

**POPULATION STATISTICS BY DENSITY CATEGORY FOR THE U.S.
SOURCE: 1990 AND 2000 U.S. CENSUS DATA**

Population Density persons/sq.mile	# of counties		% of population/ density category		1990 population	2000 population	Cumulative 2000 population
	1990	2000	1990	2000			
0.01 – 6.00	409	415	.9%	1.6%	2,385,319	4,618,253	4,618,253
6.01 – 10.00	171	123	1.7%	2.0%	1,978,490	1,057,560	5,675,813
10.01 – 12.00	72	110	2.0%	2.5%	883,185	1,455,948	7,131,761
12.01 – 16.00	140	98	2.8%	2.9%	2,060,751	1,114,289	8,246,050
19.01 – 20.00	<u>158</u>	<u>162</u>	3.8%	3.6%	2,567,974	1,989,641	10,235,691
Sub-Total	950	908			9,875,719	10,235,691	
>20.00		2228			248,811,810	273,998,337	
TOTAL		3136			258,687,529	284,234,028	

NOTE: Numbers of 'frontier' counties are less than the entire set of counties with densities < 20 persons /square mile. Using the Consensus Definition and after consultation with all of the State Offices of Rural Health only 812 counties met the eligibility criteria of the Matrix.

	2000	1999	CHANGE
NATIONAL DATA			
Total US population	284,234,028	258,687,529	Increase: 25,546,499
			Increase: 9%
Increase in frontier population as a percent of the increase in the U.S. population			1.4% of the increase in U.S. population was in frontier counties.
FRONTIER DATA			
# of counties < 20/sq mile	908	950	Decrease: 42 counties
Population of counties <20 /sq mile	10,235,691	9,875,719	Increase: 359,972
Percent of total U.S. population living in counties <20/sq mile	3.6%	3.8%	Decrease: .2%