

Part B - 1

LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORT
(Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under 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. Performance Measures: Does your agency have performance measures for your data theme? If so, please list the measures and whether you achieved your goals.

Yes. The Census Bureau has performance measures as part of its Annual Performance Plan, available at
<http://www.osec.doc.gov/bmi/budget/05APP/Census05APP.pdf>

6. 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 Bureau data and metadata are documented on the US Census Bureau node of the NSDI/FGDC Metadata

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

7. 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 Exchange 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.

In November 2004, the draft Framework Governmental Unit Boundary standard completed the FGDC 90-day public review and comment period. An Editing Committee is currently being formed to adjudicate all comments made on the draft standard to prepare the document for submission to the INCITS L1 subcommittee for an ANSI public review and processing as an American National Standard. These activities will be done in conjunction with the other Framework standards to assure harmonization of the content and a usable suite of Framework standards.

8. Progress: List FY 2004 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

The FGDC Standards Working Group has put forth the draft Address Data Exchange 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 Exchange Standard was presented at the Subcommittee on Cultural and Demographic Data meeting in June 2002, and was presented at the URISA Street Smart and Address Savvy Conference August 2003 and August 2004.

The draft Framework Governmental Unit Boundary 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 three formal review cycles; all comments made in these cycles were adjudicated and the resulting updated drafts of the standard were made available to the public. The most recent updates to the draft standard resulted from the Framework standards harmonization team efforts to resolve common, cross-cutting issues in Fall-Winter 2003 and technical editing suggested by the FGDC Standards Coordinator in June 2004. Currently, the draft standard completed the FGDC 90-day public review period in November 2004. An Editing Committee is being formed to adjudicate all comments made on the draft standard during the FGDC review in preparation for submitting the revised draft standard for ANSI/INCITS L1 public review, and subsequent processing and approval as an American National Standard.

9. Participation: List participating Federal agencies.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Department of Interior - Office of Self Governance
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Fish and Wildlife Service
Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control
National Archives and Records Administration
National Capitol Planning Commission
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Park Service
Social Security Administration
Tennessee Valley Authority
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Census Bureau
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
US Department of Agriculture - National Resources Conservation Service
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
US Environmental Protection Agency
US Geological Survey

10. Planned Activities: What are your planned activities for FY05?

Planned activities are to finalize the Governmental Units Boundary Standard for ANSI/INCITS L1 approval and acceptance as an American National Standard. Work on the Address Data Exchange standard will continue with a goal of approval and acceptance as an American National Standard.

11. 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.

12. 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.