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Preface
To the Second Edition

This is the second edition of the Legislative District Almanac published by the Legislative Reference Bureau. It is designed to provide legislators, other policy makers, and citizens with demographic data on Wisconsin's 33 state senate districts and 99 assembly districts. To make the information easier to use, we have added graphs and maps to the tables of the previous edition.

With the exception of a land use map based on data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, data is derived from the 2000 United States Census taken on April 1, 2000. The legislative districts are those promulgated by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin on May 30, 2002 (*Baumgart v. Wendelberger*, No. 01-C-121). The districts are based on census blocks, but to protect citizens' privacy, some census information is available only at the block group level (about 100 blocks). As a result, it has been necessary to disaggregate and reaggregate the census data to create an approximation of the legislative districts. Statistics based on block groups should be regarded as estimates rather than as absolute numbers.

The data presented in this almanac represents a small portion of that collected by the U.S. Census Bureau. Users can find much more information on the U.S. Census Bureau's Internet site at http://www.census.gov. The raw data behind the graphs and maps, as well as more detailed data from the tables, will be made available through the Legislative Reference Bureau's Internet site. For the online version, go to http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/almanac/. Please make requests for additional information to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The almanac is divided into 33 chapters, one for each state senate district and the three assembly districts which comprise it. Each chapter begins with a district map indicating the counties and municipalities in the district. This map is followed by three thematic maps, seven tables, and two graphs. The maps provide a geographic display of each district's unemployment rate, median household income, and urban and rural land use. Tables provide information on race and ethnicity, industry and occupation, income, social security and public assistance, among other things. The graphs are visual representations of select data for age and educational attainment. Maps, tables, and graphs are presented in the same order for each district.

The appendix contains notes on the tables, a detailed description of the methodology used, and a glossary.

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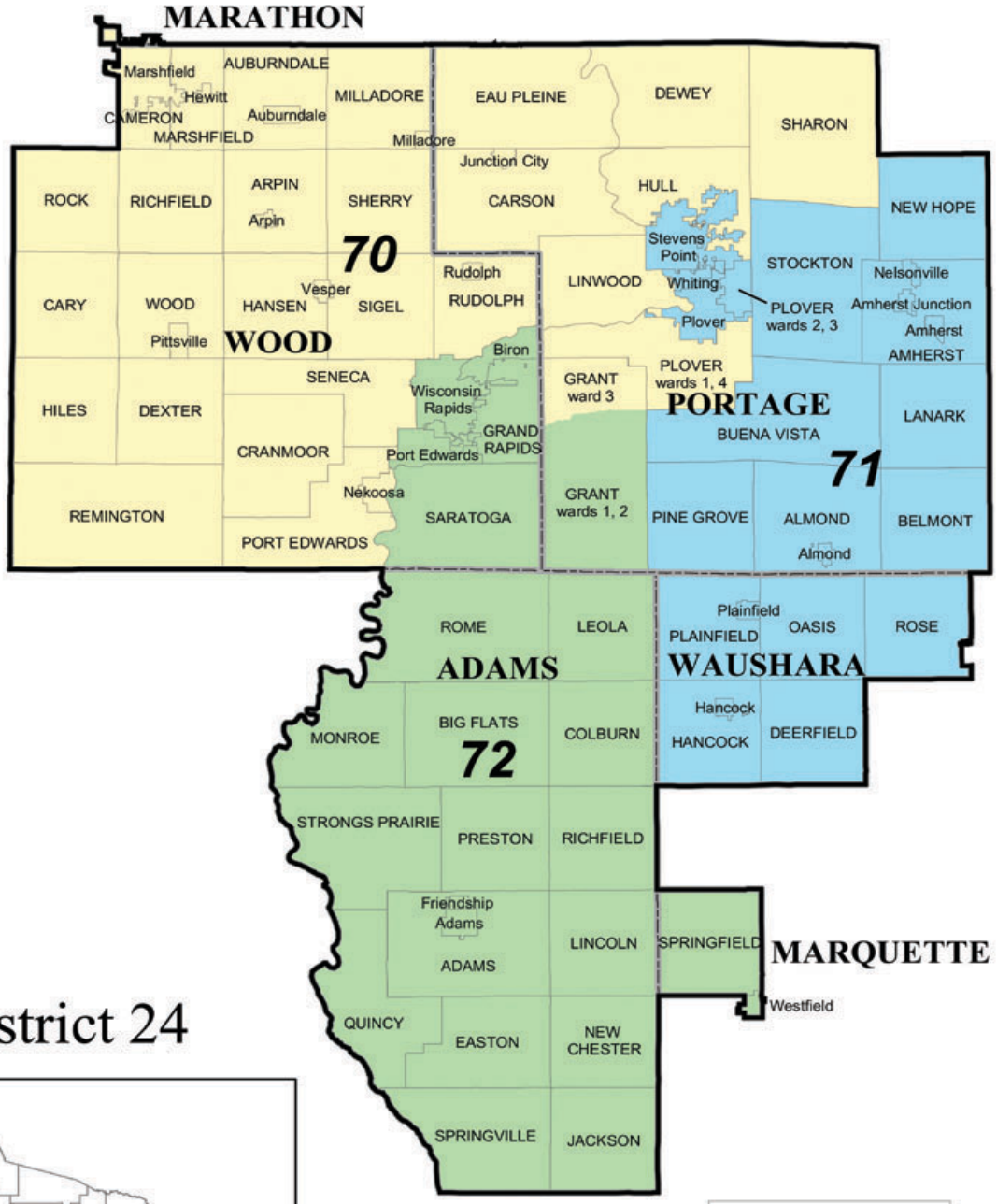

