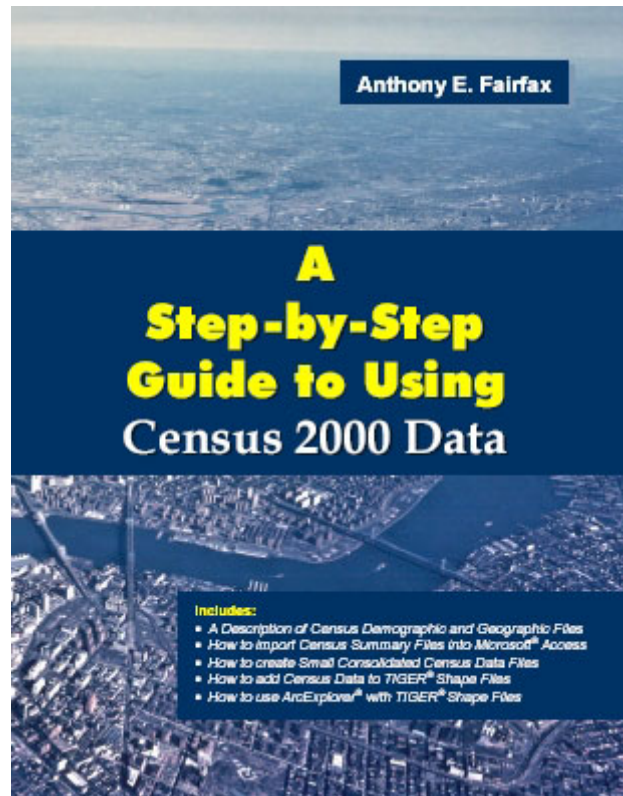


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Chapters one (1) through three (3) of the book present the reader with essential foundational information by describing the basic features, formats, and file structures of Census 2000 dataset files. Chapters four (4) through eight (8) guide the reader through practical examples of accessing and using Census 2000 datasets by presenting hands-on step-by-step instructions. The step-by-step instructions include downloading, importing, linking, and querying Census 2000 demographic and geographic dataset files. The Appendices contain a collection of table listings outlining the six (6) Census 2000 datasets that are discussed in the book: Redistricting Summary Files (PL94-171); Summary Files (SF) 1, 2, 3, and 4; and TIGER/Line® files.

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 - ✓ Sample TIGER/Line® .RT1 File
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- ArcExplorer® 9.1 GIS Viewer Software



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- Summary Levels
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- Summary File 3
- Summary File 4
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