



## Decennial Census: Automation of the Geographic Support System: Ggd-87-75br

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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 32 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. In response to a congressional request, GAO evaluated the Census Bureau's development of its automated geographic support system to determine: (1) the system's estimated building and operating costs; (2) whether development was on schedule; and (3) whether the Bureau's management procedures were adequate to ensure the completion of a timely and cost-efficient system. GAO found that: (1) the Bureau is behind schedule due to procurement problems and its underestimation of the system's complexity; (2) a computer software program the Bureau needed to divide computer files into county segments was 13 months behind schedule; (3) because building computer data files is sequential, delays in one task will affect the remaining tasks; and (4) continuing delays could affect the timely preparation of the maps the Bureau needs for canvassing suburban and rural areas. GAO also found that: (1) the Bureau's estimated 1986 costs for developing and using the system were 371 million, 91 percent higher than its 1982 estimate; (2) one major cause of increased costs was an unexpected increase in computer time requirements; and (3) lack of additional funding to cover the...



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