



Census 2000 Response Rates

The U.S. Census Bureau made Census 2000 response rates, down to the census tract level, available on their web site. The initial response rates represent the percentage of questionnaires returned before enumerators began knocking on the doors of non-respondents at the end of April. As of April 23, the national response rate was 65%.

In reaching 65%, the American public out-performed the expectations of the Census Bureau, of the U.S. Congress, and of the General Accounting Office. More than 100,000 census partners deserve credit. Congratulations are owed to thousands of mayors, county commissioners, teachers, community advocates, houses of worship, and other local government, civic and business leaders. They treated the census as the serious civic event intended by the founders when in 1787 when they wrote the census into the Constitution.

- Dr. Kenneth Prewitt
Director, Census Bureau

Utah's initial response rate was 66%, slightly above the national rate. Response rates for other western states include: Wyoming 64%; Montana 66%; Colorado 68%; Nevada 64%; Arizona 62%; and California 68%.

Iowa, with a response rate of 74%, had the highest rate among all the states, followed by Nebraska 73% and Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota all coming in at 72%. States with the lowest response rates include: Alaska 54%; South Carolina 57%; and Hawaii 58%.

Among Utah's 29 counties, Morgan County came in first with a response rate of 77%. Cache County came in second at 73%, followed by Box Elder and Davis Counties at 72%. The cities with the highest response rates include: River Heights City 83%; Smithfield City 81%; and Bear River City and North Logan 80%. Salt Lake City had an initial response rate of 60%.

The non-response follow up phase of Census 2000 began officially across the country on May 1. According to Dave Gomez, manager of the Salt Lake City local census office, local enumerators have counted an additional 33% of Utahns through non-response follow up efforts. These efforts include door-to-door visits and phone calls to households that did not return a questionnaire. This brought the state response rate up to 99% as of June 5. Gomez also stated that the non-response follow up phase was completed in Utah by June 9, four weeks ahead of schedule.

If you or someone you know did not receive a census questionnaire, or have not been contacted by a local census enumerator, call the Salt Lake City local census office at (801) 524-5200. For more information on Census 2000, contact Lisa Hillman in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget at (801) 537-9013.

Census 2000 Data Products

Thanks to the Census Bureau's new data access and dissemination system, the American Fact Finder (AFF), data from the 2000 decennial census will be much more accessible to data users. AFF can be used to access data from the 1990 Decennial Census, the 2000 Decennial Census, the American Community Survey, and the 1997 Economic Census.

The Census Bureau will begin releasing the 2000 data in March 2001, with the Redistricting Summary File, and continuing through 2003 with the release of the full microdata files. For the first time ever, users will be able to access data from the decennial census, such as population counts by race and selected population and housing characteristics, down to track level (in some cases down to the block level) on the Census Bureau's web site via AFF.

The 2000 data that will be available on CD-ROM, as well as AFF, includes: 100 percent summary file data (down to the block level); sample summary file data (down to the block group level); redistricting summary file data (down to the block level); congressional district demographic profiles; and public use microdata (PUMS) files.

The availability of printed reports containing 2000 data will be significantly less than in 1990. The Census Bureau will make the following reports available in printed form: the national report, which will contain population totals and selected population and housing characteristics for U.S. regions, divisions, states, metropolitan areas, and urban areas; and the state report, which will contain population and selected population and housing characteristics for states, counties, county subdivisions, places, and congressional districts.

For more information on Census 2000 data products, visit the Census Bureau's web site at www.census.gov, or contact State Data Center staff at 538-1036.

| Utah Census 2000 Time Line | |
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| March 13-March 31 | - Census forms are mailed. |
| March 3-May 30 | - Enumeration in rural Utah (door-to-door). |
| March 27-29 | - Enumeration of the homeless population. Census takers visit shelters, soup kitchens and non-sheltered locations. |
| April 1 | - Officially recognized nationwide as Census Day. |
| April 1-May 13 | - Enumeration of nursing homes, college dormitories, prisons and other group settings. |
| May 1 - July 31 | - Follow up for non-respondents. Any housing unit that did not return a form will be contacted via phone or personal visit. |
| December 31, 2000 | - Apportionment counts delivered to the President and Congress. |
| March 31, 2001 | - Counts delivered to state legislatures to begin the redistricting process. |
| March 2001 - 2003 | Release of Census 2000 Data Products |

