

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Mercedes city, Texas

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Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>13,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>13,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male.....	6,413	47.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	12,286	90.0
Female.....	7,236	53.0	Mexican.....	9,325	68.3
Under 5 years.....	1,314	9.6	Puerto Rican.....	16	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	1,298	9.5	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,150	8.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	2,943	21.6
15 to 19 years.....	1,246	9.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,363	10.0
20 to 24 years.....	1,046	7.7	White alone.....	1,328	9.7
25 to 34 years.....	1,674	12.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	1,443	10.6	<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>13,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>
45 to 54 years.....	1,452	10.6	In households.....	13,649	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	561	4.1	Householder.....	4,170	30.6
60 to 64 years.....	498	3.6	Spouse.....	2,281	16.7
65 to 74 years.....	1,048	7.7	Child.....	5,348	39.2
75 to 84 years.....	713	5.2	Own child under 18 years.....	3,634	26.6
85 years and over.....	206	1.5	Other relatives.....	1,590	11.6
Median age (years).....	29.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	820	6.0
18 years and over.....	9,159	67.1	Nonrelatives.....	260	1.9
Male.....	4,136	30.3	Unmarried partner.....	129	0.9
Female.....	5,023	36.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	8,417	61.7	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	2,247	16.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	1,967	14.4	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	816	6.0	<b>Total households</b> .....	<b>4,170</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Female.....	1,151	8.4	Family households (families).....	3,350	80.3
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,714	41.1
One race.....	13,334	97.7	Married-couple family.....	2,281	54.7
White.....	10,840	79.4	With own children under 18 years.....	1,137	27.3
Black or African American.....	49	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	894	21.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	122	0.9	With own children under 18 years.....	501	12.0
Asian.....	9	0.1	Nonfamily households.....	820	19.7
Asian Indian.....	1	-	Householder living alone.....	751	18.0
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	476	11.4
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,033	48.8
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,451	34.8
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	3.27	(X)
Vietnamese.....	5	-	Average family size.....	3.75	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	3	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>5,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,170	76.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	1,285	23.6
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	461	8.5
Some other race.....	2,313	16.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	315	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	7.7	(X)
<b>Race alone or in combination with one</b>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>or more other races:</b> <sup>3</sup>			<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>4,170</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White.....	11,134	81.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,664	63.9
Black or African American.....	60	0.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,506	36.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	147	1.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.23	(X)
Asian.....	16	0.1	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	3.34	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	-			
Some other race.....	2,608	19.1			

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<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

**Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Mercedes city, Texas

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b> .....			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>13,870</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Nursery school, preschool.....	4,212	100.0	Native.....	11,747	84.7
Kindergarten.....	183	4.3	Born in United States.....	11,509	83.0
Elementary school (grades 1-8).....	279	6.6	State of residence.....	9,920	71.5
High school (grades 9-12).....	2,170	51.5	Different state.....	1,589	11.5
College or graduate school.....	968	23.0	Born outside United States.....	238	1.7
	612	14.5	Foreign born.....	2,123	15.3
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			Entered 1990 to March 2000.....	542	3.9
<b>Population 25 years and over</b> .....			Naturalized citizen.....	767	5.5
Less than 9th grade.....	7,589	100.0	Not a citizen.....	1,356	9.8
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	2,537	33.4	<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
High school graduate (includes equivalency).....	1,032	13.6	<b>Total (excluding born at sea)</b> .....		
Some college, no degree.....	1,922	25.3	Europe.....	2,123	100.0
Associate degree.....	1,152	15.2	Asia.....	6	0.3
Bachelor's degree.....	188	2.5	Africa.....	-	-
Graduate or professional degree.....	514	6.8	Oceania.....	-	-
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	244	3.2	Latin America.....	2,112	99.5
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	53.0	(X)	Northern America.....	5	0.2
	10.0	(X)	<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>		
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>			<b>Population 5 years and over</b> .....		
<b>Population 15 years and over</b> .....			English only.....	12,519	100.0
Never married.....	9,968	100.0	Language other than English.....	2,310	18.5
Now married, except separated.....	2,586	25.9	Speak English less than "very well".....	10,209	81.5
Separated.....	5,628	56.5	Spanish.....	4,471	35.7
Widowed.....	443	4.4	Speak English less than "very well".....	10,168	81.2
Female.....	719	7.2	Other Indo-European languages.....	4,448	35.5
Divorced.....	573	5.7	Speak English less than "very well".....	26	0.2
Female.....	592	5.9	Asian and Pacific Island languages.....	15	0.1
	380	3.8	Speak English less than "very well".....	-	-
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>			<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>		
<b>Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years</b> .....			<b>Total population</b> .....		
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren.....	748	100.0	Total ancestries reported.....	13,870	100.0
	238	31.8	Arab.....	12,829	92.5
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>			Czech <sup>1</sup> .....	36	0.3
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b> .....			Danish.....	6	-
Civilian veterans.....	9,242	100.0	Dutch.....	18	0.1
	889	9.6	English.....	203	1.5
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>			French (except Basque) <sup>1</sup> .....	32	0.2
<b>Population 5 to 20 years</b> .....			French Canadian <sup>1</sup> .....	26	0.2
With a disability.....	4,031	100.0	German.....	336	2.4
Population 21 to 64 years.....	386	9.6	Greek.....	-	-
With a disability.....	6,648	100.0	Hungarian.....	6	-
Percent employed.....	1,673	25.2	Irish <sup>1</sup> .....	121	0.9
No disability.....	4,975	74.8	Italian.....	14	0.1
Percent employed.....	58.7	(X)	Lithuanian.....	-	-
<b>Population 65 years and over</b> .....			Norwegian.....	92	0.7
With a disability.....	1,840	100.0	Polish.....	53	0.4
	1,020	55.4	Portuguese.....	-	-
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995</b>			Russian.....	-	-
<b>Population 5 years and over</b> .....			Scotch-Irish.....	66	0.5
Same house in 1995.....	12,519	100.0	Scottish.....	28	0.2
Different house in the U.S. in 1995.....	7,875	62.9	Slovak.....	-	-
Same county.....	4,585	36.6	Subsaharan African.....	7	0.1
Different county.....	3,345	26.7	Swedish.....	47	0.3
Same state.....	1,240	9.9	Swiss.....	-	-
Different state.....	730	5.8	Ukrainian.....	-	-
Elsewhere in 1995.....	510	4.1	United States or American.....	310	2.2
	59	0.5	Welsh.....	-	-
			West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups).....	-	-
			Other ancestries.....	11,428	82.4

