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Preface

This report is one of a series planned to give the results of related groups of evaluation studies connected with the 1960 Censuses of Population and Housing. Presented here are the results of a group of record check studies (sometimes referred to as "reverse" record check studies) designed to provide estimates of persons omitted from the 1960 Census of Population. Other reports in this series will provide additional estimates of persons omitted as well as other coverage quality evaluation measures. No attempt has been made in this report to analyze the results presented here. It is planned that the analytical studies of the results for the 1960 census evaluation and research program will be presented in reports to be published later. A comprehensive report is planned to include estimates of coverage based on analytic studies of the population as well as results from other coverage and content evaluation studies.

Many persons participated in the planning, direction, and coordination of the record check studies, the collection and processing of the data, and the preparation of the report. Particular acknowledgment is made here of those persons who had a major role in these studies. Leon Pritzker, Chief, Response Research Branch, Statistical Research Division; Joseph Steinberg, Chief of Statistical Methods Division until August 1963; and Joseph Waksberg, Chief of Statistical Methods Division since August 1963, planned the record check studies under the general direction of William N. Hurwitz, Chief of the Statistical Research Division. Walter M. Perkins, Assistant Chief for Methods and Development, Statistical Methods Division, directed these studies. Walter A. Freeman, Field Division, coordinated the field work. In the Statistical Methods Division, Barbara Boyes, Kathern Clay, Peter Hurley, Janet Jaracz, Charles D. Jones, and Kathleen Mullaney were responsible for collection of data and reduction of the data to manageable form. This report was prepared in the Statistical Methods Division, primarily by Charles D. Jones. Editorial review and suggestions were provided by Ingrid Millison, Statistical Reports Division.

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