



## Useful information on Youth from the 2000 Census

The following list is a small selection of the many variables included in the 2000 Census, focused on the demographic characteristics that might be most helpful to **education groups and other advocates for youth**. The information is based on the answers to the “short form” and “long form” questionnaires (*see box*).

**Important note:** there is no one Census table that contains all the data related to the youth population. But the summary below will help you figure out what data is available to help you analyze issues related to youth. This list is just a beginning. Please contact CMAP to find out how we can help you use the Census to better understand your world.

- race/ethnicity (cross-tabulated by age and sex)
- household type (cross-tabulated by relationship& age of householder)
- household size (cross-tabulated by household type & presence of own children under 18)
- households (cross-tabulated by age of householder, household type, & presence of own children under 18)
- household relationship (cross-tabulated by grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18)
- family type (cross-tabulated by presence of own children under 18 years, and by age of own children)
- own children under 18 years (cross-tabulated by family type & age)
- grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18
- grandparents living with own grandchildren (cross-tabulated by responsibility for grandchildren)
- age (cross-tabulated by language spoken at home & ability to speak English)
- age (cross-tabulated by language spoken at home)
- sex (cross-tabulated by school enrollment, level of school, & type of school)
- sex (cross-tabulated by age, disability status, & employment status)
- subfamily type (cross-tabulated by presence of own children under 18) – [“subfamilies” are married couples with or without own never-married children under 18, or a single parent with one or more own never-married children under 18]
- population in subfamilies (cross-tabulated by subfamily type & relationship)
- poverty status of families (cross-tabulated by family type & presence of related children under 18, cross-tabulated by age of related children)
- language density (cross-tabulated by linguistic isolation & age)
- median family income (cross-tabulated by family type & own children under 18)
- poverty status of related children under 18 (cross-tabulated by family type & age)

### Short Form/Long Form

The Census “Short Form” was sent to the majority of households in the nation, and asked questions covering the following topics:

#### Population

Sex  
Age  
Household Relationship  
Hispanic origin  
Race

#### Housing

Tenure (if the home is owned or rented)

The Census “Long Form” was sent to 1 in 6 households (i.e., a sample of the population), and asked questions covering the following topics:

#### Population

Marital status  
Place of birth, citizenship, and year of entry  
School enrollment & educational attainment  
Ancestry  
Residence five years ago (i.e., migration)  
Language spoken at home  
Veteran status  
Disability  
Grandparents as caregivers  
Labor force status (in 2000)  
Place of work and journey to work  
Work status last year  
Industry, occupation, and class of worker

#### Housing

Units in structure  
Number of rooms  
Number of bedrooms  
Plumbing and kitchen facilities  
Year structure built  
Year moved into unit  
House heating fuel  
Telephone  
Vehicles available  
Farm residence  
Value of home  
Monthly rent

For more information, please visit CMAP’s website ([www.nonprofitmaps.org](http://www.nonprofitmaps.org)) or the Census Bureau’s website ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

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