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**The United States in economic and demographic transformation :
findings and implications of the 2000 census.**

Report of the meeting with Steve L. Klineberg,
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Article 1 of the American Constitution requires an enumeration of the population every ten years, in order to determine the number and distribution of Representatives to the U.S. Congress. Since then, for almost two centuries the U.S. Bureau of the Census has generated the most accurate numbers available to provide a periodic statistical portrait of a people and society in the process of continual evolution.

The 2000 census revealed a dynamic American demography. From 1990 to 2000 the population of the United States has grown by 33 millions to 281 millions inhabitants.

The United States is in the midst of two great transformations, in the foundations of the nation's economy and in the ethnic composition of its population. The vigorous, blue-collar, "resource" economy of the early and middle years of the twentieth century has now receded into history, replaced by a high technology, knowledge-based, fully global economic system. At the same time, major immigration flows have transformed this nation from one composed almost exclusively of European nationalities into an amalgam of all the peoples of the world.

Steve Klineberg set out findings and implications of the 2000 census. **A comprehensive review of his analysis will be published in French in the '2003 issue of *RAMSES*, a yearly publication by IFRI available in September.**

Table 1 — The Population Basics:
Resident Population of the United States by Age, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity

	1990		2000		2000/1990
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Change
Total population	248,709,873	100.0	281,421,906	100.0	13.2%
<u>Age</u>					
Under age 18	63,604,432	25.6	72,293,812	25.7	13.7%
Ages 18 to 64	153,863,610	61.9	174,136,341	61.9	13.2%
Ages 65 and over	31,241,831	12.6	34,991,753	12.4	12.0%
<u>Gender</u>					
Males	121,239,418	48.7	138,053,563	49.1	13.9%
Females	127,470,455	51.3	143,368,343	50.9	12.5%
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White, non-Hispanic*	188,128,296	75.6	194,552,774	69.1	3.4%
Black, non-Hispanic*	29,216,293	11.7	33,947,837	12.1	16.2%
Hispanic, any race	22,354,059	9.0	35,305,818	12.5	57.9%
Asian, non-Hispanic*	6,968,359	2.8	10,476,678	3.7	50.3%
American Indian, non-Hispanic*	1,793,773	0.7	2,068,883	0.7	15.3%
Some other race, non-Hispanic*	249,093	0.1	467,770	0.2	87.8%
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	[Not asked]	---	4,602,146	1.6	---

* For the 2000 Census, this excludes people who identified with more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census (www.census.gov).

Table 2
Percent non-Hispanic Whites and Population Change in States
Ranked by Population in 2000 and Grouped into Regions

Rank	Area	Census Populations		Change, 1990 to 2000		% Anglo
		April 1, 2000	April 1, 1990	Numeric	Percent	
<u>Northeast</u>						
3	New York	18,976,457	17,990,455	986,002	5.5	62.0*
6	Pennsylvania	12,281,054	11,881,643	399,411	3.4	69.1
9	New Jersey	8,414,350	7,730,188	684,162	8.9	66.0
13	Massachusetts	6,349,097	6,016,425	332,672	5.5	81.9+
19	Maryland	5,296,486	4,781,468	515,018	10.8	62.1*
29	Connecticut	3,405,565	3,287,116	118,449	3.6	77.5+
40	Maine	1,274,923	1,227,928	46,995	3.8	96.5+
41	New Hampshire	1,235,786	1,109,252	126,534	11.4	95.1+
43	Rhode Island	1,048,319	1,003,464	44,855	4.5	81.9+
45	Delaware	783,600	666,168	117,432	17.6	72.5
49	Vermont	608,827	562,758	46,069	8.2	96.2+
<u>Southeast</u>						
4	Florida	15,982,378	12,937,926	3,044,452	23.5	65.4
10	Georgia	8,186,453	6,478,216	1,708,237	26.4	62.6
11	North Carolina	8,049,313	6,628,637	1,420,676	21.4	70.2
12	Virginia	7,078,515	6,187,358	891,157	14.4	70.2
16	Tennessee	5,689,283	4,877,185	812,098	16.7	79.2+
23	Alabama	4,447,100	4,040,587	406,513	10.1	70.3
25	Kentucky	4,041,769	3,685,296	356,473	9.7	89.3+
26	South Carolina	4,012,012	3,486,703	525,309	15.1	66.1
31	Mississippi	2,844,658	2,573,216	271,442	10.5	60.7*
33	Arkansas	2,673,400	2,350,725	322,675	13.7	78.6+
37	West Virginia	1,808,344	1,793,477	14,867	0.8	94.6+
<u>Midwest</u>						
5	Illinois	12,419,293	11,430,602	988,691	8.6	67.8
7	Ohio	11,353,140	10,847,115	506,025	4.7	84.0+
8	Michigan	9,938,444	9,295,297	643,147	6.9	78.6+
14	Indiana	6,080,485	5,544,159	536,326	9.7	85.8+
17	Missouri	5,595,211	5,117,073	478,138	9.3	83.8+
18	Wisconsin	5,363,675	4,891,769	471,906	9.6	87.3+

