

STATISTICAL PROFILE  
OF THE  
  
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OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
  
ON THE  
1980 CENSUS

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## PREFACE

This monograph has been developed as part of a class study sponsored by Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, Department of Interior. As a class project, rather than a formal monograph, we have taken a number of liberties, partly because of lack of time, and partly through lack of human and other resources.

From mid-October to mid-December, 1986, Alice Tudela, Department of Commerce and Labor, and Juan S. Borja, Department of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands attended the 1980 Outlying Areas Census Workshop at the Census Bureau. Part of the workshop was a course at the International Statistics Program Center on Questionnaire Design. The other part was a series of lectures by appropriate personnel from the Population and Housing Divisions on the various topics discussed in this monograph, and, generally in the order presented here. Rough drafts of the tables presented here were developed during that time.

In July, 1987, Juan Borja returned to work with Michael Levin, second author, on a text to accompany the tables. All tables were eventually rethought and produced in Appleworks spreadsheet and incorporated into the Appleworks word processor on an Apple IIe. Emily Lennon, Population Division produced the graphics on a Hewlett-Packard microcomputer. The monograph is not a U.S. Bureau of the Census publication since it did not undergo their normal review procedures.

This monograph has been written for a particular audience - people in the CNMI and in various government agencies who need statistics in a digestible form for program and policy use. We have not analyzed all the data due to time limitations, but have tried to present most of the 1980 census data in an easier form than is available in published census reports, and added some text to briefly explain what is in the reports. These chapters can be used as a base for more indepth analyses.

The tables and text are stored on floppy disks which can be easily retrieved for modification and also can be transferred to other computer systems. The tables on diskettes can serve as templates for the 1990 census data analysis. The diskettes are available from the senior author at the Department of Education.

This monograph is the first of its kind for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We hope that the audience of this publication find it very useful.

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I want to thank and to dedicate this monograph to the people in the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior who have been extremely generous, both with their money, but more importantly, with their time, in encouraging us to finish this monograph; too often bureaucrats act as if they are merely part of a bureaucracy. I have found this not to be true in this case.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I am very proud to present this Statistical Profile of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands based on the 1980 Census. This type of publication is long overdue in the CNMI and provides a benchmark for our decision and policy makers and planners.

I am deeply grateful for the assistance of the people in the Population Division, U. S. Bureau of Census for their patience and concern in this project. Also, special thanks to the people in the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, U. S. Department of Interior for their financial support and encouragement in making the training and publication possible. I would also, like Mr. Juan S. Borja, echo the dedication of this publication to the people in the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, Department of Interior.

I am also proud of the working relationships between the departments in our government who were involved in this project. This rapport shows the concern for the best interests of the Commonwealth Government and I would very much encourage this type of relationship to continue.

Keeping abreast of the activities and conditions of our population is very important in making policy decisions and planning for the future.

I declare this monograph an official information source of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. I would like to encourage everyone who reads this publication to use these data.

1990 is just around the corner and another count of our population and its activities will be made. Let's all cooperate to make sure that we obtain the most accurate information.

Again, a warm appreciation and thanks to all people involved directly or indirectly in this project.



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