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# Introduction to Census 2000 Data Products—U.S. Virgin Islands

**Census 2000–U.S. Virgin Islands.** Information about housing units and people in the U.S. Virgin Islands will be available in a variety of formats and media, including the Internet, CD-ROMs, paper, and a printed report. This brochure provides a brief introduction to the information available for the U.S. Virgin Islands from Census 2000, Census 2000 geography, maps, and data products. Visit our Web site at *www.census.gov* for more information.

Information Available From the Census of Population and Housing: U.S. Virgin Islands

### **Basic Subjects**

Household relationship Sex Age Hispanic or Latino origin Race Tenure (whether the home is owned or rented) Vacancy characteristics

### **Detailed Subjects**

### **Population**

Marital status Place of birth, citizenship, and year of entry to the U.S. Virgin Islands Parental birthplace\* Fertility\* School enrollment and educational attainment Vocational training\* Migration (residence in 1995) Language spoken at home and ability to speak English Veteran status Disability Grandparents as caregivers Labor force status Place of work and journey to work Occupation, industry, and class of worker Work status in 1999

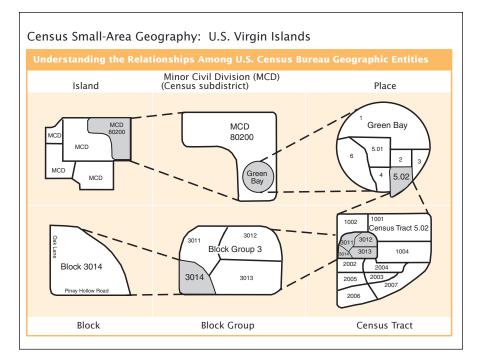
### Housing

Value of home or monthly rent paid Units in structure Year structure built Number of rooms and number of bedrooms Year moved into residence Plumbing and kitchen facilities Telephone service Vehicles available Cooking fuel\* Source of water\* Purchase of water from water vendor\* Sewage disposal\* Condominium status\* Farm residence Utilities, mortgage, taxes, insurance, and fuel costs

\*Subjects not on stateside questionnaire.

**Note:** In the U.S. Virgin Islands, all questions were asked of all persons and of all housing units. The basic subjects are equivalent to the stateside 100-percent component subjects, and the detailed subjects are equivalent to the stateside sample component subjects.

Income in 1999



### Census 2000 Geographic Areas

**Blocks.** Generally bounded by streets, legal boundaries, and other features, a block is the smallest geographic unit for which the Census Bureau tabulates data.

**Block groups (BGs).** Block groups are a collection of census blocks within a census tract, sharing the same first digit of their four-digit identifying numbers.

**Census tracts.** These small statistical subdivisions (averaging about 4,000 persons) of counties or statistically equivalent areas generally have stable boundaries and, when first established, were designed to have relatively homogeneous demographic characteristics.

### Counties and equivalent areas.

Each of the three major islands—St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas—serves as the statistical equivalent of a stateside county for census purposes.

Metropolitan areas (MAs). An MA consists of a large population nucleus of 50,000 population or greater, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration with that core. There are no metropolitan areas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Census Subdistricts (Minor Civil Divisions [MCDs]). The

U.S. Virgin Islands established "census subdistricts" as the primary subdivisions of the islands for the reporting of decennial census data. The 20 census subdistricts are legally established entities intended to be permanent areas that reflect land-use planning districts. The Census Bureau has been using them since 1980.

**Places.** The Census Bureau tabulates data for two types of places in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The places designated as towns, which have legally established boundaries even though they are

not functioning governmental entities, are treated as incorporated places. The Census Bureau recognizes three towns (Charlotte Amalie, Christiansted, and Frederiksted) as equivalent to incorporated places. Closely settled population centers without legally defined corporate limits are delineated by local officials, in cooperation with the Census Bureau, as census designated places (CDPs).

### States and equivalent areas.

The Census Bureau treats the U.S. Virgin Islands as the statistical equivalent of a state for data presentation.

**Urban areas.** Urban areas consist of urbanized areas (UAs) and urban clusters (UCs). Both UAs and UCs consist of densely settled territory. UAs require a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants. UCs have from 2,500 to 49,999 population.

### Census 2000 Data Products Available in Many Forms

#### **Census 2000 Data Products**

The decennial census yields a wealth of data, which have virtually unlimited applications. A complete line of Census 2000 data products for the U.S. Virgin Islands will soon be available. We have designed a variety of products to fit your data needs.

Detailed results of Census 2000 for the U.S. Virgin Islands will be contained in a summary file that you can access through the **Internet** and on **CD-ROM.** A related electronic and print product is the **Demographic Profile,** which includes demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics for places in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In addition, there will be a **report** available in print, **Census** 

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Internet. For easy access to Census 2000 information, select American FactFinder® on the Census Bureau's home page (www.census.gov). Generally, most data products will be released first on the Internet, followed by subsequent releases in other formats.