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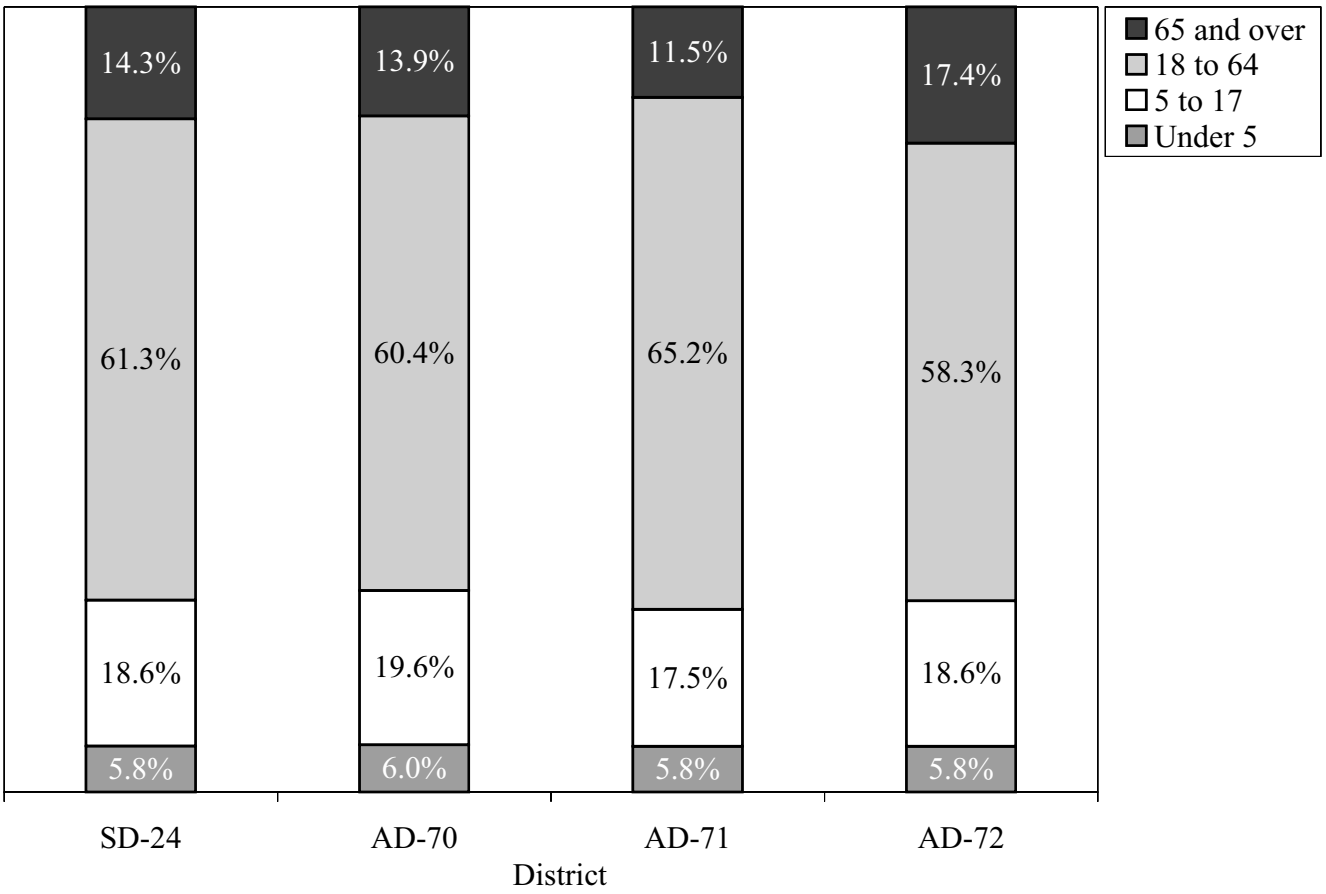
1. Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex

