Confidence in Population Estimates from sampling Based upon 1995 Test Census

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SAMPLE FOR OAKLAND CITY
Base Population 368232
Standard error 7060

S.E. as % of base pop. 1.91727

For each population estimate, the Bureau calculates the standard error as a measure of the sampling error. The range of how much the estimate may vary from the census count depends upon the confidence level desired. That is, the true census count is, with 95% certainty, between 354112 and 382352, or plus/minus 3.8%. The range of "true" populations, as a %, will decrease with the increased size of the population estimate.

