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## Plans for Improved Data Access

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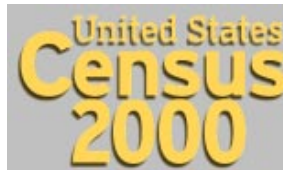
The Massachusetts State Data Center Program is now part of the Data Operations and Dissemination group at MISER. We are the group within MISER responsible for storing and distributing the Institute's data to the University community, state and local government, and the public. This change will mean greater access to a wider variety of data stored within the whole Institute, not just the State Data Center.

Our plan for better access primarily involves developing a new web site and converting our nine track tape library to CD-ROM. Our new web site should be operational by the end of May and it will have a data page where you will be able to download data and maps, and access links to other valuable data sources. Our tape library contains about 400 tapes. The conversion will be an ongoing project, and we will add any new CD-ROMs we make to our CD list which will also be on our web site.

Please visit the web site and send us your comments. The data users will play an important role in its evolution.

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## Census 2000 News



The Commerce Department's Census Bureau submitted to Congress the proposed questions for Census 2000--seven on the short form and 52 on the long form. The short form has the fewest questions since 1820 when U.S. marshals took the census on horseback.

"The proposed short form will take an average of 10 minutes to complete and is a key element in the Census Bureau's plan to conduct the most efficient, cost-effective census in the nation's history," said James Holmes, acting director of the Census Bureau.

The 1990 census short form had 13 questions and took 14 minutes to fill out. The 1990 census long form had 57 questions and took an average of 43 minutes to fill out.

*Excerpted from the Census 2000 Publicity  
Office Press Release (CB98-CN.03)  
3/30/98  
<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/cn98-03.html>*

## ZIP Business Patterns 1995

by

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The 1995 ZIP Business Patterns CD-ROM, second in an annual series, shows for all U.S. ZIP code areas the total number of establishments and the number of establishments by each of nine employment-size categories by detailed Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code. It also includes the total number of employees and total payroll for each ZIP code area. The disk comes with Windows-compatible software that enables users to view, print or extract the data sets they want.

According to the 1995 ZIP Business Patterns CD-ROM, in Massachusetts, ZIP code 02154 in Waltham had the largest number of establishments at 2,184 and the largest number of employees at 55,094. ZIP code 02109 in Boston had the greatest number of establishments in a single Standard Industrial Classification code. There were 397 legal services (SIC code 8100) establishments in that Boston ZIP code.

The 1995 ZIP Business Patterns was released in March and distributed to our affiliates at our 3/26 meeting. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

*Just a Reminder - All SDC Affiliate Program Memorandum of Understanding Forms were due by May 1, 1998. If you have not already sent or faxed in your form, please do immediately so you can maintain your affiliate status.*

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**CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL FUNDS REPORT (CFFR)  
Fiscal Year 1997**

Massachusetts

Population (July 1, 1996 estimate) . . . . .	6,092,352
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES OR OBLIGATIONS - TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,085,878,664</b>
Defense . . . . .	5,838,098,106
Non-defense . . . . .	31,247,780,558
<b>GRANT AWARDS - TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>7,490,345,356</b>
Highway Planning and Construction . . . . .	457,819,750
Family Support Payments to States (AFDC)	-
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) . . . . .	2,559,647,531
Other . . . . .	4,472,878,075
<b>SALARIES AND WAGES - TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>2,823,810,280</b>
Defense . . . . .	509,952,000
Non-Defense . . . . .	2,313,858,280
US Postal Service . . . . .	1,304,499,337
Other . . . . .	1,009,358,943
<b>DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS - TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>20,283,466,675</b>
Retirement and disability payments . . . . .	11,141,189,389
Social Security . . . . .	8,810,032,588
Supplemental Security Income . . . . .	613,571,629
Federal retirement and disability payments	1,163,174,113
Veterans benefit payments . . . . .	430,842,511
All other . . . . .	123,568,548
Other direct payments for individuals . . . . .	9,142,277,286
Food Stamps . . . . .	260,155,411
Medicare . . . . .	6,283,038,087
Unemployment Compensation Benefit Payments	844,547,283
Excess Earned Income Tax Credits . . . . .	257,523,000
Lower Income Housing Assistance -	
Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation	1,185,331,674
All other . . . . .	311,681,831
<b>DIRECT PAYMENTS OTHER THAN FOR INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>370,473,098</b>
<b>PROCUREMENT CONTRACT AWARDS - TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>6,117,783,255</b>
Defense . . . . .	4,885,005,000
Non-Defense . . . . .	1,232,778,255
<b>OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE - TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>6,958,941,053</b>
Direct loans . . . . .	620,420,466
Guaranteed loans . . . . .	2,037,900,613
Insurance . . . . .	4,300,619,974

Excerpted from the Census Bureau's 1997 Consolidated Federal Funds Report released by the Public Information Office dated 4/2/98. <http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/97cfffma.txt>

**Ten Fastest-Growing U.S. Cities:  
1990-96**

(Population over 100,000\* -- 219 U.S. Cities)

Rank		Percent change 1990 to 1996
1	Henderson, NV	88.4
2	Chandler, AZ	59.0
3	Pembroke Pines, FL	53.5
4	Palmdale, CA	51.6
5	Plano, TX	50.4
6	Las Vegas, NV	46.0
7	Scottsdale, AZ	37.6
8	Laredo, TX	34.2
9	Coral Springs, FL	33.5
10	Corona, CA	32.0

**For Massachusetts, the four cities with population over 100,000\* experienced a decline in population since 1990.**

174	Worcester, MA	-2.0
179	Lowell, MA	-2.4
188	Boston, MA	-2.8
200	Springfield, MA	-4.5

\*1990 Census, 1996 Population Estimates

*Source: City/Place Population Estimates, Table 2 -- 1990 & 1996 Population Estimates of Cities with Population over 100,000*  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/citypop.html>

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