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## SELECTED SUBJECT DEFINITIONS

*Adhered to by Bureau of the Census*

**Age.** The age classification is based on the age of the person in completed years as of April 1, 1990. Yet, review of detailed 1990 information shows that a number of respondents tended to provide their age as of the date of their completion of the questionnaire, not their age as of April 1, 1990. It is likely that approximately 10 percent of persons in most age groups are actually one year younger.

**Family Households (families).** Include a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. The number of family households always equals the number of families; however, a family household may also include nonrelatives living with the family. Families are classified by type as either a married-couple, family, or other family which is further classified into "male householder" (a family with a male householder and no wife present) or "female householder" (a family with a female householder and no husband present).

**Group Quarters.** Includes all persons not living in households. Two general categories of group quarters are recognized: (1) institutionalized persons which includes persons under formally authorized, supervised care or custody in institutions such as correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions at the time of enumeration and (2) other persons in group quarters which includes all persons who live in group quarters other than institutions or persons who live in living quarters when there are ten or more unrelated persons living in the unit. Also included are persons residing in certain other types of living arrangements regardless of the number of people sharing the unit.

**Hispanic Origin.** Persons of Hispanic origin are those who classified themselves in one of the specific Hispanic origin categories listed on the questionnaire—"Mexican," "Puerto Rican," or "Cuban"—as well as those who indicated that they were of "other Spanish/Hispanic" origin. Origin can be viewed as the ancestry, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**Households.** Includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit. Persons not living in households are classified as living in group quarters. In 100-percent tabulations, the count of households always equals the count of occupied housing units.

**Nonfamily Households.** Includes a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only. (For more information, see "Family Households.")

**Race.** The Bureau of the Census collects and publishes racial statistics as outlined in Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 issued by the Office of Management and Budget. This directive provides standards on ethnic and racial categories for statistical reporting to be used by all Federal agencies. According to the directive, the basic racial categories are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, and white. (The directive identifies Hispanic origin as an ethnicity.) The concept of race the Bureau of the Census uses reflects self-identification by respondents; that is, the individual's perception of his/her racial identity. The concept is not intended to reflect any biological or anthropological definition. Although the Bureau of the Census adheres to the overall guidelines of Directive No. 15, we recognize that there are persons who do not identify with a specific racial group. The 1990 census race question includes an "Other race" category with provisions for a write-in entry.

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