	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
White	155,147	52,251	51,086	51,810
Black	647	161	267	219
Asian	2,970	523	1,514	933
American Indian	1,255	434	303	518
Pacific Islander	54	0	36	18
Other	124	27	56	41
Multi-Racial	186	30	103	53
Hispanic	2,254	459	1,130	665
Male	80,543	26,768	26,913	26,862
Female	82,082	27,127	27,578	27,377
Total Population	162,637	53,885	54,495	54,257

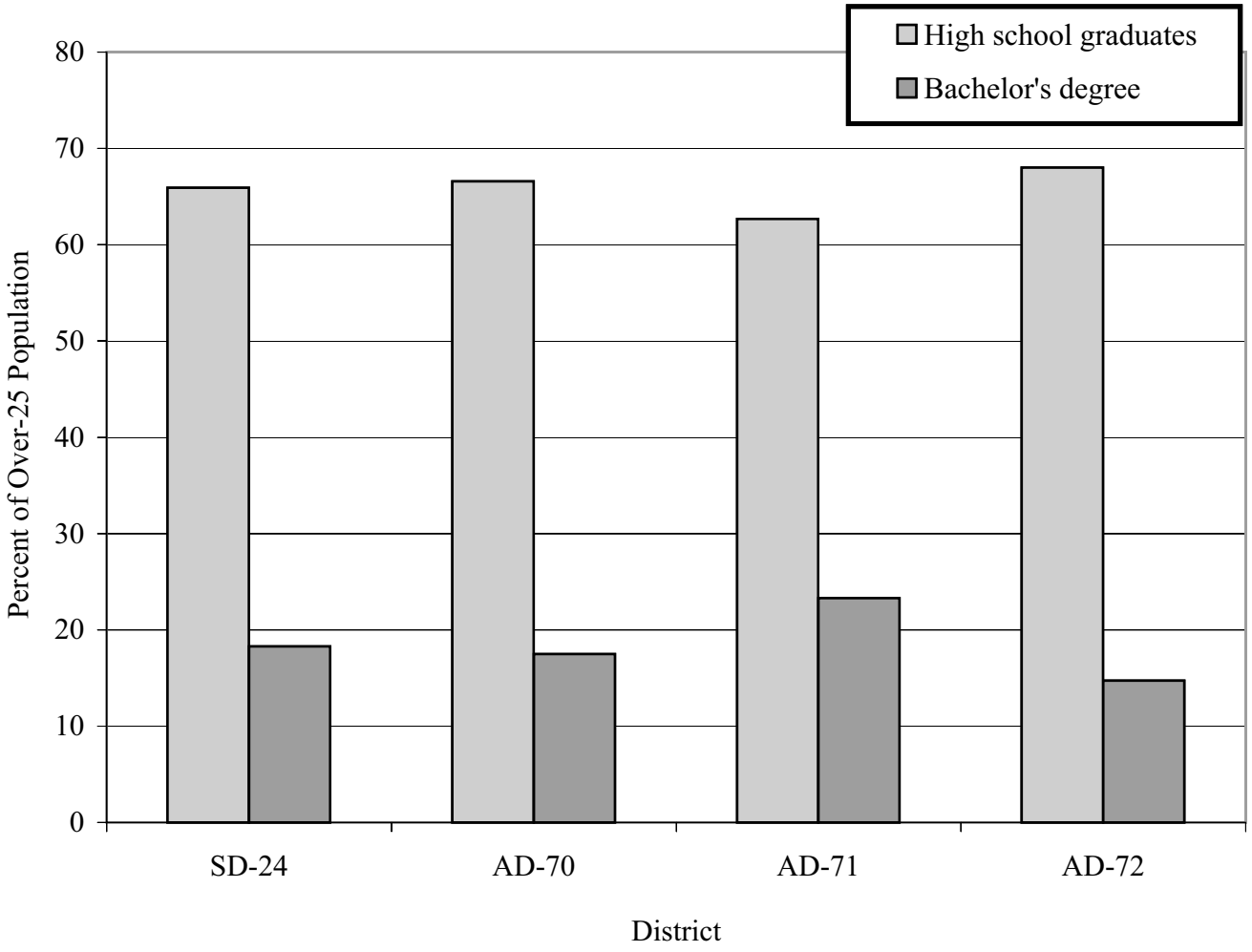
2. Age



3. Population in Group Quarters

	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
Institutionalized Population	1,366	299	444	623
Correctional facilities	314	0	143	171
Nursing homes	1,024	271	301	452
Other institutionalized	28	28	0	0
Noninstitutional Population	3,625	285	3,098	242
College dormitories	2,818	0	2,818	0
Military quarters	0	0	0	0
Other noninstitutionalized	807	285	280	242

