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Census of Governments, 1992: Government Organization

Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: The United States Census Bureau conducts a Census of Governments every five years -- in years ending in "2" or "7" -- to collect information about governments in the United States. The Government Organization branch of the 1992 Census of Governments describes the organization and activities of local governments. The 1992 Local Government Directory Survey covered all county, municipal, town or township, school district, and special district governments that met the Census Bureau criteria for independent governments. The counts of local governments reflect those in operation on January 1, 1992. This collection includes three parts, each including information regarding a different type of government: (1) general purpose governments, (2) special district governments, and (3) school district governments (including dependent school systems but not Education Service Agencies). The data include information on various codes used to identify the government unit, its name, population in 1990, types of public services provided, or functions of special districts, political organization of general purpose governments as well as a detailed accounting of race and gender of elected and appointed officials. Special districts data provide information on area served, revenue powers, and functions, in addition to detailing race and gender counts of governing body members. School data provides enrollment information, number of schools, educational levels, area served, and a detailed accounting of race and gender of elected and appointed officials.

Subject Term(s): government, government employees, government organizations, organizational structure, organizations, political appointments, political leaders, public sector, schools, workers

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • January 1, 1992

Date(s) of Collection: • October 1991 - April 1992

Unit of Observation: local government

Universe: Local governments in the United States.

Data Type: census/enumeration data

Data Collection Notes: For additional information on the Census of Governments, 1992: Government Organization, please refer to the United States Census Bureau Web site ([Link](#)).

Methodology

Purpose of the Study: Census statistics on governments are designed to account for the totality of public sector activity without omission or duplication.

Sample: Data that are derived from a census are not subject to sampling variability.

Weight: There are no weight variables included in this collection.

Mode of Data Collection: mail questionnaire

Response Rates: The final response rate for the Government Organization Census was 88.2 percent.

Extent of Processing: Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

Original ICPSR Release: 2008-01-14

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2014-02-11.

2014-02-11 - SPSS, SAS, and Stata setup files, as well as SPSS and Stata system files, a SAS transport (CPORT) file, a tab-delimited data file, and an R data file have been added to the collection. Additionally, a codebook has been created.

- Dataset(s):
- DS1: General Purpose Governments
 - DS2: Special District Governments
 - DS3: School District Governments