



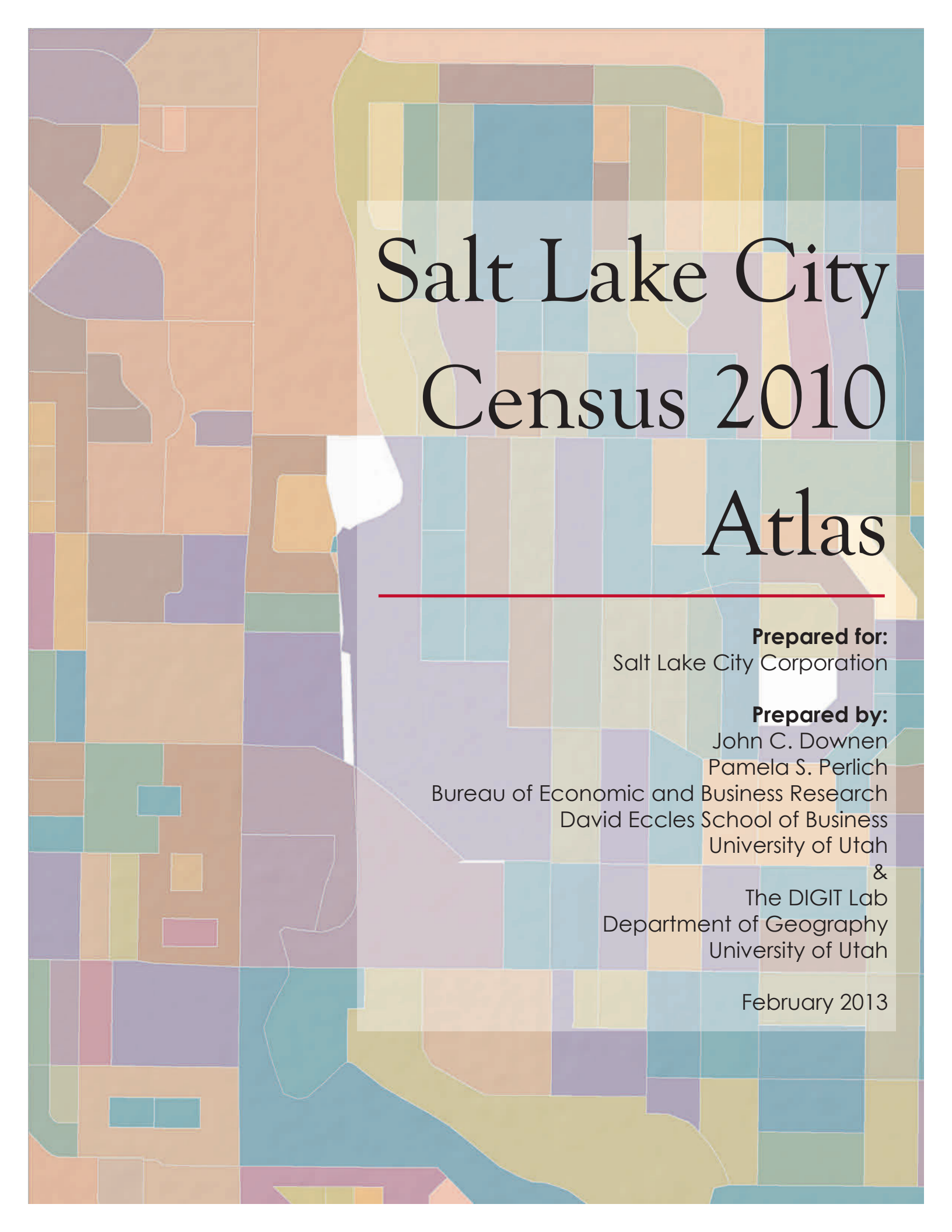
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Introduction

This volume presents and analyzes results from the 2010 Census of Population and Housing. This mandatory enumeration is conducted by the federal government and is used to determine reapportionment and redistricting. This is the most complete record of population, households, and housing units that is generated for communities and neighborhoods across the nation. It has been conducted every ten years since 1790. Records from these enumerations inform much of our understanding of our changing communities. Individual records, which are released 72 years after collection, are extensively used for genealogy and other family history research.

The 2010 Census comprised ten questions and was essentially the “short form” used in prior enumerations. These included questions about the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of individuals residing at specific addresses. Additional persons living together in a household were also asked about their relationship to each other. Housing units were counted in the census and were classified by occupancy (vacant or occupied) and tenure (rented or owned). Persons residing in the community but outside households were classified as part of the group quarters population. This includes homeless persons as well as those residing with others in settings such as college dormitories or correctional facilities.