4. Educational Attainment

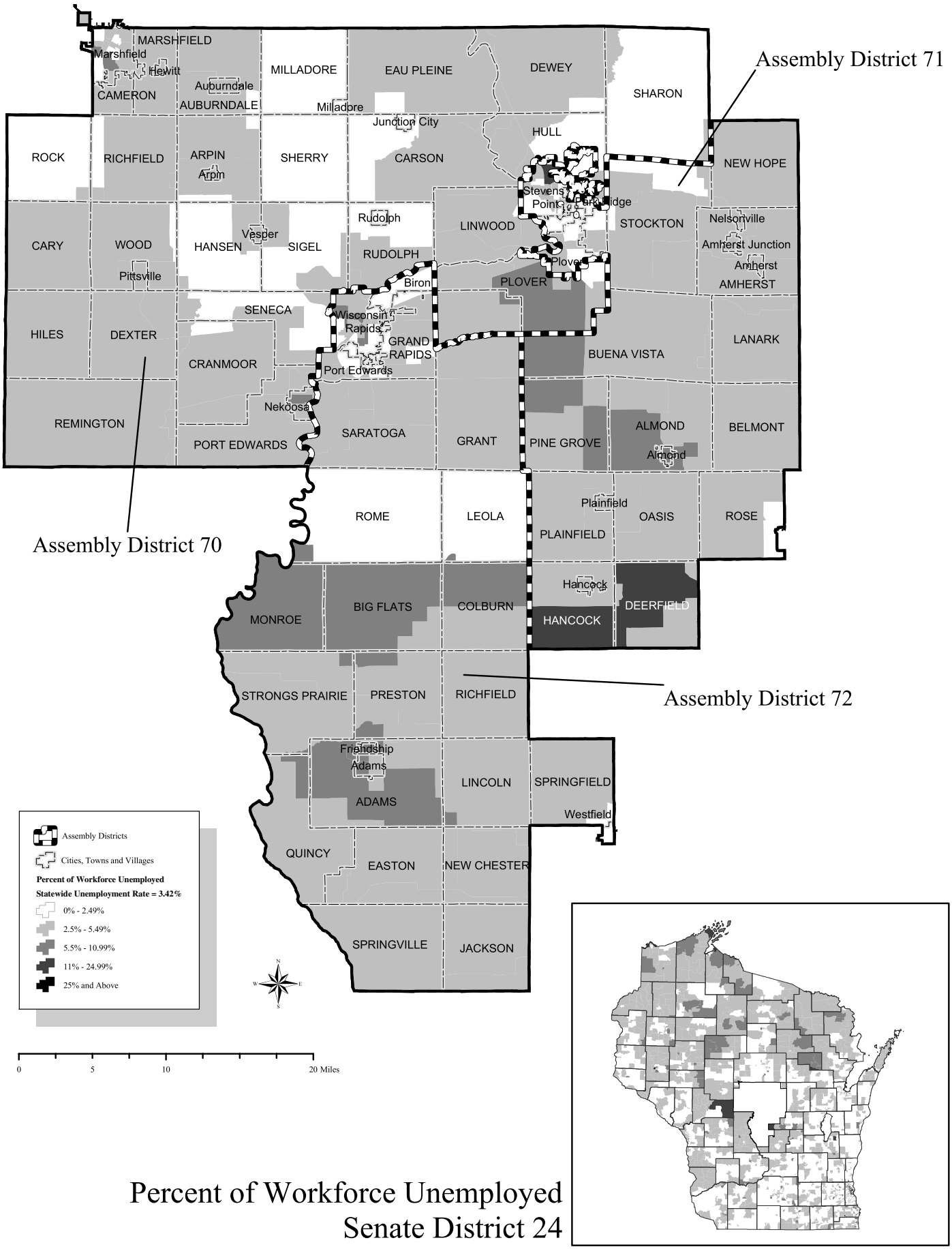


5. Employees by Industry

	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining	3,113	1,421	1,028	664
Construction	4,660	1,754	1,318	1,588
Manufacturing	16,994	6,035	4,615	6,344
Wholesale trade	2,319	883	982	454
Retail trade	10,836	3,736	3,945	3,155
Transportation, warehousing, utilities	4,207	1,398	1,607	1,202
Information	19,313	6,918	5,597	6,798
Finance, insurance, real estate	5,425	1,513	2,771	1,141
Professional, management, administrative	3,218	1,011	1,338	869
Educational, health, social services	16,924	6,482	6,017	4,425
Entertainment, accommodation, food services	6,573	1,637	2,647	2,289
Other services (except public administration)	2,916	1,096	954	866
Public administration	2,319	565	717	1,037

6. Occupation

