

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BOOK

The selection of which demographic factors, from among the thousands provided by the 2000 federal census, is a difficult initial portion of this project. The finalists were selected to provide a good cross-section of any geographic area, provide some useful information and keep the book within a range of publication restrictions.

The data paragraphs in this state volume provide a basic demographic profile for any county, and selected county subdivisions and places. Complete profiles are included for selected areas, usually over a population minimum. Mini-profiles are included for all remaining units. Unabridged profiles for all units may be found on the internet at [www.polidata.us](http://www.polidata.us).

Each basic demographic profile is comprised of data paragraphs—five for basic geography and demography. The data paragraphs cover the following subject areas:

1. **Geography(2000):** *type of unit, rank within the state/county, population density, assignment to regions/markets, % urban/rural population*
2. **Population(2000):** *basic demographic factors including age, sex, education, marital and military status, nativity, race and ancestry*
3. **Income and Labor Force(2000):** *location and type of work, commuting items, income factors*
4. **Housing(2000):** *ownership, type of structure, year built, presence of children, home value*
5. **SES Indicators(2000):** *summary of several Socio-Economic Status (SES) indicators and a Home Purchase Index (HPI). See notes on Averages and Indices infra.*

### THE FORMAT OF THE BOOK PROVIDES THE DEMOGRAPHIC OR POLITICAL RESEARCHER:

- ⇒ RANKINGS TO ENUMERATE THE TOP AND BOTTOM COUNTIES AND COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS OR PLACES FOR OVER 80 DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS
- ⇒ THEMATIC MAPS TO ILLUSTRATE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FACTORS ACROSS THE STATE AT THE COUNTY SUBDIVISION LEVEL
- ⇒ A COMPLETE AREA PROFILE OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS ALL COUNTIES AND FOR THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS AND PLACES
- ⇒ PERCENTAGES TO AID IN REVIEW AND TO MAINTAIN CURRENCY OF THESE 2000 DATA
- ⇒ RELATIVITY INDICATORS TO ALLOW A QUICK COMPARISON WITH THE VALUE FOR THE STATE
- ⇒ FULL DATA RECORD FOR THE STATE AND THREE SELECTED AREAS FOR A COMPLETE DATA REVIEW