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PREFACE

Use of the Statistical Abstract.—The *Statistical Abstract of the United States* presents in a single annual volume important summary statistics on the industrial, social, political, and economic organization of the United States, and includes a representative selection from most of the important statistical publications. It is, of necessity, limited primarily to national data and to limited summaries by States. It does not attempt to present the great wealth of local data available from many sources.

This book is designed to serve a twofold purpose: *First*, to serve as a convenient reference volume for quantitative summary information; and *second*, to serve as a guide to various important sources of statistical data. If the user finds that the information given here on a particular subject is not sufficiently detailed for his purpose, it is suggested that he refer to the publication or the agency from which the statistics were obtained for publication in the *Statistical Abstract*. The source of each table is given at the foot of the table. The original source usually contains additional statistical detail, and a more complete discussion of the definitions and concepts involved, than can be presented in the *Statistical Abstract*; also, it may supply data for small areas. Further, the agencies initially responsible for the statistics occasionally can supply still more detailed information on the basis of their unpublished tabulations or records.

1951 edition.—This edition, the 72nd annual issue of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, is designated by the year of publication. The statistics shown are the latest available in the early part of the calendar year. The time periods or dates covered by the information in the tables vary according to the practices followed by the various agencies responsible for their preparation.

This edition includes 1,045 tables in comparison with 1,064 tables in the previous edition. The slight reduction in number of tables was the result of the continuing intensive review of several sections in each edition of the *Statistical Abstract*. The objective of this review is to introduce new subject material of greater current interest and to eliminate data that are less timely or present greater detail than seems warranted in a summary publication.

Worthy of mention as significant additions of completely new subject material are a group of tables on advertising expenditures included in section 33, Distribution and Services, and the three tables on concentration of output, and mergers and acquisitions included in section 30, Manufactures. The material on advertising, particularly, represents an initial attempt in the *Statistical Abstract* to bring together data from a number of private sources in a field which is of great current interest.

Another change of major import in this edition is the presentation of data from the 1948 Census of Business. Availability of these data afforded an opportunity for thorough review of the Distribution and Services section. As a result, the new presentation is not only more current but also more complete both in terms of subject coverage and area coverage. New material is also included on dwelling units from preliminary reports of the 1950 Census of Housing, on school enrollment, on distribution of personal income, on Federal government expenditures for credit programs, civil works, and aid to State and local governments, and on a number of other subjects.

Finally, the two Agriculture sections and the Forests and Forest Products section (sections 24–26) have been brought into line with the material on these subjects appearing in *Historical Statistics of the United States* (see p. v) resulting in substantial revision and rearrangements of portions of these sections as well as in the addition of some new material.

With respect to content other than tabular, efforts to expand the general notes preceding each section were continued, notably in section 20, Roads and Motor Vehicles. In addition, four new charts have been added, three of these to sections which previously contained none.

Integration with historical supplement.—The completion of *Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945* in July 1949 (see p. V) made possible a revision of the annual *Abstract* which was started in the 1949 issue. In general, each section of the annual *Statistical Abstract* is reviewed intensively to bring about an increased emphasis on statistics of current interest and, at the same time, to reduce the amount of historical detail presented.

Sections of the annual volume which have now been revised by comparison with the historical supplement are as follows: 1-3, 7, 8, 11-16, 19-21, 23-26, 29, and 31 (see Contents, p. VII for section titles). The type and extent of revision varies considerably, section to section.

In all sections containing related data, cross references to the historical supplement have been included in the tabular headnotes. Finally, the historical appendix (see Appendix I, tables A and B) first introduced in the 1949 edition has been continued and brings to date the statistical series shown to 1945 in *Historical Statistics*. This appendix has been arranged to serve a twofold purpose. The user of the annual *Statistical Abstract* will find there the earliest date to which the given statistics are carried in the historical supplement. The user of the supplement will find each series brought to date, where possible, and the table number in the current *Statistical Abstract* in which the same or related data may be found. Where figures for 1945 and earlier years are known to have been revised from those shown in the supplement, the revisions have been listed in Appendix I, table B. No attempt has been made to list specific sources of data in Appendix I because of the space problem. In general, the source agencies are the same as for the same series specified in the supplement or noted at the bottom of the current *Statistical Abstract* table.