Prior to the 1940 Census, there was only one questionnaire for all respondents. It included the basic information on demographics and housing units just explained, as well as dozens of questions about socioeconomics and housing. Although the contents changed over time, these detailed questions provided information about individuals (such as birthplace, ancestry, prior residence, disability, education, income, occupation, and commuting) and housing units (such as year built, number of rooms, number of units in structure, and costs of occupancy). Beginning in 1940, all respondents an-

swered “short form” questions and a subset was required to answer the entire “long form” questionnaire. This practice was continued until the 2010 enumeration, when the long form was discontinued.¹ The 2010 Census included only the short-form questions.

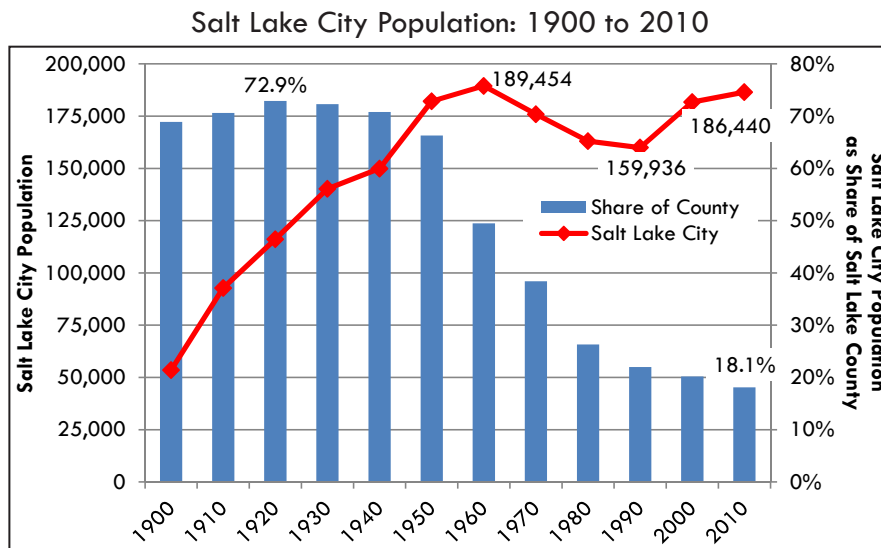
This *Salt Lake City Census 2010 Atlas* presents the same set of maps and information as was produced for the *Salt Lake City Census 2000 Atlas*. Most maps display data for census blocks, which are the smallest unit of geography for which data are available, serving as the building blocks of larger census geographic units (such as block groups, tracts, places, and counties). These areas can be of variable geographic extent, may not contain population, and are subject to change with each new census. As in the *Salt Lake City Census 2000 Atlas*, this 2010 update includes data for the seven City Council Districts. Boundaries for the 2010 districts are different from those in 2000, so the 2000 district-level results are not directly comparable with the 2010 results. In addition, this 2010 revision includes data for the nine Master Plan Areas.

As in the 2000 *Atlas*, content has been organized by topic: age structure, race and ethnic composition, household types, group quarters populations, and housing unit tenure. Each section of maps is prefaced by a short essay and summary data tables and graphics. Following these thematic map collections are Council District profiles based on the same set of data. The *Atlas* concludes with

a glossary of terminology, a discussion of methodology, and an appendix.

Historical Context

Salt Lake City continued to add residents in the 2000s, reaching a population of 186,440² in the 2010 Census count. This maintained its status as the most populous place in Utah, although its share of Salt Lake County and



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, decennial Census data.

1. The American Community Survey was implemented as a replacement for the loss of the long form.

2. This is the official 2010 Census count of the city's population. The total presented in the following chapters is 186,438. See the Methodology chapter for an explanation of the difference.

the state continued to fall. Early in the 20th century, nearly three-quarters of Salt Lake County and one-quarter of state residents lived in Salt Lake City. Population grew from 53,531 in 1900 to 116,110 in 1920 (73 percent of the county total), and to nearly 150,000 (149,934) by 1940. Population growth decelerated significantly in the 1950s as it shifted to suburban areas of the county. Consequently, Salt Lake City's share of the county population

declined significantly to one-half and its share of the state population declined to 21 percent in 1960. The Capital City's population peaked in the 1960 Census at 189,454 and then began a 30-year decline to reach 159,936 in the 1990 Census. Population then rebounded in both the 2000 and 2010 enumerations, but has not returned to the historic high of 1960.