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The second edition of this encyclopedia (1st ed., CH, Feb’01, 38-3097) both updates the comprehensive guide to ready reference information on the US decennial census and incorporates data from the continuous American Community Survey. Many new and updated entries reflect the changing structure and questions asked by the 2010 Census, and gather and report those data (which are up-to-date as of spring 2011). Data are also available in a searchable digital format via subscription http://library.cqpress.com/. Organized alphabetically, 140 signed entries written by prominent scholars and census experts identify concepts, terms, process, and other factors involved in census taking as it is practiced within the US. Short articles provide historical context for readers as they learn more about each census, e.g., 1790 and 1880. Also discussed are controversies and issues such as privacy, legality, and the usefulness of questions regarding income, race, and family status. Maps, tables, figures, and other useful illustrations make the information accessible in a variety of forms. Cross-references, a bibliography, and a very detailed index make drilling down to precise information quite easy for researchers.

**Summing Up:** Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above; general readers.

**Reviewer:** R. Tolley-Stokes, East Tennessee State University  
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