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.

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* <u>*infra.*</u>

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

⇒ <u>RANKINGS</u> TO ENUMERATE THE TOP AND BOTTOM COUNTIES AND COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS OR PLACES FOR OVER 80 DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

⇒ <u>THEMATIC MAPS</u> TO ILLSUTRATE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FACTORS ACROSS THE STATE AT THE COUNTY SUBDIVISION LEVEL

⇒ A COMPLETE <u>AREA PROFILE</u> OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS ALL COUNTIES AND FOR THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS AND PLACES

⇒ <u>PERCENTAGES</u> TO AID IN REVIEW AND TO MAINTAIN CURRENCY OF THESE 2000 DATA

⇒ <u>RELATIVITY INDICATORS</u> TO ALLOW A QUICK COMPARISON WITH THE VALUE FOR THE STATE

⇒ <u>FULL DATA RECORD</u> FOR THE STATE AND THREE SELECTED AREAS FOR A COMPLETE DATA REVIEW