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BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND PHYSICAL RESOURCE SHARING IN MINITEX

All of the participants of MINITEX have agreed to share their resources with each other. The ability to effectively share the physical items (books, journal articles) is directly dependent upon accurate bibliographic data. In the last decade, MINITEX participants have made significant progress in converting data about their collections to machine readable form, which can then be combined with other libraries' data and distributed for use outside their own premises.

As a facilitator, MINITEX has participated in two significant bibliographic databases: MULS and OCLC.

MULS, a union list of serials, has over 400 libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Iowa contributing data about their serials collections. All this data is edited and combined into one file. It is continuously updated and distributed regularly in print or fiche form to MINITEX participants without charge.

OCLC: Over 100 MINITEX libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota have joined with more than 2000 other libraries around the continent in contributing online data about their collections. All this data (over 7,000,000 titles representing over 54,000,000 holdings in 2400 libraries) is immediately available online to any participating OCLC member. Data submitted by the MINITEX libraries, plus that input by additional South Dakota OCLC libraries and nearly 60 Wisconsin libraries enhances resource sharing among the four states.

Several groups of libraries have undertaken other bibliographic projects:

1. Minnesota Consortium of Theological Seminaries (Bethel, Luther-Northwestern, St. Paul, and United)
2. CLIC (Cooperating Libraries in Consortium, including Augsburg, Bethel, Concordia, Macalester, St. Catherine, and St. Thomas Colleges, Hamline University, and the J.J. Hill Reference Library)
3. Arrowhead Library System (Duluth Public and 31 other libraries in Carleton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, and St. Louis counties)
4. Great River Regional Library (St. Cloud Public and 19 other libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties)
5. MELSA (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington county libraries, Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, and St. Paul Public Library)
6. Western Plains Library System (Montevideo and 9 other libraries in Big Stone, Chipewa, Lac Qui Parle, and Swift counties)

In the early 1970s the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota libraries microfilmed their card catalogs. Arrangements were subsequently made by MINITEX and WILS to exchange copies of these catalogs.

In addition, the MINITEX office has several other bibliographic tools to facilitate the exchange of materials between and among its participating libraries and to provide access to materials not available within MINITEX.

As a derivative of the OCLC records, the State Universities System (Bemidji, Mankato, Moorhead, St. Cloud, Southwest, and Winona

state universities, Concordia College, and North Dakota State University) has produced an online catalog. This provides a powerful searching tool and permits MINITEX to give the call number on requested items and identify many non-circulating items.

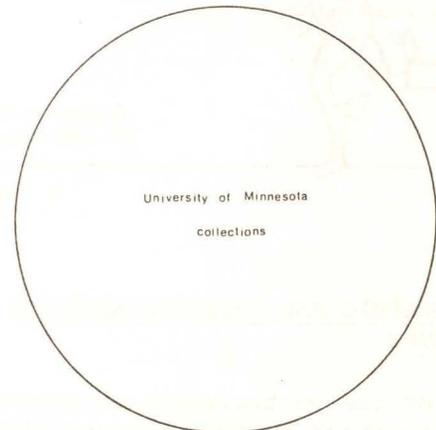
RLIN, an online database of 23 major research libraries throughout the United States, includes the holdings of the University of Minnesota Bio-Medical Library. The book catalogs of the Center for Research Libraries, book and fiche catalogs of the British Library, Lending Division's serials and conference proceedings, and the fiche edition of the National Union Catalog Register of Additional Locations provide further access to materials outside the system.

Tools held at the University of Minnesota Libraries, including the book catalogs of the Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and the National Agricultural Library, are regularly used to locate holdings in the national libraries.

In all, 24 major bibliographic files are searched to fill MINITEX document requests. Because most of the requests are for serials, the primary tool is MULS. The primary tool for monographs continues to be the Public Union Catalog of the University of Minnesota Libraries. In addition, the card catalogs of Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota State Board of Health, and the Minnesota State Law Library are regularly checked.

Sometimes in our impatience progress seems slow. However, this is a long way from a decade ago when MINITEX had bibliographic and physical access only to the University of Minnesota Libraries' collections. Granted, it is more complicated to search 24 data files than one, but the access is staggering. In 1979/80, 29.4% of the requests were filled utilizing these other collections. Each new activity provides increased access, and while we may never have a single bibliographic source, certainly the scope and format of our bibliographic tools will continue to change and grow. (AW)

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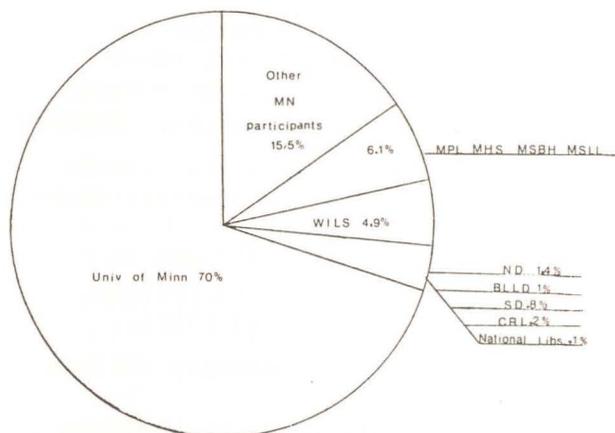


Bibliographic tools providing access or locations:

1. U of M Libraries card catalog
2. LC/NUC book catalogs

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6. Minneapolis Public card catalog
7. MELSA COM fiche
8. Minnesota Historical Society card catalog
9. Minnesota State Board of Health card catalog
10. Minnesota State Law Library card catalog
11. Seminaries COM film
12. Arrowhead COM film
13. Great River COM fiche
14. Western Plains COM fiche
15. U of Wisconsin-Madison film catalog
16. Wisconsin Historical Society fiche catalog
17. North Dakota State Library COM fiche
18. South Dakota State Library COM fiche
19. RLIN (online)
20. CRL book catalogs
21. LC/NUC book catalogs
22. NLM book catalogs
23. NAL book catalogs
24. BLLD book and fiche catalogs