**CD-ROM.** Most Census 2000 tabulations and maps for the U.S. Virgin Islands will be available on CD-ROMs. Viewing software will be included. CD-ROMs may be ordered by phone through the Census Bureau's Customer Services Center on 301-763-INFO (4636), or by clicking on *Catalog* from the Census Bureau's home page.

**Printed report.** The printed report will be sold through the U.S. Government Printing Office. Much of the information in the printed report will be available earlier in other data products.

The following release dates are preliminary and may be revised later.

**Demographic Profile.** This product will give a snapshot of the demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics for each county equivalent and place in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The profile will be available as paper tables. You can also access it through the Internet and on CD-ROM.

*Planned release date:* October 2001

Summary File. This file presents basic subjects (household relationship, sex, age, Hispanic or Latino origin, race, tenure, and vacancy status) at the block level. Detailed subjects will be provided down to the block group level for many tabulations but only down to the census-tract level for others. This

file will be available on the Internet through American FactFinder®.

Planned release date: February 2002

### **Printed Report**

# Census 2000. Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics.

This publication will include information on detailed population and housing characteristics to the place level. It also will be available on the Internet.

Planned release date: November 2002

### **Microdata**

Microdata allow users to prepare their own customized tabulations and cross tabulations of most population and housing subjects, using specially prepared microdata files. These files are the actual responses to census questionnaires, but with names and addresses removed and the geography sufficiently broad to protect confidentiality.

**Public Use Microdata Sample** (**PUMS**) **File.** There is one PUMS file for the U.S. Virgin Islands. It is a 10-percent sample of the entire area and does not provide geographic detail for the individual islands or their subareas.

Planned release date: December 2002

# Maps and Geographic Products

A variety of maps, boundary files, and other geographic products will be available to help users locate and identify geographic areas. These products will be available in various media such as the Internet, DVD, CD-ROM, and, in the case of maps, as print-on-demand products.

### Census 2000 TIGER/Line® files.

These files contain geographic boundaries and codes, streets, and coordinates for use with geographic

information systems for mapping and other applications.

Planned release date: August 2001

**Census block maps.** These maps show the boundaries, names, and codes for the U.S. Virgin Islands, county equivalent areas, places, census tracts, and census blocks. This map series will be produced for each county equivalent, MCD, and place.

Planned release date: September 2001-December 2001

### Census tract outline maps.

These county equivalent based maps show the boundaries and numbers of census tracts and names of features underlying the boundaries. They also show the boundaries, names, and codes for county equivalent areas, MCDs, and places.

Planned release date: September 2001-December 2001

Reference maps. This series of tabulation reference map types shows the boundaries for tabulation areas including: the U.S. Virgin Islands, county equivalent areas, county subdivisions (census subdistricts), incorporated places and CDPs. This series includes the state and county subdivision outline maps and urban area maps. These maps vary in size from wall to page size.

Planned release date:
On the same schedule as printed reports.

### Generalized boundary files.

These files are designed for use in a geographic information system (GIS) or similar computer mapping software. Boundary files are available for all levels of census geography down to and including block groups.

Planned release date: September 2001-December 2001

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### For More Information About Census 2000 and Census 2000 Data Products:

- Visit the Census Bureau's Internet site at www.census.gov or call our Customer Services Center at 301-763-INFO (4636).
- Contact the Eastern Caribbean Center, University of the Virgin Islands at 340-693-1027.
- Contact the Puerto Rico and Island Areas Staff, U.S. Census Bureau, on 301-457-4038 or via fax on 301-457-3763.
- Visit your local library.
   Many major university and public libraries participate in the Federal Depository Library Program and receive copies of Census Bureau reports and CD-ROMs.

### Census 2000 Data Products— U.S. Virgin Islands At a Glance

Planned release date	Data products	Lowest level geography
October 2001	Demographic Profile Demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics Media: Internet, CD-ROM, paper	Places
February 2002	Summary File  Demographic characteristics, population, and housing unit counts.	Blocks
	Detailed population and housing characteristics  Media: Internet, CD-ROM	Block groups/ Census tracts
November 2002	Census 2000: Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics (PHC-4) Media: Internet, paper (printed report)	Places
December 2002	Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File 10-percent sample Medium: CD-ROM	U.S. Virgin Islands

**Note:** Census 2000 data products are designed to meet a variety of data needs for different segments of the data user community. Constraints with staff and budget, federal guidelines, data processing, or other considerations **may result** in changes to the content and types of data products prepared or the timing of their release.

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