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## Old Age in the United States, 1900

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This data collection describes the social conditions of the older population of the United States at the turn of the century. Detailed information, extracted from the 1900 United States Census manuscript schedules, is provided on household composition and family structure for each sampled older person. Ecological characteristics of the county of residence, e.g., the percentage of the county's population that is foreign born, are provided for most sampled older persons. In addition, occupational and ethnic characteristics of family heads appearing on the same sampled census page as the older person (on census pages grouped by street location) are reported.

Subject Term(s): aging, aging population, census data, demographic characteristics, families, family structure, household composition, occupations, older adults, social environment, social life

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 1900

Date(s) of Collection: • 1976 - 1978

Universe: Noninstitutionalized population of the United States aged 55 and older in 1900.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: Age distribution: 55-64 (N is 2,002), 65-74 (N is 2,203), 75-84 (N is 690), 85 and older (N is 108). The values for the weighting variable "Weighting Factor II" are incorrect. The SPSS statements that will correctly weight the sample are given in the codebook.

## Methodology

Sample: Stratified sample of 56 counties (excluding cities with populations of 25,000 or more) and 44 urban Primary Sampling Units (PSUs). Cities with populations over 25,000 were triple-sampled. Sample members were drawn from clusters defined by manuscript census pages.

Data Source: manuscript census schedules from the United States Census for 1900

Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values.

Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.

Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

## Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

Original ICPSR Release: 1985-12-20

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 1993-02-14.

Dataset(s):

- DS1: Main Data File
- DS2: SAS Proc Format for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS3: SAS Input for OSIRIS/LRECL Data

- DS4: SAS Labels for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS5: SAS Missing Value Recode for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS6: SAS Format for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS7: SAS Proc Format for Card Image Data
- DS8: SAS Input for Card Image Data
- DS9: SAS Labels for Card Image Data
- DS10: SAS Missing Value Recode for Card Image Data
- DS11: SAS Format for Card Image Data
- DS12: SPSS Data List for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS13: SPSS Value Labels for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS14: SPSS Missing Value Recode for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS15: SPSS Variable Labels for OSIRIS/LRECL Data
- DS16: SPSS Data List for Card Image Data
- DS17: SPSS Value Labels for Card Image Data
- DS18: SPSS Missing Value Recode for Card Image Data
- DS19: SPSS Variable Labels for Card Image Data