	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
Management, professional	22,319	7,928	8,538	5,853
Service	12,327	3,778	4,396	4,153
Sales, office	20,449	6,719	7,894	5,836
Farming, fishing, forestry	1,161	429	444	288
Construction, extraction, maintenance	7,732	3,078	2,155	2,499
Production, transportation, material moving	17,154	6,098	5,075	5,981



Percent of Workforce Unemployed
Senate District 24

7. Households with Social Security or Public Assistance Income

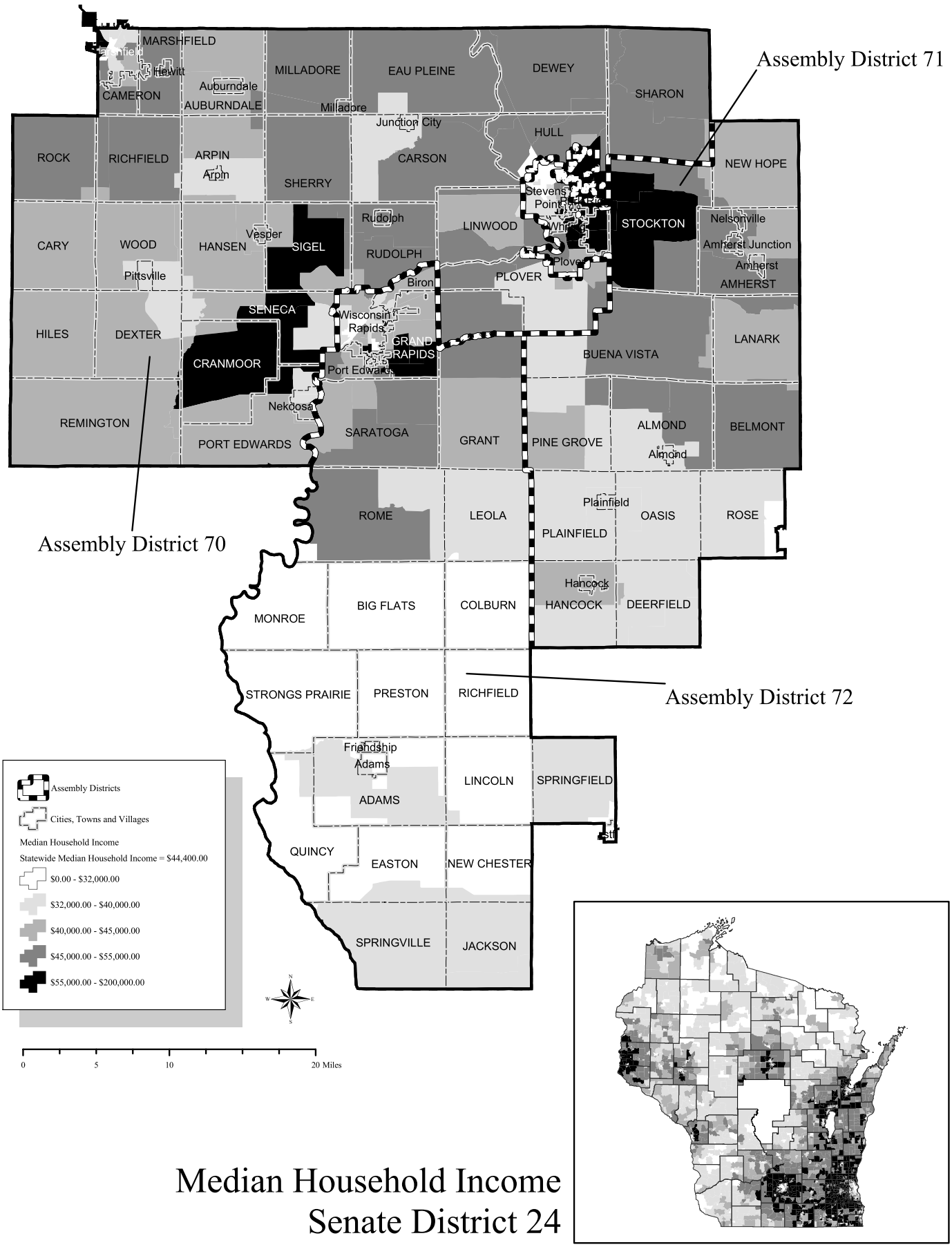
	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
With Social Security	18,579	5,899	5,108	7,572
Without Social Security	45,168	15,202	15,354	14,612
With Public Assistance	733	246	152	335
Without Public Assistance	63,017	20,847	20,305	21,865
Total Households	63,761	21,095	20,462	22,204

