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Population Data Dictionary – 1969–2014

File Format

- Fixed length ASCII text records (28 bytes)
- One population per record/line
- Windows (CR/LF) line delimiters
- All numeric data is zero filled to the left

Variable Name and Values	Start Column	Length	Data Type
Year (1969, 1970, 1971...)	1	4	numeric
State postal abbreviation "KR" is used for the dummy state created to represent hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees	5	2	character
State FIPS code Field is 9-filled for dummy state created to represent hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees	7	2	numeric
County FIPS code Field is 9-filled for dummy state created to represent hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees	9	3	numeric
Registry 01 = San Francisco–Oakland SMSA 02 = Connecticut 20 = Detroit (Metropolitan) 21 = Hawaii 22 = Iowa 23 = New Mexico 25 = Seattle (Puget Sound) 26 = Utah 27 = Atlanta (Metropolitan) 29 = Alaska Natives 31 = San Jose–Monterey 33 = Arizona Indians 35 = Los Angeles 37 = Rural Georgia 41 = California excluding SF/SJM/LA	12	2	numeric

42 = Kentucky 43 = Louisiana 44 = New Jersey 47 = Georgia excluding Atlanta/Rural Georgia 99 = Registry for non-SEER area			
Race 1969+ data: 1 = White 2 = Black 3 = Other 1990+ data: 1 = White 2 = Black 3 = American Indian/Alaska Native 4 = Asian or Pacific Islander	14	1	numeric
Origin Applicable to 1990+ data: 0 = Non-Hispanic 1 = Hispanic 9 = Not applicable in 1969-2011 W,B,O files	15	1	numeric
Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	16	1	numeric
Age 19 Age group data: 00 = 0 years 01 = 1-4 years 02 = 5-9 years 03 = 10-14 years 04 = 15-19 years ... 17 = 80-84 years 18 = 85+ years Single age data: 00 = 0 years 01 = 1 years 02 = 2 years ... 84 = 84 years 85 = 85+ years	17	2	numeric
Population	19	8	numeric

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