Part B-VI
LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP
REPORT (Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under the new Circular
A-16 in Appendix E - http://www.fgdc.gov/publications/a16final.html#appendixe)
(Please provide a separate report for each activity for which you have the lead)

1. Program/Activity Name:
    Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data

2. What are the specific federal programs this data supports?

    Over 170 billion dollars a year is allocated to various federal programs that are
    reliant upon socio-demographic data.

3. Uses of Data: How does your data benefit customers and support agency
    missions?

    Cultural and demographic data are used by many different federal, state, local,
    and tribal governmental entities, the private sector, and academia, among others,
    in order to create profiles of the American people, economy, and lifestyle. More
    specifically, cultural and demographic data describes characteristics of people
    and populations, the attributes of the structures in which they live and work, the
    economic and other activities they pursue, the facilities they use to support their
    health, recreational, and other needs, the environmental consequences of their
    presence, and the boundaries, names and numeric codes of geographic entities
    used to report the information collected.

4. Charter/Plan: Do you have a current charter or plan for collection? If so - please
    describe (include how recently the charter/plan was implemented and whether it
    is in need of update).

    The subcommittee itself does not collect data. However, the member agencies
    have charters or mandates delineated in their establishing legislation. Each
    agency is responsible for its own plan. For example, the Census Bureau
    conducts censuses and surveys of the people and business in the United States
    and Trust Territories in addition to the constitutionally mandated decennial
    census. Other governmental entities collect socio-demographic information as
    well.

5. Metadata Status: Is metadata discoverable and served through the NSDI
    Clearinghouse? What percentage of this theme's data has metadata and is in a
    Clearinghouse node?

    Again, this is an agency-by-agency issue. However, the Census Bureau has
    FGDC compliant metadata associated with its public products, including those
    with a governmental unit boundary and/or an address data content layer.
    However, the data and metadata are currently not accessible through the NSDI
    Clearinghouse as a result of the assignment of a non-functioning portal site.
    Census data and metadata will soon be documented on the NSDI

Clearinghouse. Other agencies are assumed to have equal or better metadata, some of which is available on the NSDI Clearinghouse.

6. Standards: What is the status of this theme's data, process, transfer, and classification standards?

    Currently, two standards are being developed under the auspices of the Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data.

    - The draft Address Data Content Standard has been reviewed and requires the incorporation of a UML model into the document prior to its release for public review.
    - The Governmental Units Framework Data Content Standard committee draft is prepared for Geospatial One-Stop participant review and comment. In January, 2003 the committee draft standard will be released for ANSI/INCITS L1 review and comment.

7. Progress: List FY 2001/2002 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

    a. The draft Address Data Content Standard has been presented at the Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data meeting June, 2002. Comments have been adjudicated and incorporated into the document.
    b. The draft Governmental Unit Framework data content standard has been informally available for review and comment on the Census Bureau website after a progress report was made at the June, 2002 Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic meeting. In August, 2002, the Governmental Units Framework proposal was submitted for review through the ANSI/INCITS L1 process. The standard will now be approved through the ANSI process as a Geospatial One-Stop framework standard, and the format and content have been adjusted accordingly. In addition, the draft standard was presented at the NACo and ESRI conferences in July, 2002.

8.   Policy: Do you have a formal agency policy in place for full and open access or data sharing? Are you able to fulfill this policy and provide public access with your current agency financial resources as allocated or are you in pursuit of collaborative federal partnerships to support data access?

    This is not a subcommittee issue.

9. Are there areas or issues regarding lead responsibilities for spatial data themes that require attention, or lessons-learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.

    None.