8. Value of Owner-Occupied Housing

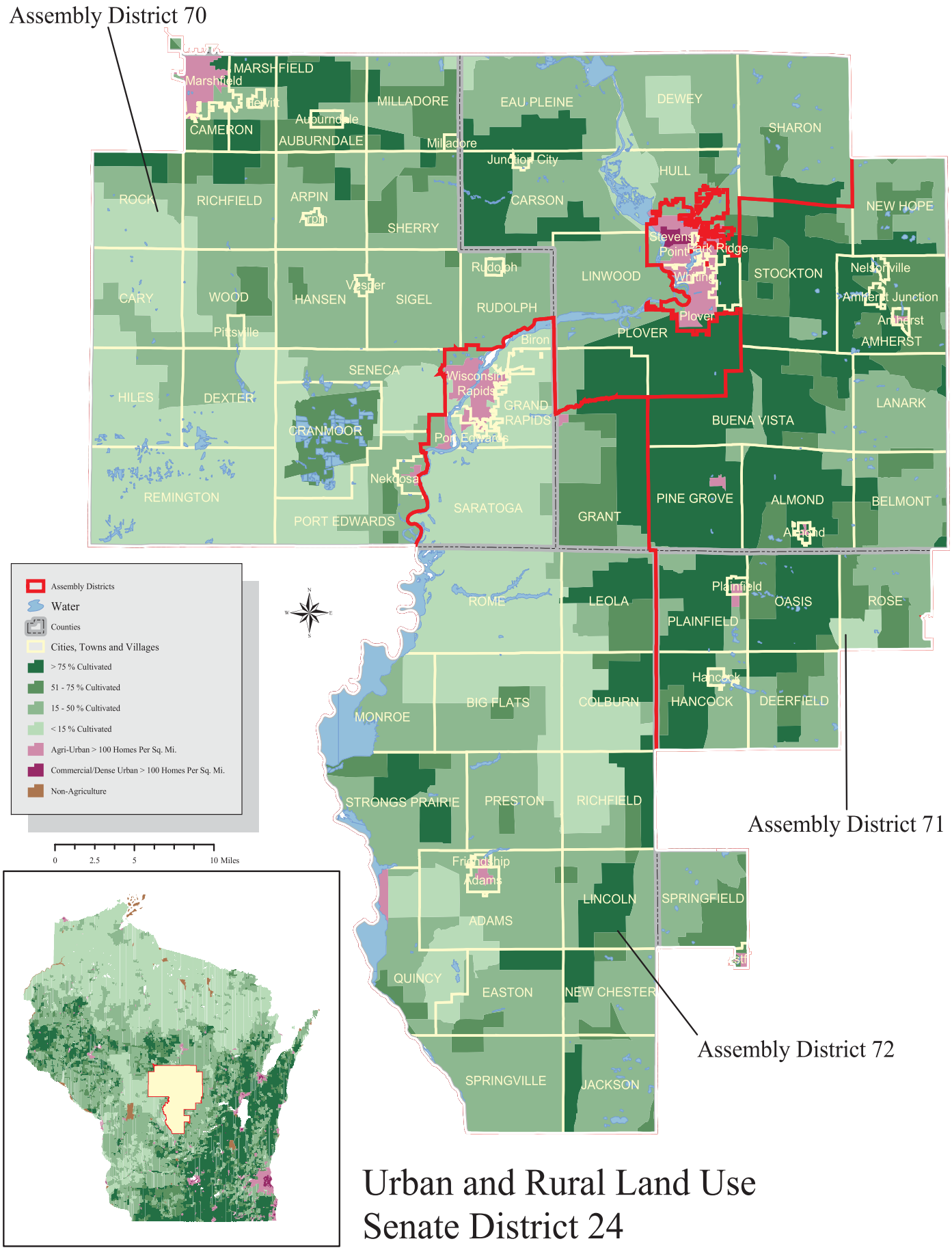
	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
Less than $40,000	4,664	1,602	1,062	2,000
$40,000 to $59,999	6,395	1,995	1,241	3,159
$60,000 to $79,999	9,035	3,065	2,522	3,448
$80,000 to $99,999	9,219	3,059	2,878	3,282
$100,000 to $149,999	11,500	3,922	4,015	3,563
$150,000 to $199,999	3,892	1,331	1,363	1,198
Over $199,999	2,356	912	676	768
Total owner-occupied units	47,061	15,886	13,757	17,418

