

Chapter 1.

Abstract

CITATION

U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Public Use Microdata Sample, United States: Technical Documentation, 2003.

TYPE OF FILE

Microdata

SUBJECT CONTENT

Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files contain records representing 5-percent or 1-percent samples of the occupied and vacant housing units in the U.S. and the people in the occupied units. Group quarters people also are included. The file contains individual weights for each person and housing unit, which when applied to the individual records, expand the sample to the relevant total. Please see [Chapters 6 and 7 - Data Dictionary](#) for a complete list of the variables and recodes.

Some of the items included on the housing record are: acreage; agricultural sales; allocation flags for housing items; bedrooms; condominium fee; contract rent; cost of utilities; family income in 1999; family, subfamily, and relationship recodes; farm residence; fire, hazard, and flood insurance; fuels used; gross rent; heating fuel; household income in 1999; household type; housing unit weight; kitchen facilities; linguistic isolation; meals included in rent; mobile home costs; mortgage payment; mortgage status; plumbing facilities; presence and age of own children; presence of subfamilies in household; real estate taxes; rooms; selected monthly owner costs; size of building (units in structure); state code; telephone service; tenure; vacancy status; value (of housing unit); vehicles available; year householder moved into unit; and year structure built.

Some of the items included on the person record are: ability to speak English; age; allocation flags for population items; ancestry; citizenship; class of worker; disability status; earnings in 1999; educational attainment; grandparents as caregivers; Hispanic origin; hours worked; income in 1999 by type; industry; language spoken at home; marital status; means of transportation to work; migration Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA); migration state; mobility status; veteran period of service; years of military service; occupation; person's weight; personal care limitation; place of birth; place of work PUMA; place of work state; poverty status in 1999; race; relationship; school enrollment and type of school; time of departure for work; travel time to work; vehicle occupancy; weeks worked in 1999; work limitation status; work status in 1999; and year of entry.

GEOGRAPHIC CONTENT

The Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files contain geographic units known as super-Public Use Microdata Areas (super-PUMAs) and Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). To maintain the confidentiality of the PUMS data, minimum population thresholds are set for PUMAs and super-PUMAs. For the 1-percent state-level files, the super-PUMAs contain a minimum population of 400,000 and are composed of a PUMA or a group of contiguous PUMAs delineated on the 5-percent state-level PUMS files. Super-PUMAs are a new geographic entity for Census 2000. The 5-percent state-level files contain PUMAs, each having a minimum population of 100,000; the 5-percent files also will show corresponding super-PUMAs codes. Each state is separately identified and may be comprised of one or more super-PUMAs or PUMAs. Large metropolitan areas may be subdivided into super-PUMAs and PUMAs. PUMAs and super-PUMAs do not cross state lines. Super-PUMAs and PUMAs also are defined for place of residence on April 1, 1995 and place of work.

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