Table 2, Continued

Rank	Area	Census Populations		Change, 1990 to 2000		% Anglo
		April 1, 2000	April 1, 1990	Numeric	Percent	
<u>Central</u>						
24	Colorado	4,301,261	3,294,394	1,006,867	30.6	74.5
30	Iowa	2,926,324	2,776,755	149,569	5.4	92.6+
32	Kansas	2,688,418	2,477,574	210,844	8.5	83.1+
34	Utah	2,233,169	1,722,850	510,319	29.6	85.3+

35	Nevada	1,998,257	1,201,833	796,424	66.3	65.2
21	Minnesota	4,919,479	4,375,099	544,380	12.4	88.2+
38	Nebraska	1,711,263	1,578,385	132,878	8.4	87.3+
39	Idaho	1,293,953	1,006,749	287,204	28.5	88.0+
44	Montana	902,195	799,065	103,130	12.9	89.5+
46	South Dakota	754,844	696,004	58,840	8.5	88.0+
47	North Dakota	642,200	638,800	3,400	0.5	91.7+
50	Wyoming	493,782	453,588	40,194	8.9	88.9+
Southwest						
2	Texas	20,851,820	16,986,510	3,865,310	22.8	52.4*
20	Arizona	5,130,632	3,665,228	1,465,404	40.0	63.8
22	Louisiana	4,468,976	4,219,973	249,003	5.9	62.5
27	Oklahoma	3,450,654	3,145,585	305,069	9.7	74.1
36	New Mexico	1,819,046	1,515,069	303,977	20.1	42.1*
Pacific						
1	California	33,871,648	29,760,021	4,111,627	13.8	46.7*
15	Washington	5,894,121	4,866,692	1,027,429	21.1	78.9+
28	Oregon	3,421,399	2,842,321	579,078	20.4	83.5+
42	Hawaii	1,211,537	1,108,229	103,308	9.3	22.9*
48	Alaska	626,932	550,043	76,889	14.0	67.6
	Dist. of Columbia	572,059	606,900	-34,841	-5.7	27.8*
	United States	281,421,906	248,709,873	32,712,033	13.2	69.1

Source: U.S. Census (www.census.gov).

* Indicates the most ethnically diverse states, with Anglo populations at least 7 percentage points lower than the national average (at 62.1 or less).

+ Indicates the least ethnically diverse states, with Anglo populations at least 7 percentage points higher than the national average (at 76.1 or more).

Table 3
U.S. Census Figures for Harris County, Texas (1960–2000)

Year	Population	% Anglos	% Blacks	% Hispanics	% Asians
1960	1,243,258	73.9	19.8	6.0	0.3
1970	1,741,912	69.2	20.1	9.9	0.8
1980	2,409,547	62.3	19.6	15.3	2.1
1990	2,818,199	54.2	19.2	22.8	4.1
2000	3,400,578	42.1	18.2	32.9	6.5

Source: U.S. Census.

Table 4
Educational Attainment in Various Ethnic Communities

Ethnic Community	No. of Respondents	Less than H.S.	H.S. Diploma	Some College	College Degree	Post-Graduate
<u>A. Five Communities:</u>						
Asian immigrants	448	8.5	16.7	18.1	36.4	20.3
U.S.-born Anglos	3383	5.6	18.9	31.2	28.2	16.2
U.S.-born Blacks	3294	12.8	28.3	35.9	14.6	8.4
U.S.-born Latinos	1428	20.9	33.4	30.3	11.8	3.6
Latino immigrants	2033	54.4	22.9	14.3	6.1	2.4
<u>B. Asian Origins:</u>						
Vietnam	151	16.6	25.2	21.9	27.8	8.6
China/Taiwan	127	4.7	13.4	18.9	32.3	30.7
India/Pakistan	111	3.6	11.7	19.8	38.7	26.1
The Philippines	59	3.4	6.8	13.6	59.3	16.9
<u>C. Anglo immigrants:</u>						
U.S.-born Anglos	3383	5.6	18.9	31.2	28.2	16.2
From Europe	141	1.4	12.8	28.4	32.6	24.8
<u>D. Black immigrants:</u>						
U.S.-born blacks	3294	12.8	28.3	35.9	14.6	8.4
From Latin America	53	13.2	24.5	41.5	15.1	5.7
From Africa	58	1.7	3.4	32.8	27.6	34.5
<u>E. Latino Origins:</u>						
Mexico	1184	58.1	22.9	12.8	4.6	1.5
El Salvador	214	62.6	22.4	10.7	2.3	1.9
Central America	112	48.2	23.2	17.9	8.0	2.7
Cuba, So. America	105	14.3	21.0	28.6	21.9	14.3

Source: The Houston Area Survey, 1994–2002 (www.houstonareasurvey.org).