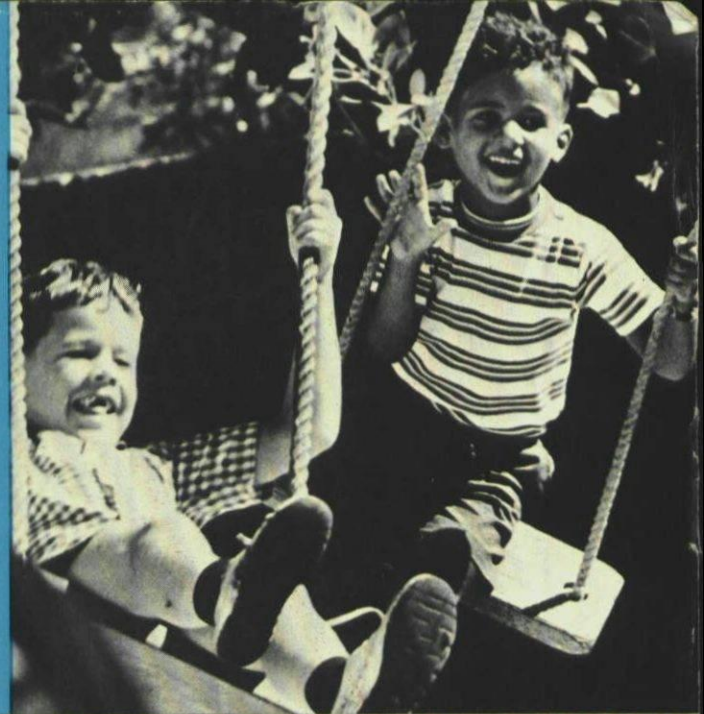


# Report of the Population Census 1980



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# We've Grown

## Foreword

On Monday, 12th May 1980, 255 Census Enumerators visited every household in Bermuda and asked each occupant, "Where did you sleep last night?" That question climaxed three and one-half weeks of door-to-door interviewing in which Bermuda's civilian households were asked 46 questions concerning their Personal Characteristics, Internal and External Migration Patterns, Education, Vocational Training, Economic Activity, Fertility and Housing. This report contains the results of that inquiry together with a description of its administrative and methodological features.

The first chapter in this report is the Administration of the Census. This chapter covers a brief background discussing the events leading up to the 1980 Census, continues with a description of the overall planning for the 1980 Census, discusses the activities comprising the enumeration, outlines tasks performed after census day and concludes with an evaluation of the operation.

Next, the report explains certain demographic and economic concepts employed in the investigation and the aims and objectives of the Census Questionnaire. These chapters are

particularly important because many of the concepts used and most of the information sought were introduced for the first time in 1970, hence the 1980 results provide an unique opportunity to compare the changes over the decade using modern census concepts and methodology.

Finally, we have included a brief chapter summarising the main findings for 1980 with comparisons to those of 1970. Of particular importance here are the findings for education and fertility, data fields for which little or no information was compiled in population censuses prior to 1970.

This report, though substantial, touches only lightly upon the parishes. However, distribution of all the important population variables have been tabulated for the parishes and presumably will be made available in future publications. The major population variables have also been tabulated by race, nativity and citizenship and will also be likely candidates for future studies. Finally, to make allowance for the fact that some information subsequently required will not have been tabulated, the computer file and instructions for

accessing that file are available to the Director of Computer Processing for the Bermuda Government.

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