ACCESS TO MINITEX LIBRARIES IN BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES

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| 1 | Abbott-Northwestern |
| 1 | Alexander-Mitchell Public Anoka Area Vo-Tech |
| 1,6 | Anoka County Library |
| 1 | Anoka-Ramsey Community College |
| 1,2,4 | Augsburg College |
| 2 | Austin Area Vo-Tech |
| 1,2 | Austin Community College |
| 1 | Austin Public |
| 2 | Austin Public Schools |
| 1,2,3 | Bemidji State University |
| 1,2 | Bethany Lutheran College |
| 1,2 | Bethany Lutheran Seminary |
| 1,2,4 | Bethel College |
| 1,5 | Bethel Seminary |
| 1 | Bethesda Lutheran Medical Center |
| 1,2 | Bismarck Public Library |
| 1,2 | Black Hills State College |
| 1 | Brainerd Community College |
| 1,2 | Carleton College |
| 1,6 | Carver County Library System |
| 1 | Childrens' Hospital |
| 1,2 | College of St. Benedict |
| 1,2,4 | College of St. Catherine |
| 1,2 | College of St. Scholastica |
| 1,2 | College of St. Teresa |
| 1,2,4 | College of St. Thomas |
| 1,2,3 | Concordia College-Moorhead |
| 1,2,4 | Concordia College-St. Paul |
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| | Crow River Regional Library |
| | Dakota County Area Vo-Tech |
| 1,6 | Dakota County Library System |
| 1,2 | Dakota State College |
| 1,7 | Duluth Public |
| 1 | East Central Regional Library |
| 1 | Fairview Hospital |
| 1 | Fergus Falls Community College |
| 1,2 | Freshwater Biological Institute |
| 1 | Golden Valley Health Center |

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1,2	Gustavus Adolphus College	1,2	North Central Bible College
1,2,4	Hamline University	1,2,12	North Central Forest Experiment Station
1,2	Hamline University Law	1,2,13	North Dakota State Library
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1	Hennepin County Medical Center	1,2,3	North Dakota State University
	Hennepin Tech Center-North	1,2	North Hennepin Community College
	Hennepin Tech Center-South	1	North Memorial Medical Center
1,2	Hibbing Community College	1,2	Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center
1	Hibbing Public	1,2	Northern State College
1,2	Hormel Institute	1	Northland Community College
1	Inver Hills Community College	1	Northwest Regional Library
1,2	Iron Range Research Center	2	Oglala Sioux Community College
1,2	Itasca Community College	1,2	OPLIC
1,2,4	James J. Hill Reference Library	1,2	Rainy River Community College
	Kitchigami Regional Library	1	Ramsey County Medical Society
1	Lake Agassiz Regional Library	1,2,6	Ramsey County Public
	Lakehead University	1,2	Rapid City Public
1	Lakewood Community College		Red Wing Area Vo-Tech
1,2	Legislative Reference Library	1,2	Rochester Community College
1,5	Luther-Northwestern Seminaries	1,2	Rochester Public
1	Lutheran Deaconess	2	Rochester Public Schools
1,2,4	Macalester College		St. Cloud Area Vo-Tech
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1,2,3	Mankato State University	1	St. John's Hospital
1,2	Mary College	1,2	St. John's University
1	Marshall-Lyon County Library	1	St. Joseph's Hospital
1,2	Dr. Martin Luther College	1	St. Louis Park Medical Center
1,2	Mayo Clinic Foundation	12,	St. Mary's College
1	Mercy Medical Center	1	St. Mary's Hospital
2	Mesabi Community College	1	St. Mary's Junior College
1	Methodist Hospital	1,2	St. Olaf College
1	Midway Hospital		St. Paul Bible College
1	Minneapolis College of Art & Design	1,2,6	St. Paul Public Library
1,2	Minneapolis Community College	1	St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center
1,2,6,	12 Minneapolis Public	1,5	St. Paul Seminary
1,2	Minnesota Attorney General's Office	1,6	Scott County Library System
2	MN Department of Agriculture	1,2	Sioux Falls College
1,2	MN Department of Education	1,2	Sioux Falls Public
1,12	MN Department of Health	1,2	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
1	MN Department of Public Welfare	1,2	SD State Historical Resources Center
1	MN Department of Transportation	1,2,14	South Dakota State Library
1	Minnesota Energy Agency	1,2	South Dakota State University
1,2,12	Minnesota Historical Society	1,2,3	Southwest State University
1,2	MN Office of Economic Opportunity	1,2	Traverse des Sioux Library System
1	MN Pollution Control Agency	2	Trinity Bible Institute
1,2,12	MN State Law Library	1,2	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1,2	MN Zoological Garden	1,2	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1,2,3	Moorhead State University	1,5	United Theological Seminary
1	Mt. Sinai Hospital	1	Unity Hospital
1,2	National College Library		
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1,10,12 U of M, Bio-Medical
 1,2,12 U of M, Law
 1,2,12 U of M, St. Paul
 1,2,12 U of M, Wilson Library
 1,2 U of M, Duluth
 1,2 U of M, Duluth, Health Sciences
 1,2 U of M, Morris
 1,2 U of M, Crookston
 1,2 U of M, Waseca
 1,2,13 University of North Dakota
 1,2 U of ND, Harley French Medical
 1,2 U of ND, Law
 1,2 University of South Dakota
 1,2 U of SD, Health Science
 1,2 U of SD, Law
 1 U of SD, Springfield
 1 Vermillion Community College
 1 Veterans Administration Med Center
 Viking Library System
 Virginia Public
 Walker High School
 1,6 Washington County
 8 Western Plains Library System
 1,2 William Mitchell College of Law
 1 Willmar Community College
 1,2,11,15 WILS (Wisc. Interlibrary System)
 1 Winona Public
 1,2,3 Winona State University
 1 Worthington Community College

I. THE 1980 CENSUS PROGRAM

Information from the 1980 Census will be derived either from questions asked of the entire population or those asked of only a sample. Questions which were asked about every person and housing unit are referred to as 100 percent or complete count questions. There were seven population questions and twelve housing questions in the complete count.