With respect to the data contained by Appendix I in this edition, the very serious problem of space has placed limitations on the amount of data which should be shown in order to achieve completely the objectives mentioned above. In order to make room for figures for the current year, 1950 (see Appendix I, table A), it was necessary to omit the column for 1947 which appeared in the 1950 edition. It was further necessary to limit the presentation of the revisions of figures (see Appendix I, table B) only to those which have occurred or been brought officially to the attention of the *Abstract* staff during the current year; revisions shown in the 1949 and 1950 *Abstracts* have not been repeated in this issue. Hence, in order to bring *Historical Statistics* to date, reference is necessary to the 1949, 1950, and 1951 issues of the *Statistical Abstract*.

Supplements to the Abstract.—The *Statistical Abstract*, as an annual one-volume publication, is of necessity limited in amount of detail shown. Businessmen, teachers, librarians, public officials, professional workers, and others often require data for individual cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and other small areas as well as for States. Economists, teachers, students, and others frequently need more historical information. To meet such requests for more detail, a series of supplements to the *Abstract* has been initiated.

The *County and City Data Book, 1949*, now in press, represents both a revision (bringing to date) and a consolidation of two earlier supplements, the *County Data Book*, issued 1947, and the *Cities Supplement*, issued 1944. The *County and City Data Book, 1949*, brings together 101 items of information for each State, each county, and each standard metropolitan area and 92 items for each of about 400 cities having 25,000 or more inhabitants in 1940. Broad subject fields covered include the 1948 Census of Business, 1947 Census of Manufactures, 1945 Census of Agriculture, 1948 vital statistics, 1949 bank deposits, 1948 city government employment and finances

and other items of economic and social importance. This volume will be on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C.

Historical Statistics of the United States, a third supplement, was published in July 1949. This volume brings together 3,000 statistical series which extend back through time. Data are shown for each year back to 1789 or to the earliest data available for the series. In the preparation of this supplement the Bureau had the cooperation of a special committee of the Social Science Research Council set up to advise the Director of the Census on a source book of historical statistics and of the Committee on Research in Economic History under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council. This volume is on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for \$2.50. These statistics are brought to date each year in the appendix of the annual *Statistical Abstract*, beginning with the 1949 edition.

Responsibility.—As implied in the title, the contents of this volume are taken from a large number of sources, as indicated in the list of agencies furnishing material. (See pages XII–XV.) The Bureau of the Census cannot accept the responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented here, other than for those which it collects. However, the responsibility for selection of the material for the general user and for proper presentation rests with the Bureau, even though carried out with the cooperation of many technicians who have given unselfishly of their time and knowledge in order to assist the Bureau's staff in making the presentation as meaningful and useful as possible.

The cooperation of the users must also be acknowledged. Many persons have written offering suggestions for improving the presentation of the material. These letters have been most helpful and users are urged to continue to make their needs known. All suggestions will be carefully considered in planning future editions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DATA PRESENTED

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County and City Data Book, 1949. A compact presentation of 101 items of statistical data for each county and standard metropolitan area in the United States and 92 items of statistical data for each of about 400 cities having 25,000 inhabitants or more in 1940. Washington, D. C., 1950. About 500 pages. (In press.) Represents both a revision and a consolidation of two earlier small-area supplements, the *County Data Book* issued in 1947, and the *Cities Supplement—Statistical Abstract of the United States* issued in 1944.

Historical Statistics of the United States, 1789-1945. A supplement to the *Statistical Abstract*, prepared with the cooperation of the Social Science Research Council. A compilation of about 3,000 statistical time series, largely annual, extending back through time to the earliest year for which figures are available. Includes definitions of terms and descriptive text. Specific source notes provide a basic guide to original published sources for further reference and additional data. Detailed alphabetical subject index. 363 pages. Issued 1949. Third printing. Price \$2.50 (Buckram).

