

## Census 2000 Content

**100-percent characteristics (short form; summary file 1 & 2):** A limited number of questions were asked of every person and housing unit in the United States. Information is available on:

- Name
- Household relationship
- Sex
- Age
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Tenure (whether the home is owned or rented)

**Sample characteristics (long form; summary file 3 & 4):** Additional questions were asked of a sample of persons and housing units. Data are provided on:

### Population

#### *Social Characteristics*

- Marital status
- Place of birth, citizenship, and year of entry
- School enrollment and educational attainment
- Ancestry
- Residence 5 years ago (migration)
- Language spoken at home and ability to speak English
- Veteran status
- Disability
- Grandparents as caregivers

#### *Economic Characteristics*

- Labor force status
- Place of work and journey to work
- Occupation, industry, and class of worker
- Work status in 1999
- Income in 1999

### Housing

#### *Physical Characteristics*

- Units in structure
- Year structure built
- Number of rooms and number of bedrooms
- Year moved into residence
- Plumbing and kitchen facilities
- Telephone service
- Vehicles available
- Heating fuel
- Farm residence

#### *Financial Characteristics*

- Value of home or monthly rent paid
- Utilities, mortgage, taxes, insurance, and fuel costs

Source: *Census 2000 Basics* by Andrea Severson. SSH US Docs C 3.2:B 29/2000 and online at: <http://www.census.gov/mso/www/c2000basics/00Basics.pdf>

See *Measuring America: The Decennial Census from 1790 to 2000* for historical Census questionnaires. It can be found online at <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS50135> or in SSH US Docs Ref C 3.2:M 46/2