9. Monthly Gross Rent

	SD-24	AD-70	AD-71	AD-72
Less than $200	894	313	328	253
$200 to $399	4,209	1,484	1,559	1,166
$400 to $599	7,125	2,008	3,042	2,075
$600 to $799	2,059	513	1,007	539
$800 to $999	454	100	250	104
$1,000 to $1,499	245	84	112	49
$1,500 to $1,999	17	0	17	0
Over $1,999	12	0	4	8
Total rental units	15,015	4,502	6,319	4,194



Median Household Income
Senate District 24



Urban and Rural Land Use
Senate District 24

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Methodology

Data on age, gender, and race is derived from the U.S. Census Bureau Summary File (SF) 1 dataset. Data from SF 1 is gathered from all inhabitants at the block level, the lowest level at which the Census Bureau collects data. It is the most accurate data available and matches legislative districts most closely. Census Bureau block boundaries reflect municipal boundaries as of January 1, 2000. Wisconsin municipalities used their boundaries as of August 1, 2001, when creating the wards used to form legislative districts. Some municipal boundaries changed between those two dates because of annexation or detachment of territory. Where annexations did not include whole census blocks, municipalities provided estimates of the population of each part of the split census block. Because of this, population figures may not precisely match population figures from other sources. Populations involved were small, and most districts are comprised of entire census blocks.

Data on employment, income, and housing is derived from the U.S. Census Bureau SF 3 dataset. SF 3 data is based on samples of the population and, as such, is subject to sampling error. Samples are selected in each county without regard to municipal boundaries and are less accurate for any unit smaller than a county. In addition, the Census Bureau provides the estimates of data in SF 3 only at the "block group" level. There is no intrinsic relationship between block groups and legislative districts. Block group data therefore presents problems that block level data does not. We disaggregated the block group data, assigning a portion of the block group total to each block in the block group. We then reaggregated the blocks to match legislative districts. Disaggregation assumes that the entire population of a block group is homogeneous and all values are evenly distributed. This is not, however, always the case and, as a result, figures based on block group level data should be regarded as estimates rather than as absolute numbers. Because of these factors, small differences between legislative districts should be taken to indicate that the districts are similar rather than that they are absolutely larger or smaller.

The land use maps are based on data obtained from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency's area sampling frame is a delineation of all parcels of land for the purpose of later sampling the parcels. The area frame is constructed by visually interpreting satellite imagery to divide a state into homogeneous land use areas (strata) based on percent cultivated. The strata are typically defined as low, medium, or high percent cultivated, non-agricultural land, urban use, agri-urban, or water. The boundaries of the strata usually follow identifiable features such as roads, railroads, and waterways. The strata boundaries do not coincide with any political boundaries, with the exception of state boundaries. The agri-urban and commercial/dense urban classifications show the density of settlement and development for urban areas. Both categories identify areas with more than 100 homes per square mile. See the NASS Internet site at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/research/wi_strata.htm for more information.