| Release Date | 100 Percent Data Products (Data From All Households) | Lowest Level Geography |
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| MAR - APR 2001 | Census 2000 Redistricting Data Summary File State population counts for legislative redistricting <i>Media: Internet, CD-Rom</i> | Blocks |
| JUN - SEP 2001 | Demographic Profile Population totals and selected population and housing characteristics <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM, paper</i> | Places |
| JUN - SEP 2001 | Congressional District Demographic Profile Population totals and selected population and housing characteristics <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM, paper</i> | Congressional Districts of the 106th Congress |
| At the state level: JUN - SEP 2001 At the national level: JUN - JUL 2002 | Summary File 1 (SF1) Population counts for 63 race categories and ethnicity Population counts for many detailed race and ethnic categories Selected population and housing characteristics (National File includes urban and rural data) <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM</i> | Blocks Census Tracts Blocks/Census Tracts |
| At the state level: OCT - DEC 2001 At the national level: JUN - JUL 2002 | Summary File 2 (SF2) Population and Housing characteristics iterated for many detailed race and ethnic categories, and American Indian and Alaskan Native tribes (National file includes urban and rural data) <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM</i> | Census Tracts |
| At the state level: APR - DEC 2001 At the national level: MAY - JUL 2002 | Quick Tables Table shells with population and housing characteristics where the user can specify a geographic area and a population group <i>Medium: Internet</i> | Census Tracts |
| At the state level: APR - OCT 2001 At the national level: JUN - JUL 2002 | Geographic Comparison Tables Population and housing characteristics for a list of geographic areas (e.g., all counties in the state) <i>Medium: Internet</i> | Places of 1,000 or more population |
| SEP - DEC 2001 (Release subject to policy decisions on access and confidentiality) | Advanced Query Function User specifies contents of tabulations from full microdata file Includes safeguards against disclosure of identifying information about individuals and housing units <i>Medium: Internet</i> | User defined down to block groups |
| JAN - NOV 2002 | Census 2000: Summary Population and Housing Characteristics <i>Media: Internet, paper</i> | Places |
| 2003 | Census 2000: Population and Housing Unit Counts <i>Media: Internet, paper (printed report with selected historical counts)</i> | Places |



| Planned Release Date | Sample Data Products (Data From Sample of Households) | Lowest Level Geography |
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| DEC 2001 - MAR 2002 | Demographic Profile Demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics presented <i>Media: Internet, CD-Rom, paper</i> | Places |
| DEC 2001 - MAR 2002 | Congressional District Demographic Profile Demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics presented <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM, paper</i> | Congressional Districts of the 106th Congress |
| AUG - DEC 2002 | Summary File 3 (SF3) Population counts for ancestry groups Selected population and housing characteristics <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM</i> | Census Tracts Block Groups/ Census Tracts |
| DEC 2002 - MAR 2003 | Summary File 4 (SF4) Population and housing characteristics iterated for many detailed race and ethnic categories, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, and ancestry groups. <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM</i> | Census Tracts |
| AUG 2002 - MAR 2003 | Quick Tables Table shells with population and housing characteristics where the user can specify a geographic area and a population group <i>Medium: Internet</i> | Census Tracts |
| SEP 2002 - JAN 2003 | Geographic Comparison Tables Population and Housing characteristics for a list of geographic areas (e.g., all counties in the state) <i>Medium: Internet</i> | Places of 1,000 or more population |
| For 5 percent sample: APR - JUL 2002 For 1 percent sample: AUG - DEC 2002 | Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS Files) 5 percent sample (information for state and sub-state areas) 1 percent sample (information for metropolitan areas) <i>Medium: CD-ROM</i> | Public use microdata areas (PUMAs) |
| DEC 2002 - MAR 2003 (Release subject to policy decisions on access and confidentiality) | Advanced Query Function User specifies contents of tabulations from full microdata file Includes safeguards against disclosure of identifying information about individuals and housing units <i>Medium: Internet</i> | User defined down to Census Tracts |
| 2003 | Census 2000: Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics <i>Media: Internet, paper</i> | Places |
| 2003 | Congressional District Data Summary File 100 percent and sample data for the redistricted 108th Congress <i>Media: Internet, CD-ROM</i> | Census Tracts within Congressional Districts |

