreign Trade, Governments, Manufacturing and Mineral Industries.

Census Bureau (US) [County and City Data Book](#)

Find the latest official statistics for over 1,000 cities, all 3,141 U.S. counties, and over 11,000 places of 2,500 or more inhabitants in the latest *County and City Data Book*. Find out about: socioeconomic and

housing data from the 2000 census and the surveys that update them business in your city and county median income, tax base, and more than 100 other variables for counties and cities nationwide.

Census Bureau (US) [State and County Quick Facts](#)

Start by choosing a state, then choose data: a State profile, or Congressional Districts, and more. Also available: FIPS codes for counties and MSA's.

Census Bureau (US) [TIGER Mapping Service](#)

The goal of this service is to provide a public resource for generating high-quality, detailed maps of anywhere in the United States, using public geographic data. TMS Version 2.0 allows you to turn layers on and off and draw statistical maps from Census data. You can also choose the census level (tract, county, etc.) and "theme" to map (e.g., household size, age, race, etc.).

CIESIN [Demography Home Page](#)

The Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network. Included here are links to: Public Use Micro-data Samples, Current Population Survey, Economic Census Data, County Business Patterns, County City Data Book, Statistical Abstract Supplement, National Economic Social and Environmental Databank, Regional Economic Information System, Enhanced County to County Migration 1985-1990, TIGER 1992 Boundaries, and STF3A Standard Extracts.

[Current Population Survey](#) (U.S. Census Bureau)

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey has been conducted for more than 50 years. The CPS is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population. The sample is scientifically selected to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 15 years of age and older. However, published data focus on those ages 16 and over. The sample provides estimates for the nation as a whole and serves as part of model-based estimates for individual states and other geographic areas. Estimates obtained from the CPS include employment, unemployment, earnings, hours of work, and other indicators. They are available by a variety of demographic characteristics including age, sex, race, marital status, and educational attainment. They are also available by occupation, industry, and class of worker. Supplemental questions to produce estimates on a variety of topics including school enrollment, income, previous work experience, health, employee benefits, and work schedules are also often added to the regular CPS questionnaire.

[General Social Survey](#) (via *Queens College, NY*)

At this site, you can retrieve Extract, a program which permits easy data extraction from the General Social Surveys, and also the GSS data themselves in single year files. Written by Jesse Reichler and Dean Savage, Extract runs on PCs under DOS and is intended for use at sites where mainframe access is frustrating or difficult. With Extract, you can select variables and years from the 1972-1994 General Social Surveys and then write variable definition and data files for use with SPSS, SAS, QSTATS, or dBASE. You can also output ASCII data files and variable lists. The questions from the GSS codebook have been integrated into the program to permit examination of question wording while making your selections.

[Geospatial and Statistical Data Center](#) (University of Virginia)

Maintained by the University of Virginia, this site includes the university's electronic statistical and social science data. In addition, the site provides links to: American Factfinder, the County and City Data Book, Election Data and Maps, the Historical Census Browser, the Library of Congress American Memory Collection, Uniform Crime Reports, etc.

[Integrated Public Use Microdata Series](#) (*Historical Census Projects University of Minnesota*) The Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) consists of thirty-nine high-precision samples of the American population drawn from fifteen federal censuses and from the American Community Surveys of 2000-2005. Some of these samples have existed for years, and others were created specifically for this database. The thirty-nine samples, which draw on every surviving census from 1850-2000, and the 2000-2005 ACS samples, collectively comprise their richest source of quantitative information on long-term changes in the American population. However, because different investigators created these samples at different times, they employed a wide variety of record layouts, coding schemes, and documentation. This has complicated efforts to use them to study change over time. The IPUMS assigns uniform codes across all the samples and brings relevant documentation into a coherent form to facilitate analysis of social and economic change. There is therefore no charge for the data or on-line documentation. There is a fee for printed documentation, however.

[The International Data Base](#) (*U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center*)

The International Data Base (IDB) is a computerized source of demographic and socioeconomic statistics for 228 countries and areas of the world. The IDB was created in the Census Bureau's International Programs Center (IPC) in response to the information requirements of IPC staff to meet the needs of organizations that sponsor IPC's research efforts. The IDB provides quick access to specialized information, with emphasis on demographic measures, for individual countries or selected groups of countries of the world. The IDB combines data from country sources (especially censuses and surveys) with IPC's estimates and projections to provide information dating back as far as 1950 and as far ahead as 2050. Because the IDB is maintained at IPC as a research tool in response to sponsor requirements, the amount of information available for each country may vary. As funding and research activity permit, IPC will update and expand the coverage. The various government agencies, international organizations, and others who sponsor IPC's research program support and benefit from the IDB. The major types of data available in the IDB include: population by age and sex; vital rates, infant mortality, and life expectancy; fertility; marital status; and family planning.

[International Programs Center](#) (*U.S. Census Bureau*)

The International Programs Center (IPC), part of the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau, conducts demographic and socioeconomic studies and strengthens statistical development around the world through technical assistance, training, and software products. Its work is commissioned and funded by federal agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private businesses, and other governments. For over 50 years IPC has assisted in the collection, processing, analysis, dissemination, and use of statistics with counterpart governments throughout the world. Data include the *International Data Base* and the *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base*. Reports include *Gender and Aging: Demographic Dimensions*, *World Population Profile*, *Trends in Adolescent Fertility and Contraceptive Use in the Developing World*, and many others.

[Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research](#) (ICPSR) (*University of Michigan*).

Established in 1962, ICPSR is the world's largest archive of digital social science data. They acquire, preserve, and distribute original research data and provide training in its analysis. We also offer access to publications based on their data holdings.

[Office of Population Research \(OPR\)](#) (*Princeton University*)

The Data Archive at the Office of Population Research holds a number of specialized datasets, including: *American Fertility Surveys*, the *World Fertility Surveys*, *Demographic and Health Surveys*, *Chinese Fertility Surveys*, *OECD Tables of Populations and Deaths*, and more. You can also connect to the [OPR Home Page](#).

[Social Statistics Briefing Room](#) (*U.S. White House*)

The purpose of this service is to provide easy access to current Federal social statistics. It provides links to information produced by a number of Federal agencies. All of the information included in the Social Statistics Briefing Room is maintained and updated by the statistical units of those agencies. All the estimates for the indicators presented in the Federal Statistics Briefing Rooms are the most currently available values. Topics include: Crime, Demographics, Education, and Health.

[Time Series Data Library](#) (*Rob Hyndman*)

This is a collection of over 800 time series that may be freely copied and used, provided this source is clearly acknowledged. The time series are organized by subject including: Agriculture, Chemistry, Crime, Demography, Ecology, Economics & Finance, Health, Hydrology & Meteorology, Industry, Miscellaneous, Physics, Production, Sales, Simulated series, Sport, Transport & Tourism, and Tree-rings.

[U. S. Population Projections](#) (*U.S. Census Bureau*)

The Census Bureau produces population projections for the nation and for each state. Both national and state projections present population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin. The Census Bureau issues new population projections every two years.

[UNICEF Statistics](#)

UNICEF produces [statistics globally and by country](#) and provides a tool for [generating customized statistical tables](#). The statistical tool includes economic and social data from 195 countries and territories, with particular reference to children's well-being. These statistics are derived from UNICEF's flagship publication, *The State of the World's Children 2005*.