The sample questionnaire (long form) included 26 additional population items and 20 additional housing items. In most parts of the country the sample questions were sent to one in every six households. In order to obtain more accurate data for governmental jurisdictions of fewer than 2500 persons, the sample size was increased to one out of two households in those areas.

Tabulations of data from the sample questions will be done primarily for areas with a population of at least two to three thousand. A population base of this size or larger helps to improve the reliability of the statistics, which are naturally subject to some chance variation since they are estimates based on a sample. On the other hand, tabulations of data from the 100 percent questions will be prepared for areas as small as city blocks, averaging 100 or so in population, since complete count data are not subject to sampling variability.

With a few exceptions, 1980 Census questions and the tabulations derived from them are almost identical to those from 1970. This reflects the importance of both the need for basic facts and the need to have comparable data for assessing the changes which occurred over the decade.

Three population questions on the complete count questionnaire have been modified or changed since 1970. There are now 15 categories in the response to the question on race; in 1970 there were nine. This change will probably have little impact on Minnesota tabulations, but could be significant for other states. A separate question on Spanish/Hispanic origin has been moved from the long form to the 100 percent form.

The major change in this part of the census questionnaire mirrors changes in our society. In 1980, each household was

LIBRARIES AND THE 1980 CENSUS

By Patricia Kovel-Jarboe

A wealth of information will be made available from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. Preliminary reports are already available and advance reports from several series will begin to appear in the latter half of 1981. Most of the 1980 series parallel those which came out of the 1970 Census, but there have been some changes. This article contains a review of the 1980 Census program, a discussion of the changes since 1970, and an overview of the 1980 Census products. Following the article is a list of resources useful to librarians in accessing census data and ephemeral resources which may be obtained from the Census Bureau.

asked to indicate a reference person or householder rather than a "head of household" as was asked in 1970. This person will be an adult in whose name the home is owned or rented. Because each member of a household is asked to indicate his/her relationship to the reference person, it will still be possible to present tabulations for families and households which compare to those in the 1970 reports.

The following items will be available for every person and/or housing unit in the U.S.:

100% Population Items: household relationship, sex, race, age, marital status, Spanish/Hispanic origin.

100% Housing Items: number of housing units at address, complete plumbing facilities, number of rooms in unit, tenure (owner or renter), condominium, value of home, rent, number of units vacant for rent, for sale, etc.

Derived Items (from 100% questions): families, family type and size, population density, overcrowding, household size.

There have been a number of changes in the questions on the long-form, or sample questionnaires. These will be examined in detail in the *1980 Census User's Guide* which will be available in mid-1981. Some of the new sample questions for 1980 deal with travel time to work, number of persons in carpools, and the number of light trucks and vans.

II. GEOGRAPHY OF THE CENSUS

The 1980 Census will provide data for more geographic areas than any other census. Areas are classified as being either governmental or statistical areas. Most of them will be familiar to librarians. There are also census administrative units (e.g., enumeration districts) that are adapted for statistical purposes. A brief description of the various governmental and statistical units follows.

A. Political Areas

States: includes the 50 states and the state equivalents of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Counties: the primary political subdivisions of a state. In several states, cities are independent of any county organization and are treated as county equivalents. There are approximately 3200 counties and county equivalents for the 1980 Census.

Minor Civil Divisions (MCD): are the primary subdivisions of counties. In Minnesota, these are known as townships.

Place: includes incorporated and unincorporated areas and refers to a concentration of population. Places may be in more than one MCD or county, but cannot cross state lines.

Wards and Election Precincts: political areas which subdivide incorporated places and are part of an election system. Minnesota is participating in both Ward and Election Precinct Programs of the 1980 Census.

B. Statistical Areas

Census Regions and Divisions: There are four regions each composed of two or three divisions. These do not coincide with the 10 federal administrative regions. Minnesota is in the West Division of the North Central Region.

Urbanized Areas (UA): These are defined by population density. UAs include a central city and the surrounding closely settled urban fringe (suburbs) which together have a population of 50,000 or more.

Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA): a central city or cities with a population of 50,000 or more and the surrounding counties which are socially and economically interdependent. SMSAs may cross state boundaries; three in Minnesota do so. There are currently five SMSAs in Minnesota.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA): Sometime in 1982 or 1983, the term "standard" will be dropped from SMSA and this will be the new title for those areas. Slight changes in criteria will not affect SMSAs in Minnesota.

Census Tracts: statistical subdivisions of SMSAs (and some other places) with an average population of 4000.

Blocks: Comparable to a regular city block, this is the smallest area for which census data are provided. Blocks are used in all SMSAs and incorporated places of 10,000 or more population.

Block Groups (BG) and Enumeration Districts (EC): have about 800 to 1000 persons. Block Groups are collections of blocks whose three-digit identifiers have the same first digit. Enumeration Districts are the smallest units for which census data are presented in areas of less than 10,000 population.

C. Other Geographic Areas

Neighborhoods: Certain summary statistics will be tabulated for officially recognized neighborhoods in municipalities of 10,000 or more population that choose to take part in this voluntary program. There are no plans at this time to publish these tabulations.

ZIP Codes: Microfiche and computer reports will be available for 5-digit ZIP Codes. Maps of ZIP Codes are not published.

Indian Reservations: Data for 269 Indian Reservations will be tabulated for the first time.

School Districts: In 1970 the Department of Education contracted with the Census Bureau to provide tabulations for all school districts with 300 or more students. The same kinds of machine-readable data files may be prepared for 1980.

