

THE 1980 CENSUS UPDATE: AN EMPHASIS ON  
GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS AND THE SUMMARY TAPES

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ABSTRACT

The 1980 Census of Population and Housing will provide a wealth of information on demographic, socio-economic, and housing characteristics for the Nation, States, counties, cities, ZIP Code areas, neighborhoods, census tracts, and other small areas. In fact, the 1980 census will provide data with more geographic detail than any previous decennial census.

All of this information will be available on computer Summary Tape Files (STF's) as well as printed reports and microfiche. The 5 series of STF's will contain more detailed cross-tabulations of data and certain data will be at a more detailed geographic level than found in printed reports.

Certain geographic products associated with the 1980 census have been developed and can be used in different aspects of geographic information processing. These products include the Master Area Reference File (MARF), census outline maps, and GBF/DIME Files.