

Cost of the Census: 1940-2010

| Census Year | Total Cost of Census (in thousands) | Increase Over Previous Decade |
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1940 | \$67,527 | --- |
| 1950 | \$91,462 | 35% |
| 1960 | \$127,934 | 40% |
| 1970 | \$247,653 | 94% |
| 1980 | \$1,136,000 | 359% |
| 1990 | \$2,500,000 | 120% |
| 2000 | \$6,300,000 | 152% |
| 2010 | (est.) \$11,300,000-??? | 79%-??? |

Source: GAO analysis of U.S. Census Bureau figures.