Abstract

Producing Base Maps for Historical U.S. Censuses
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The National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS) is a five-year NSF infrastructure project underway at the University of Minnesota's Population Center. The primary objective is the construction of a web site for distributing all existent digital aggregate census data for the United States spanning the period 1790-2000. The primary census enumeration areas under construction are census tracts and counties. Other geographic levels will be aggregated from these two. We are completing an initial phase of census tract development, and county development is underway. Examples, issues, and the current status of these activities are highlighted in the presentation.

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