
Census Report

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Sixteenth Decennial Census, 1940, Published in Full for First Time

Although all of the data collected for the 1940 Decennial Census was issued by the Census Bureau, the original publishing plan was never completed owing to the outbreak of World War II, and various *Bulletins* issued in the usual paperback format on poor quality paper never got reprinted as bound books, while some *Preliminary Releases* were never republished beyond the original typewritten pages.

Now, however, the entire 16th Census, with some very minor exceptions, has finally been published in its entirety, on acid-free paper and in library bindings—71,000+ pages in 91 volumes.

THE ENEMY WITHIN!

According to Dubester's *Catalog of United States Census Publications 1790-1945*, the Bureau of the Census published the most significant results of first tabulations of 1940 census statistics in the form of processed preliminary releases arranged serially to correspond to a subject arrangement of the data. With certain exceptions the materials contained in these releases were ultimately incorporated in the advance bulletins and final reports of the Sixteenth Census. However, 16 releases contained tables not to be found in any other reports, i.e., *they were never published*. These releases were only issued as typewritten pages, perhaps mimeographed!

Most of them deal with the status of Japanese-Americans, German-Americans and Italian-Americans, as well as citizens of the three countries living in the United States. The first report was issued on December 9, 1941, ergo two days after Pearl Harbor. In addition, hardly any libraries in the United States have copies, including the U.S. Census Bureau Library. However, Regina W. Oliver, Reference Librarian at the Library, was very helpful and directed us to the Davis Library at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where Beth Rowe made the effort that resulted in our obtaining 14 of the 16 otherwise unpublished documents. (The two UNC didn't have [Nos. 1300 & 1301] were on Housing, whereas the other 14 [1286-1299] were on Population. I think that anyone reading the titles of the two would agree that they were the least important—a total of five pages! Still, we would have preferred to be complete.)

TERRITORIES & POSSESSIONS

According to another note in Dubester, "The following final reports [nos. 1112-1123] were to have been published in a single bound

volume entitled... 'Territories and Possessions,' but such volume was never issued." These 12 reports have now been combined and printed in a single volume for the first time. We have also incorporated Dubester No. 1124 and Nos. 1127 and 1128 because they deal with the same 'outlying areas,' i.e., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, Iraq, Virgin Islands, etc. All 15 reports were originally published as bulletins by the GPO between 1941 and 1943.

CITY REPORTS

According to another entry in Dubester, #1153 consists of reports on Housing: "*Supplement to the first series [of] housing bulletins for... Block Statistics. 1942. 195 Pamphlets.* A series of supplemental bulletins, one for each of the 191* cities which in 1930 had a population of 50,000 or more, showing selected housing statistics, e.g., characteristics of housing... for the city by blocks. *These bulletins, supplementary to the first series housing bulletins, were not incorporated in the final reports.*" [*5 reports for New York City.]

Similarly, according to Dubester, #1159 consists of reports on population and housing: "*Statistics for Census tracts. 1941-43.* The 58 bulletins cover 60 tracted cities including adjacent areas in some cases. Population data include sex, age, race, nativity...; and housing data include occupancy status, tenure, value or rent.... *These bulletins were not incorporated in the final reports.*" [Emphasis added.]

Thus both groups of reports were issued as a series of paperback bulletins and were never included in the bound volumes on Population and Housing. This new edition provides all of the reports from both 1153 and 1159, reprinted in two series. The reports in each series are arranged alphabetically by state and then by city—thus handy volumes for any library or researcher concerned with a single state. Most reports have