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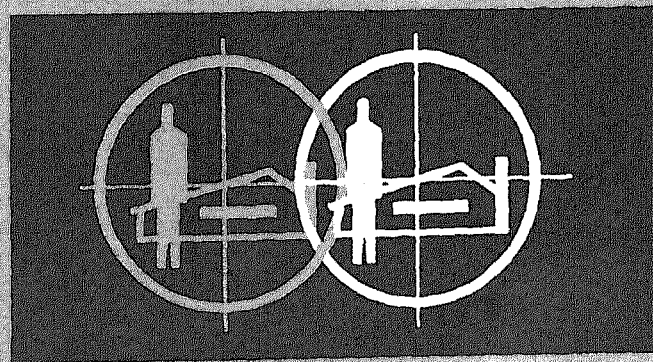


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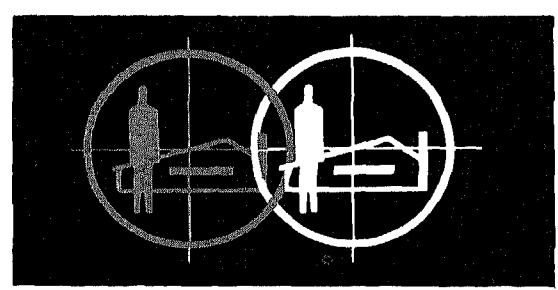
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Preface

This report is one of a series of evaluation and research reports providing measures of the quality of the 1960 Censuses of Population and Housing. The evaluation and research reports are designed to serve three principal purposes: (1) To provide users of census statistics with measures of the accuracy of the data; (2) to guide the Bureau of the Census in improving future censuses and the surveys; and (3) to provide information on problems of measurement in social and economic surveys to research workers in other organizations.

This report presents the results of a reinterview study of the accuracy of the data for selected population characteristics reported in the 1960 Census of Population. The accuracy is compared for different subgroups of the United States--geographic regions, racial groups, age groups, racial groups by level of education, and age groups by level of education.

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