D. Other Geographic Terms

Urban vs. Rural: Urbanized Areas plus all places outside of them with a population of 2500 or more are considered urban. Everything else is classified as rural.

Metropolitan: refers to a county, MCD, or place that is located in an SMSA.

Central Business District (CBD): While no reports are made for CBDs, each Census Tract report includes in its introduction a definition of any local CBDs.

III. 1980 CENSUS PRODUCTS

The results of the 1980 Census will be tabulated and released in a variety of formats, but some data will be made public in only one form. Announcements and order forms will be available from the Census Bureau, its regional offices, and Department of Commerce offices.

A. Printed Reports

Publications from the 1980 Census will appear in three series: joint population and housing (PHC), population (PC), and housing (HC).

PHC(P) - Preliminary Population and Housing Unit Counts

PHC(V) - Final Population and Housing Unit Counts

Contents: only population and housing unit totals

Due: first half of 1981

Coverage: largest, U.S. Summary; smallest, MCDs and Places

PHC(1) - Block Statistics

Contents: selected 100% data

Due: mid-1981

Coverage: largest, cities of 10,000 or more; smallest, blocks of SMSAs

PHC(2) - Census Tracts

Contents: 100% data and selected sample data

Due: spring 1982

Coverage: SMSAs and tracted balance of each state

PHC(3) - Summary Characteristics

Contents: 100% and sample data

Due: winter-spring 1982

Coverage: states, SMSAs, and 39,000 general-purpose local governments

PC(1)A - Number of Inhabitants

Contents: official population counts

Due: summer 1981

Coverage: largest, states; smallest, incorporated places and county subdivisions

PC(1)B - General Population Characteristics

Contents: 100% data

Due: summer 1981

Coverage: largest, states; smallest, places of 1000 or more and county subdivisions

PC(1)C - General Social and Economic Characteristics
Contents: primarily sample data
Due: winter-spring 1982
Coverage: largest, states; smallest, places of 2500 or more

PC(1)D - Detailed Population Characteristics
Contents: detailed cross-tabulations of most sample population data
Due: fall 1982
Coverage: states and large SMSAs

PC(2) - Subject Reports
Each report in this series will focus on a particular subject. Detailed cross-classifications will be provided nationally and for regions. A few reports will have data for states, SMSAs and large cities.

HC(1)A - General Housing Characteristics
Contents: 100% housing data
Due: summer 1981
Coverage: largest, states; smallest, county subdivisions and places of 1000 or more

HC(1)B - Detailed Housing Characteristics
Contents: sample housing data
Due: winter-spring 1982
Coverage: largest, states; smallest, places of 2500 or more

HC(2) - Metropolitan Housing Characteristics
Contents: most 1980 housing subjects
Due: fall 1982
Coverage: states, SMSAs, and component large cities

HC(3) - Subject Reports
Contents: detailed information on particular subjects for the nation and its regions
Due: late 1982

There may be additional volumes in the housing series. These would not appear until after all the reports listed here.

A word on availability dates--the dates which are listed here are tentative and based upon Census Bureau projections. Because of legal actions which may affect the Bureau's delivery schedule, actual release of reports for Minnesota and surrounding states could vary either way. In general, reports for the smallest states and those without SMSAs (Vermont and Wyoming) are issued first, while reports for large states

and those which present difficulties in tabulating are the last to appear.

B. Fiche Reports

All 1980 Census final reports will be made available on microfiche (negative, 24x, 98 image). These fiche will be ready for purchase about two months after the corresponding publication.

Computer output microfiche will be generated from Summary Tape Files (STF) 1 and 3; both include geographic areas for which no data will be available in print. Alphabetic labels will be associated with each data item, and supplementary documentation will be provided. Fiche of File 3B will provide data for 5-digit ZIP Code areas. Release will be on a state-by-state basis during mid-1982.

C. Summary Tape Files (STF)

STF 1 - approximately 300 categories of 100% population and housing data for blocks and block groups in blocked areas, and enumeration districts in unblocked areas, census tracts, places, county subdivisions, counties, congressional districts, SMSAs, and states (due July 1981)

STF 2 - more detailed 100% population and housing data for census tracts, Indian reservations, places of 1000 or more inhabitants, county subdivisions, counties, urbanized areas, SMSAs, and states (due Aug. 1981)

STF 3 - sample population and housing data for enumeration districts/block groups, census tracts, county subdivisions, places, counties, states, and 5-digit ZIP Code areas (due Apr. 1982)

STF 4 - more detailed sample population and housing data for census tracts, India reservations, places of 2500 or more inhabitants, county subdivisions, counties, urbanized areas, SMSAs and states (due Apr. 1982)

STF 5 - highly detailed tabulations and cross-classifications for states, SMSAs, and large cities and counties (i.e., population greater than 50,000) (due Sept. 1982)

D. Other

GBF/DIME Files - (Geographic Base File/Dual Independent Map Encoding) This is a computerized version of the Metropolitan Map Series, which covers the urbanized portions of SMSAs. It is used to assign census geographic codes (e.g., census tract numbers) to addresses. For libraries with machine-readable patron files, this product would be very useful for analyzing the distribution of users throughout a large service area.

CENSPAC - a generalized file processing and tabulating package. CENSPAC has a number of output options, including printouts, extract tapes, etc. The system is able to aggregate data across records or geographic areas. It will also perform simple computations between and across records or geographic areas.

IV. USING CENSUS DATA

Whether using print or machine-readable census products, there are two considerations to keep in mind: the completeness of the data and the accuracy of the data.

The user may find that certain cross-tabulations have been suppressed, particularly when the geographic area under examination has a small population. Suppression of data occurs when the number of cases in a particular cell (e.g., Hispanic households by income) falls below a certain level. To release such data might break the Census Bureau's guarantee of confidentiality. Complete population and housing counts are never suppressed, but all other tabulations are subject to suppression and may not be reported.

