

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This Abstract summarizes the most important and significant statistics contained in the Reports of the Fifteenth Census, and is designed to meet the requirements of those who desire the statistics for the census as a whole in convenient form for ready reference, or who may not have access to the complete reports.

The Abstract is divided into 13 parts: Population (General), Occupations, Families, Unemployment, Agriculture, Irrigation and Drainage, Manufactures, Mines and Quarries, Wholesale and Retail Distribution, Construction, Hotels, and Outlying Territories and Possessions. This presentation conforms in general to that of the Fifteenth Census Reports. Each part contains a detailed table of contents and an introductory statement in which technical terms used in the tables are defined and in which the uses and limitations of the statistical tables are explained.

Nearly all of the tables presenting statistics by States also give figures for the United States as a whole and for nine groups of States designated as geographic divisions. Each of these geographic divisions is made up of from three to eight contiguous States which are more or less similar in the characteristics of their population. These geographic divisions with their component States are given below and they are also outlined in the map on the opposite page.

<b>NEW ENGLAND DIVISION:</b> Maine. New Hampshire. Vermont. Massachusetts. Rhode Island. Connecticut.	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION:</b> Minnesota. Iowa. Missouri. North Dakota. South Dakota. Nebraska. Kansas.	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION:</b> Arkansas. Louisiana. Oklahoma. Texas.
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC DIVISION:</b> New York. New Jersey. Pennsylvania.	<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION:</b> Delaware. Maryland. District of Columbia. Virginia. West Virginia. North Carolina. South Carolina. Georgia. Florida.	<b>MOUNTAIN DIVISION:</b> Montana. Idaho. Wyoming. Colorado. New Mexico. Arizona. Utah. Nevada.
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION:</b> Ohio. Indiana. Illinois. Michigan. Wisconsin.	<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION:</b> Kentucky. Tennessee. Alabama. Mississippi.	<b>PACIFIC DIVISION:</b> Washington. Oregon. California.

On every subject covered in this volume, much more detailed information can be obtained in the Reports of the Fifteenth Census. A list of these reports is printed on page II, and a more detailed list of the publications of each division of the Bureau appears in the introduction to each part of this volume. Information in still further detail, especially for small areas, beyond that which appears in any published report or bulletin, can often be obtained from the Bureau of the Census for the cost of transcription from the original tables.

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