

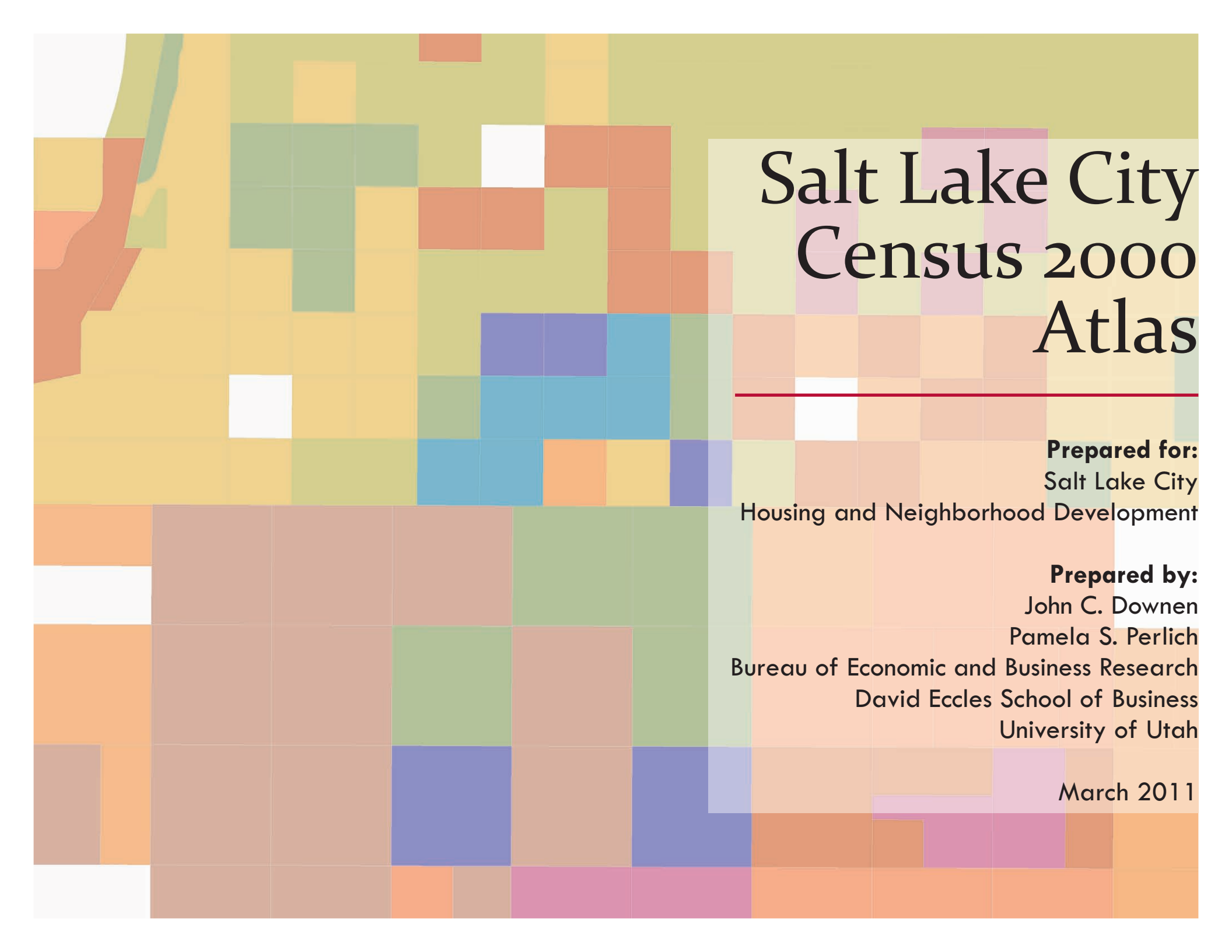


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Note: The cover image and facing image show Salt Lake City census blocks color-coded to indicate those with above-average shares of the city's various racial and ethnic groups in 2000.



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Introduction

This volume presents the basic demographic characteristics of residents of Salt Lake City as recorded in the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. Every ten years these federal government counts of people are the basis of congressional apportionment and political redistricting. Data in this volume are the most complete count of people, households, and housing units in Salt Lake City on April 1, 2000 that exists. This work provides an analytical foundation for comparisons with the 2010 census results, which will be released beginning in 2011.

The Census 2000 “short form” data (also known as the “100 percent” data) include the enumeration of population by age, sex, race, and ethnicity. They also include counts of family and nonfamily households by type, as well as group quarters populations. Finally, the short form data include the number of housing units by occupancy status and tenure. Additional and extensive socioeconomic data for Salt Lake City from Census 2000 were generated by the “long form” or sample data. This includes data on occupations, income, commuting, nativity, educational attainment, and much more. Analysis of this data set has not been included in this volume.

All of these data are reported at the census block level, which is the smallest geography of reporting available. Each of the seven Salt Lake City Council Districts¹ contains hundreds of these census blocks, and sometimes the boundaries do not match. For this atlas, data are shown by census blocks as well as Council Districts. Luckily most of the census blocks are fully contained within particular Council Districts. However, in the cases where blocks are split, geospatial statistical procedures have been used to assign population characteristics to the specific districts. Because of these procedures, the Salt Lake City totals reported in this volume vary slightly from those reported elsewhere.

1. This volume uses the current Salt Lake City Council District boundaries, which include annexations that occurred after April 1, 2000. This results in slight differences in both totals and distributions in the data as compared with the originally published census data sets for Salt Lake City.

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Organization and Content

The heart of this *Salt Lake City Census 2000 Atlas* is a set of thematic maps that are organized by topic: age structure, race and ethnic composition, household composition, group quarters populations, and housing units by tenure. Each of these five sections is preceded by a short essay and set of summary data tables. Following these thematic maps is a set of Council District profiles that summarize results for each. The final sections of the *Atlas* contain documentation of terminology and methodology.

A Note on the Maps

In many of the maps it appears that there is a population living in the midst of Salt Lake International Airport. This is an artifact of the way census blocks are defined. In sparsely populated areas blocks are larger to try to encompass a comparable number of residents to more densely populated blocks. In addition, census blocks are exhaustive; that is, they cover 100 percent of the land and water surface of the state. Thus they will include large swaths of unpopulated land. This is the case for the census blocks that include the airport; they are largely unpopulated, with any housing units located on the periphery of the airport rather than between its runways.