Analysis with Local Census Data

Portraits of Change

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About the Book

The 1990 United States Census was the most exhaustive in history. The vast majority of census users seek information about local areas, yet they lack examples or methodology texts prepared by experts in the field. This book is dedicated to the needs of these local census data users. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the data and teaches useful methods of analysis, focusing on four major themes: mastering access to the full range of census data, measuring changes over time, comparing places, and demonstrating how different aspects of change fit together.

More than a reference book or how-to-manual, the emphasis throughout is on developing a sophisticated, critical understanding of the census. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the scope of local census data and carefully explains the different variables and sources of data. It emphasizes how analysis can be conducted to extract maximum use from local data. It is written to coincide with the publication of the 1990 United States Census data.