Tabulations which are based on sample questions are subject to several kinds of variation which may affect accuracy. First, an assumption must be made that the sample is representative of the total population. This may not be true, especially for smaller populations. The one-out-of-two sampling rate for small areas is one attempt to overcome this problem.

Second, a household that was sampled may have supplied an incorrect answer which was accepted by the Census Bureau. For example, tests have shown that people con-

sistently under-report their income and over-estimate monthly utility costs. Starting about early 1983, the Census Bureau will issue reports which analyze various sources of bias or error in the 1980 Census.

In cases where a household has left one or more questions on the sample questionnaire unanswered, the Census Bureau will allocate a response. On the basis of certain characteristics, the incomplete questionnaire will be matched with one processed earlier and the answer on that questionnaire will be used in tabulating the incomplete one. Allocation is also used to substitute responses when an answer is obviously wrong. If, for example, a person three years old is reported as having lived at the same address five years ago, another more appropriate response, in this case "not yet born", would be allocated.

Information about the extent of non-response and allocation is contained in appendices to the printed and machine-readable reports.

V. CONCLUSION

In addition to its product programs, the Census Bureau offers a wide variety of educational opportunities at little or no cost. Some of these are carried out by Washington-based staff and others through the Data User Services Officers (DUSOs) in the regional offices. For additional information on these activities, contact:

User Training Branch
Data User Services Division
Bureau of the Census
Washington, D.C. 20233

or the DUSO for your region:

Minnesota: Census Regional Office
One Gateway Center
4th and State Streets
Kansas City, Kansas 66101
Phone: (816) 374-4601

Dakotas: Census Regional Office
PO Box 25207
575 Union Blvd.
Denver, Colorado 80225
Phone: (303) 234-5825

VI. USEFUL RESOURCES

The following list of resources may be useful in filling in the abbreviated information presented here. While most of them relate directly to the 1970 Census, they provide a great deal of still current information. New editions will start to be available as soon as the 1980 Census data has been completely tabulated.

A. Census Resources

Data Access Descriptions (DADs). Issued irregularly. Price varies.

User-oriented, topical reports on accessing and using census data and products. Deals with such topics as census geography, census summary tapes, and delineation of problem housing areas. DADs are numbered consecutively by date of issue (1 to 43 issued as of June 1979).

Data Users News (formerly titled *Small-Area Data Notes*). \$14.00 for 12 monthly issues. SuDoc no. C3.238:vol/no.

Directory of Federal Statistics for Local Areas, a Guide to Sources: 1976. March 1978. \$5.50 SuDoc no. C3.6/2:St2/2/976. S/N 003-024-01553-6.

Describes and cites individual tables from reports issued by the Census Bureau and other federal agencies. Subjects and geographic areas smaller than states are displayed in tabular format.

_____. *Urban Update, 1977-1978*. December 1979. S/N 003-024-02167-6

This update focuses on urban areas and includes new publications and others which did not appear in the 1976 edition.

Factfinder for the Nation: U.S. Bureau of the Census. Series CFF. Nos. 1-20. Issued irregularly, Aug. 1976 to 1980. Price varies. SuDoc no. C3.252:no.

Previously a single publication and last issued in 1970, the *Factfinder* is now being published as a series of topical brochures that may be used individually, in selected interest groupings, or as a complete set. Each brochure (usually four pages) describes the range of census materials available on a given subject, and suggests some of their uses. The subjects include: 1) minority statistics, 2) the availability of census records about individuals, 3) agriculture, 4) history and organization of the Census Bureau, 5) reference sources,

6) housing, 7) population, 8) geographic tools, 9) construction statistics, 10) retail, and 11) wholesale trade, 12) selected services, 13) transportation, 14) foreign trade, 15) manufactures, 16) minerals, 17) governments, 18) Bureau programs and products, 19) enterprise statistics, and 20) energy and conservation statistics.

Index to Selected 1970 Census Reports.

1974. \$3.70. SuDoc no. C3.223:In2/970.

An index to the tables found in selected series of reports: PC(1), HC(1-3), and PHC(1-2). It does not include "subject reports" (Vol. II Population or Vol. VII Housing) or other reports that provide national (but not state or small-area) data. Only final reports are indexed.

1970 Census User's Guide, Part I and II.

Oct. 1970. Part I, #2.10; Part II, \$4.40. SuDoc no. C3.6/2:C33/2/970/pt.

A two volume guide to the 1970 Census of Population and Housing. Part I contains information on the background, collection, processing, and output (data products) of the 1970 Census, as well as a user's dictionary and glossary of technical terms. Part II contains technical documentation on the 1970 Census First through Fourth Count Summary Tapes and the Address Coding Guides. Part II has limited availability.

"The 1980 Census; the counting of America." *Population Bulletin*. Vol. 34, no. 4, Sept. 1979. \$2.00. (Population Reference Bureau, Inc. Washington, D.C.)

Describes the Census Bureau's program for conducting and making available the results of the 1980 Census. This publication provides a detailed examination of the questionnaire.

Reference Manual on Population and Housing Statistics from the Census Bureau. Feb. 1978 (revised). \$2.00. SuDoc no. C3.6/2:P81/978.

Provides a comprehensive introduction to "demographic" data from the Census Bureau, as a starting point for the new or prospective user, and as a handy reference for the experienced data user. It includes subject content of the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, caveats and limitations of the data, printed reports, computerized products and related services.

Statistics Data Finders. (Series) Issued irregularly, 1978. All copies 50¢.

A series in tabular format, largely of programs from the economic fields, including energy statistics, describes reports from the areas of government, industries (manufactures, minerals), construction, agriculture, foreign trade, business (wholesale, retail, services), economic surveys (transportation, enterprise statistics, county business patterns, minority-owned businesses), and energy. All booklets include divisional contact names and information on the title, series number, frequency of publication, type of data, level of detail, etc.