APPENDIX B: Table Notes

1. **Race and Ethnicity:** Racial categories are based on U.S. Department of Justice guidelines published in the Federal Register of January 18, 2001. For the first time, the 2000 census respondents could choose more than one race. Anyone who checked "white" and a second race was allocated to the second race they chose in their response. Thus, the totals for "Asian" include all who responded "Asian" and all who responded as both "White" and "Asian." The Multi-Racial category is comprised of those who listed more than two races and those who listed two races where neither race was "White." Hispanic is an ethnic classification rather than a racial classification under the guidelines of the Census Bureau and is therefore a separate consideration from race. Although all those identifying themselves as Hispanic also listed themselves as some race or races, our tables list them separately and Hispanics are not included in the data by race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data.

3. **Population in Group Quarters:** This table does not present an exhaustive list of group living situations. Rather it presents the most common group quarters categories for which the Census Bureau gathers statistics.

4. **Educational Attainment**: The bar labeled "High School Graduate" includes those who have a high school degree, or equivalent, and individuals who attended some college including those who received an associate degree. The bar labeled "Bachelor's degree" includes all those who have advanced and professional degrees as well as a bachelor's degree.

7. **Households with Social Security or Public Assistance Income:** Two separate questions were asked and not all households answered either question. The bottom line, "Total households" includes an estimate of all the households in the district, not the sum of those who answered either question.

Map Notes

Median Household Income in 1999 and Percent of Labor Force Unemployed: Each block group in the state is shaded based on the quintile into which it falls. Quintiles may not be evenly distributed within an individual legislative district. In addition to looking at the data displayed, users may wish to evaluate whether the portion of a block group outside the legislative district is similar in composition to the part which is within the district.

Urban and Rural Land Use: Land use areas (strata) boundaries do not coincide with any political boundaries, with the exception of state boundaries. Some municipality labels may be missing from this map.

APPENDIX C: Glossary

The following definitions are those used by the U.S. Census Bureau in the 2000 Census of the United States.

Agri-urban: As defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture; land that contains greater than 100 homes per square mile and is less than 15 percent cultivated.

Block: A "block" is the smallest census area. It covers an area bounded by physical or political features, such as roads, rivers, or municipal boundaries. In urban areas, a census block is usually a city block. In rural areas the census block can be much larger. Average population for a block is about 70 people.

Block Group: A "block group" is a cluster of blocks that have the same first digit in their 4-digit identifying numbers.

Commercial/Dense Urban: As defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture; contains greater than 100 homes per square mile in the city center with 0 percent cultivation.

Educational Attainment: Refers to the highest level of education completed in terms of the highest degree or the highest level of schooling completed.

Employed: Employed includes all civilians 16 years old and over who were either (1) "at work" — those who did any work at all during the reference week as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession, worked on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers on a family farm or in a family business; or (2) were "with a job but not at work" — those who did not work during the reference week but had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent due to illness, bad weather, industrial dispute, vacation, or other personal reasons. Excluded from the employed are people whose only activity consisted of work around the house or unpaid volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations; also excluded are people on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. The reference week is the calendar week preceding the date on which the respondents completed their questionnaires or were interviewed. This week may not be the same for all respondents.

Gross Rent: The amount of the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid for by the renter (or paid for the renter by someone else). Gross rent is intended to eliminate differentials which result from varying practices with respect to the inclusion of utilities and fuels as part of the rental payment.

Household: A "household" includes all persons who occupy a housing unit, i.e., a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements.

Income: "Total income" is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips; self-employment income from own nonfarm or farm businesses,

including proprietorships and partnerships; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony.

Labor Force: The labor force includes all people classified in the civilian labor force, plus members of the U.S. Armed Forces (people on active duty with the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard). The civilian labor force consists of people classified as employed or unemployed.

Noninstitutionalized Group Quarters Population: Includes all people who live in group quarters other than institutions. Examples: college dormitories, rooming houses, religious group homes, communes, and halfway houses.

Occupation: Occupation describes the kind of work the person does on the job. For employed people, the data refer to the person's job during the reference week. For those who worked at two or more jobs, the data refer to the job at which the person worked the greatest number of hours.

Poverty Status: The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If the total income for a family or unrelated individual falls below the relevant poverty threshold, then the family or unrelated individual is classified as being "below the poverty level."

Quintile: Any of the five values that divide the items of a frequency distribution into five classes, with each one containing one fifth of the total population.

Unemployed: All civilians 16 years old and over are classified as unemployed if they (1) were neither "at work" nor "with a job but not at work" during the reference week, (2) were actively looking for work during the last four weeks, and (3) were available to accept a job. Also included as unemployed are civilians who did not work at all during the reference week, were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off, and were available for work except for temporary illness.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.