

Part B - 3

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#appendix>) (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, directly or indirectly, 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 government 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, each member agency has a data collection or stewardship charter or mandate delineated in their establishing legislation. Therefore 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, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas, in addition to the constitutionally mandated decennial census.

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. Census data and metadata are 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 set forth for public review and comment by the FGDC Standards Working Group through the Federal Register and other state and local organizations. Future work includes adjudicating all comments made on the draft standard and incorporating the accepted comments into the document.
- The Governmental Units Framework Data Exchange Standard has undergone several public review and comment periods and the comments made have been adjudicated by committee and incorporated into the document. The draft standard is now being harmonized in conjunction with the other Geospatial One-Stop theme standards and will be sent as a set of standards to ANSI/INCITS L1 for review and comment September 30, 2003.

7. Progress: List FY 2002/2003 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

- The FGDC Standards Working Group has put forth the draft Address Data Content Standard for formal public review, which ended July 2003. Comments made on the standard will now be adjudicated and incorporated into the document in preparation for the FGDC vote to endorse the standard. The Address Data Content Standard was presented at the Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data meeting June, 2002 and will be presented at the upcoming URISA Street Smart and Address Savvy Conference August, 2003.
- The draft Governmental Unit Boundary Data Exchange Standard has been available for review and comment since the progress report made at the June, 2002 Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic meeting. Since June 2002, the standard has undergone two formal review cycles, with all comments made on the standard adjudicated by committee and incorporated into the document. Currently, work on the standard is focused on harmonization efforts with the other Geospatial One-Stop standards to produce a usable set of theme standards.

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?

Not applicable.

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 at this time.