B. Ephemeral Resources

Single copies of the following materials are available from the Census Bureau at no cost. To order write: Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Census '80: Continuing the factfinder tradition.

Provides information on the history, purposes, problems, and procedures of the census, as well as data products.

Census '80: Introduction to products and services.

This 14 page booklet covers print reports, machine files, microfiche, and special tabulations from the 1980 Census.

Information questionnaire.

This sample questionnaire lists all of the items included on the long form of the census.

Summary descriptions of data use for questions planned for inclusion in the 1980 Census.

Each of the items included on the 1980 long form is justified by illustrating its use in the federal programs and by listing federal laws for which the question is required. (61 pages)

Tentative publication and computer tape program.

This four page leaflet describes each of the report series and projects and tentative release dates.

Patricia Kovel-Jarboe is Census Specialist with the Agricultural Extension Service's Minnesota Analysis and Planning System.

CENSUS WORKSHOPS

MINITEX is sponsoring a workshop on the United State Census which will be offered in four locations. The workshop will include an overview of the U.S. Census Bureau, its programs and publications, terminology, reference tools, and some "hands-on" experience in locating data in printed reports.

Patricia Kovel-Jarboe, currently Census Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, Minnesota Analysis and Planning System and formerly Acting Director, O'Shaughnessy Library, College of St. Thomas, will conduct the workshop. In some locations she will be joined by a staff member from one of the Census Bureau Regional Offices.

Registration will be limited to thirty at each location. There will be no charge except for individual lunches. Registration forms have been mailed to MINITEX participating libraries. However, if you do not have a form and would like to attend, contact M.J. Dustin at MINITEX.

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| April 14 | Room 228 |
| 9:30-3:30 | Learning Resources Services
St. Cloud State University
St. Cloud, MN |
| April 23 | Room 10 |
| 9:00-3:30 | Reuben P. Jeschke Fine Arts Bldg.
Sioux Falls College
Sioux Falls, SD |
| May 11 | Helen Young Room |
| 9:00-4:00 | Southdale-Hennepin Area Library
Edina, MN |

RLG AND UTLAS AGREE TO COOPERATE

Press release from The Research Libraries Group, Inc.

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) and UTLAS (University of Toronto Library Automation Systems), two national computerized bibliographic networks, have signed a memorandum of understanding that will have a major impact on the future of inter-network cooperation and could offer a wide range of benefits to libraries and their users.

According to the memorandum, cooperation will include sharing databases, collaboration on programs to support ongoing functions at their respective libraries and shared system development projects.

"The two networks entered the agreement with the goal of enhancing their individual capacities to serve member and user libraries," a spokesman for the two groups said. "Cooperation offers financial advantages by reducing duplication of effort in many areas. RLG and UTLAS welcome the opportunity to collaborate on finding solutions to major issues affecting libraries."

Both RLG and UTLAS are similar in their dedication to serve libraries and library users, and both provide technical processing support for a broad range of library functions, including collection development and bibliographic and physical access to materials. Both are nationwide networks (UTLAS in Canada, RLG in the U.S.) and both, their memorandum states, "believe that by cooperation with one another in a variety of areas in library networking, they can enhance their individual capacities to serve the requirements of their member libraries."

Two agreements between them are presently under negotiation. The first would provide for UTLAS to produce page form catalogs for RLG member libraries from machine-readable data supplied by RLG's Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). By the terms of the second agreement, UTLAS will carry out the conversion of RLG authority tapes from current formats to an RLIN-defined format.

The Research Libraries Group, a corporation owned and operated by its 23 member institutions, was created in 1974 to find solutions to the double problem of dwindling budgets and expanding demand faced by research libraries. Through its four programs--Shared Resources, Collection Management and Development, Preservation, and RLIN, the on-line bibliographic tool that forms the basis for the other programs--the consortium is working to create solutions that will enable research institutions to make use of the improvements wrought by the information revolution.

RLG's members are: Columbia University, the New York Public Library, Stanford Uni-

versity, Yale University, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Dartmouth College, University of Iowa, Rutgers University, Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, Brown University, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University, Northwestern University, Tulane University, the American Antiquarian Society, Pennsylvania State University, University of Oklahoma, Temple University, University of Minnesota, State University of New York at Binghamton (associate member), and the Folger Shakespeare Library (associate member).

UTLAS, an ancillary enterprise of the University of Toronto, has been supplying online computer-based services and products in both English and French to Canadian libraries since 1973. Recently, UTLAS has contracted to provide services in the U.S. and Japan as well.

UTLAS is dedicated to providing a total, integrated approach to library automation. More than 200 institutions, members of consortia, and government agencies maintain individual bibliographic databases through use of the online Catalog Support System (CATSS), and over 600 individual libraries of all types, including research libraries, receive products and services from this system.

In addition to the centralized CATSS system, participants may avail themselves of distributed processing through use of the minicomputer-based Library Collection Management System (LCMS) for online catalog access and other local functions.

MINITEX OCLC AACR2 REGIONAL MEETINGS

From October 28th through January 20th, sixteen regional meetings were conducted for MINITEX OCLC participants. Nearly 300 persons representing 83 institutions attended these meetings.

The purpose of the meetings was to inform OCLC participants of the impact of the change to the second edition of the Anglo-American cataloging rules to the use of the OCLC database.

Day-long sessions were divided into two parts. The topics in the morning included a review of the newly installed

search/retrieval enhancements, an overview of the LC name/authority file and its role in the database conversion, status reports and the plans for OCLC's database conversion, changes in the card print program, error-reporting and database quality, and general OCLC system developments. The morning topics were directed towards all library staff who used the OCLC database and the attendees included public service as well as technical staff at all levels.

