

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 volume provide a basic demographic profile for any county, and selected county subdivisions and places. Complete profiles are included for any area over 240,000 population with the addition of the largest county and city in each state regardless of population. Mini-profiles are included for all counties. Complete profiles for these smaller counties and places over 75,000 population 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 infra.*

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

- ⇒ RANKINGS TO ENUMERATE THE TOP AND BOTTOM STATES AND COUNTIES OR PLACES OVER 75,000 FOR OVER 80 DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS
- ⇒ THEMATIC MAPS TO ILLUSTRATE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FACTORS ACROSS THE STATE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL
- ⇒ A COMPLETE AREA PROFILE OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS FOR THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTIES 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 NATION
- ⇒ FULL DATA RECORD FOR THE NATION AND THREE SELECTED AREAS FOR A COMPLETE DATA REVIEW