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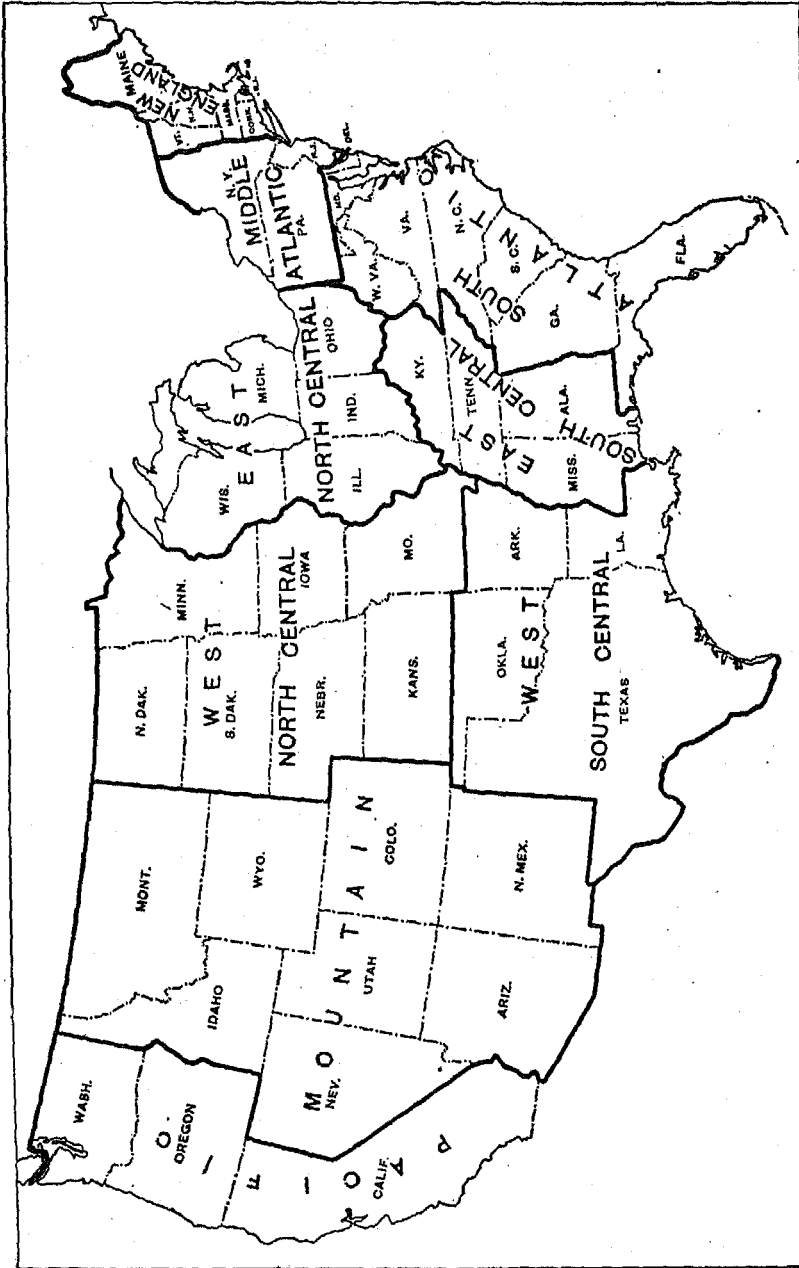
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428-430, 437, 439-442	556, 560
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358-376, 502, 504, 505, 512, 754, 902-	855, 856, 858
904, 906, 907	Federal Council of the Churches of Christ
Bureau of the Mint:	in America:
426, 427, 814, 815	35
Fiscal Service:	Federal Reserve Bank of New York:
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New York State, Department of Public	632, 633
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American Iron and Steel Institute:	479
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FIG. I.—MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOWING CENSUS DIVISIONS



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.