Afternoon sessions, directed primarily to technical services staff, consisted of a page-by-page review of the new Books Format, concentrating on the specific changes resulting from AACR2. Examples of tagging of some of the descriptive elements helped bring together the pieces of knowledge the catalogers had been gathering about AACR2. It should be noted that these sessions were not specifically cataloging, but tagging information sessions, as many participants already had knowledge of the new cataloging rules after attending workshops sponsored by groups such as the Minnesota AACR2 Trainers, or had attended the regional LC institute.

Thanks are expressed to the following host institutions for their hospitality: North Dakota State University, St. Cloud State University, College of St. Scholastica, University of Minnesota, Mankato State University, College of St. Catherine, Bemidji State University, Legislative Reference Library, Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, St. Mary's College, Normandale Community College, Austin Community College, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Bismarck Public Library.

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity for regional meetings this past quarter. Many participants commented on the positive aspects of group interaction as together we face the challenge of a new cataloging code. (JCB)

OCLC'S NAME-ADDRESS DIRECTORY

To support and promote online information files, OCLC has made its Name-Address Directory (NAD) available to all OCLC participants through a guest search authorization. The NAD is a file of records describing OCLC participants, other libraries, information centers, vendors, publishers, and other institutions associated with the information industry.

This online file is accessible under a variety of access points including institution symbol and network participants. Data in the NAD is continually updated by OCLC staff and libraries participating in the Acquisitions Subsystem Evaluation.

Because printed lists are costly to produce and outdated even before printed, OCLC encourages participants to consult the NAD for current information whenever possible. There are no plans for printed products from the NAD and OCLC has proposed an annual listing of participants, supplemented by the NAD, instead of the current quarterly listings.

An OCLC technical bulletin and a searching manual for the NAD were distributed to the cataloging contacts of the MINITEX OCLC participating libraries in the November mailing.

Staff members, particularly in acquisitions and interlibrary loan, will find this online file a useful tool in verifying names and addresses associated with OCLC and also with publishing.

If your library does not have a copy of "Searching the Name-Address Directory," or needs another copy, please contact the MINITEX/OCLC Office. (JCB)

MINITEX AT TEXAS INSTRUMENTS SYMPOSIUM

Mark Eckes, Associate Administrator on the MINITEX staff, travelled to New Orleans March 8-10 to present a paper at the TI-MIX 1981 National Symposium, a conference for users of Texas Instruments computer equipment. The paper, entitled "Communications in a Library Network," discussed the various uses MINITEX has made of Texas Instruments equipment. Eckes was one of seven presenters in the communications section of the symposium, which was attended by 900 TI users, dealers, software developers, and TI staff.

His presentation pointed out several of the TI/Teledisk applications in use, including: terminal-to-terminal transmission of interlibrary requests, terminal-to-computer interface for database literature searches and administrative functions, use of the TI820 for printing records from the OCLC system, and transmission via international carrier to British Library, Lending Division.

RAMSEY COUNTY BEGINS OCLC ACQUISITIONS
SUBSYSTEM EVALUATION

Ramsey County Public Library will be evaluating OCLC's newest subsystem, Acquisitions, from March through June. Pauline Iacono, Ramsey County Library, and Julia Blixrud, MINITEX, attended a three-day training session at OCLC in early March in preparation for the evaluation.

The OCLC Acquisitions Sybsystem integrates data from the OCLC Online Union Catalog with local order and fund data. The subsystem provides one online source for acquisition status information. It transmits communications to suppliers for requests, orders, inquiries, claims, and cancellations. Fund information is available online and reports are issued at scheduled intervals.

Evaluating libraries will determine how well the Acquisitions Subsystem works in various types and sizes of libraries. They will see if it meets its stated goals to: reduce the time lapse between request and availability of an item for processing, reduce the time required to accomplish acquisitions tasks, furnish libraries with online access to order and fund information, enable libraries to maintain control and currency for acquisitions activities, and prevent duplication of orders. It is also hoped that the evaluating libraries will identify efficient workflow patterns and suggest future enhancements for the Acquisitions Subsystem.

After June 30, 1981, the OCLC Acquisitions Subsystem will be made available to all users. Libraries interested in the subsystem and in the evaluation should contact Julia Blixrud, OCLC Coordinator, for more information. (JCB)

ARL ADOPTS PLAN FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO
MICROFORMS

Press release from ARL

A plan aimed at improving bibliographic access to materials in microform by building a nationwide database of machine-readable records for individual titles in microform sets was approved in principle by the ARL Board of Directors on January 30.

The plan concentrates on monograph collections, and is aimed at providing records for individual titles in both current and retrospective sets. Records added to the database will also aid cooperative efforts in preservation microfilming.

Elements of the plan include: 1) inputting of records conforming to accepted North American standards to the major bibliographic utilities by libraries and microform publishers, 2) development of "profile matching" by the bibliographic utilities permitting the cataloging of all individual titles in a series or microform collection with a single operation, 3) cooperative cataloging of current and retrospective microform sets by libraries and publishers, and 4) compensation for publishers who input acceptable bibliographic records to the bibliographic utilities to off-set loss of revenue from card set sales.

Cooperation among libraries, publishers, networks, and others has been stressed throughout the development of the plan, and initiatives on a number of fronts are necessary and encouraged in order to accomplish the goal of improved bibliographic access to microforms. ARL will seek outside funding for a program coordinator to facilitate implementation of the elements outlined above, and recruitment for the one-year position will begin shortly. The coordinator, advised by a committee of librarians (from ARL and non-ARL institutions) and microform publishers, will work with libraries, publishers, and the bibliographic utilities to help get the plan off the ground.

The plan is the result of a one-year study funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted for ARL by Richard Boss of Information Systems Consultants, Inc. During the course of the year, Mr. Boss interviewed librarians, microform publishers, representatives of the bibliographic utilities, and others interested in bibliographic access to microforms, gradually building the plan from elements on which there was agreement and discarding ideas that were not widely accepted. The effort to build a consensus among the various interested parties was aided by the advisory committee, comprising both ARL librarians and microform publishers, which assisted and advised Mr. Boss throughout the course of the project. ARL will publish the study this this spring.

DATABASE WORKSHOPS

MINITEX has scheduled a series of database workshops with Bibliographic Retrieval Services (BRS) and Lockheed/Dialog. They will be held in two different locations as noted below:

- HCOL Helen Young Room
Southdale-Hennepin Area Library
7001 York Avenue South
Edina, MN
- NHCC Library
North Hennepin Community College
7411 85th Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN

BRS WORKSHOPS

Search Strategy:
April 21, 9:30-4:00, NHCC, \$50.

LOCKHEED/DIALOG WORKSHOPS

- Refresher Seminar:
May 13, 1:30-5:00, HCOL, \$25.
- Government Documents:
May 14, 9:00-12:30, HCOL, \$25.
- Humanities:
May 14, 1:30-5:00, HCOL, \$25.
- Patents:
July 21, 9:00-12:30, NHCC, \$25.
- System Seminar (Introduction):
July 21, 1:00-4:30 and July 22, 9:00-4:30, NHCC, \$65 (Lunch included on second day).

To register for BRS workshops, contact 800-833-4707 or use Message Switching (MSGS address is BBRS). To register for Lockheed/Dialog workshops, contact 800-227-1927.

MINITEX/OCLC holding locations grouped geographically and/or by library type as of February 1981:

St. Cloud State	325745		MN Historical	18295	
St. John's	82003		Legislative Ref	11244	
St. Benedict	<u>47691</u>	455439	Dept of Education	4315	
			State Law	2768	
Minneapolis PL	278725		Office of Econ Opp	1496	
St. Paul Public	93336		OPLIC	1210	
Ramsey County	<u>87381</u>	449442	Attorney General	968	
			MN State Docs	937	
Tri College U		364145	Dept of Agriculture	349	
			MN Zoological Gar	<u>2</u>	41584
Mankato State	218953				
Gustavus Adolphus	53370		Austin CC	13923	
Traverse des Sioux	46250		Austin Pub School	4822	
U of M-Waseca	9333		Austin AVTI	767	
Bethany Sem	8919		Hormel Institute	<u>195</u>	19707
Bethany College	8898				
Dr Martin Luther	<u>8672</u>	354395	Rainy River CC	5282	
			Itasca CC	4937	
Winona State	105626		Vermilion CC	2577	
St. Mary's	84099		Hibbing CC	1715	
St. Teresa	<u>71605</u>	261330	Mesabi CC	1055	
			Iron Range Research	<u>151</u>	15717
U of M-Mpls	121969				
U of M-St. Paul	39760		Rochester CC	8033	
U of M-Law	12882		Rochester PL	5456	
Freshwater Bio	<u>484</u>	175095	Rochester Pub School	<u>187</u>	13676
St. Olaf	95524		Normandale CC	10267	
Carleton	<u>59636</u>	155160	No Hennepin CC	2230	
			Minneapolis CC	<u>829</u>	13326
St. Catherine	28232				
Macalester	22414		Rapid City PL	4575	
Bethel	21863		SD School of Mines	2436	
St. Thomas	18214		National College	<u>353</u>	7364
Hamline	16668				
Augsburg	15297		No Central Bible		5292
JJ Hill	8755		Wm Mitchell College		3999
Concordia	7493				
Hamline Law	<u>6290</u>	145226			
Bismarck PL	68693				
N Dakota State Lib	45414				
N Dakota Historical	<u>5</u>	114112			
U of M Duluth	32588				
St. Scholastica	<u>13707</u>	46295			

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A Manual of AACR2 Examples for Serials, compiled by JULIA C. BLIXRUD (MINITEX) and JANET E. SNESRUD (U of M) and edited by MARILYN H. MCCLASKAY (U of M) and EDWARD SWANSON (Minnesota Historical Society, was published for the Minnesota AACR2 Trainers by Soldier Creek Press in January.

EDWARD S. WARNER, Director of University of North Dakota Library, has an article in the latest issue of *American Society for Information Science. Journal* titled "The Impact of interlibrary access to periodicals on subscription continuation/cancellation decision making."

Recent visitors to MINITEX include DENNIS J. REYNOLDS, head of the OCLC Services Department at the Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR), and USAMA MAHMOUD ALY, Assistant Professor of Library Science at Cairo University and a trainee in the NSF project for Development of Scientific and Technical Information Services in Egypt.

MINITEX DIRECTORY CHANGES

ZANNE MACDONALD replaces Jan Hennesy at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

STEVE HAMMER is the new MULS contact person at the St. Paul Campus Libraries (U of M).

Itasca Community College has a new phone number: 218-327-1772.

Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter has a new terminal number: 507-931-7559(A).

MINNESOTA STATUTES INDEX ERRATA AVAILABLE

The Subject Index to the 1980 Minnesota Statutes was published with several omissions. To be put on the mailing list to receive previous and forthcoming errata sheets, call or write: Revisor of Statutes, Room 3, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN, 55155; phone 612-296-2868.

EVERYONE'S GUIDE TO THE WHOLE LIBRARY

The last sessions of "Everyone's Guide to the Whole Library" for this school year will be held on Thursdays, April 2 and 9, 6:30-9:00 each night in Rm. 120, Blegen Hall, West Bank Campus. The two evenings are a sequence, with the second building on, although not dependent on, the first. People are encouraged to attend both evenings, although they are not discouraged from attending only one or the other.

A NOTE ON THE PROMPT RETURN OF LOANS:

Continuation of interlibrary borrowing which is made possible through increased accessibility is dependent upon the full cooperation of all parties. A fundamental tenet of interlibrary loan is the return of borrowed materials on or before the due date set by the lending library. Overdues are costly, both financially and in terms of staff time, diverting energy from more service-oriented activities. The borrowing privileges of individuals or libraries may be suspended if this spirit of cooperation is not maintained.