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<sup>1</sup>The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Mercedes city, Texas

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>			<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>9,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>4,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>
In labor force	4,869	49.9	Less than \$10,000	1,074	25.6
Civilian labor force	4,869	49.9	\$10,000 to \$14,999	405	9.7
Employed	4,216	43.2	\$15,000 to \$24,999	775	18.5
Unemployed	653	6.7	\$25,000 to \$34,999	675	16.1
Percent of civilian labor force	13.4	(X)	\$35,000 to \$49,999	665	15.9
Armed Forces	-	-	\$50,000 to \$74,999	392	9.4
Not in labor force	4,885	50.1	\$75,000 to \$99,999	136	3.2
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>	\$100,000 to \$149,999	51	1.2
In labor force	2,248	42.2	\$150,000 to \$199,999	-	-
Civilian labor force	2,248	42.2	\$200,000 or more	19	0.5
Employed	1,960	36.8	Median household income (dollars)	23,064	(X)
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>100.0</b>	With earnings	2,950	70.4
All parents in family in labor force	587	39.7	Mean earnings (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	29,635	(X)
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>			With Social Security income	1,454	34.7
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>100.0</b>	Mean Social Security income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	8,714	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	2,942	70.8	With Supplemental Security Income	490	11.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	917	22.1	Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	4,621	(X)
Public transportation (including taxicab)	13	0.3	With public assistance income	508	12.1
Walked	99	2.4	Mean public assistance income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	1,969	(X)
Other means	95	2.3	With retirement income	606	14.5
Worked at home	92	2.2	Mean retirement income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	13,015	(X)
Mean travel time to work (minutes) <sup>1</sup>	21.4	(X)	<b>Families</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Employed civilian population 16 years and over</b>	<b>4,216</b>	<b>100.0</b>	Less than \$10,000	624	18.5
<b>OCCUPATION</b>			\$10,000 to \$14,999	351	10.4
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,080	25.6	\$15,000 to \$24,999	693	20.5
Service occupations	1,006	23.9	\$25,000 to \$34,999	599	17.8
Sales and office occupations	823	19.5	\$35,000 to \$49,999	598	17.7
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	105	2.5	\$50,000 to \$74,999	322	9.5
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	508	12.0	\$75,000 to \$99,999	124	3.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	694	16.5	\$100,000 to \$149,999	51	1.5
<b>INDUSTRY</b>			\$150,000 to \$199,999	-	-
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	91	2.2	\$200,000 or more	12	0.4
Construction	295	7.0	Median family income (dollars)	25,339	(X)
Manufacturing	360	8.5	Per capita income (dollars) <sup>1</sup>	8,658	(X)
Wholesale trade	187	4.4	<b>Median earnings (dollars):</b>		
Retail trade	448	10.6	Male full-time, year-round workers	19,945	(X)
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	270	6.4	Female full-time, year-round workers	18,387	(X)
Information	48	1.1			
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	111	2.6			
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	185	4.4	<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999</b>		
Educational, health and social services	1,518	36.0	<b>Families</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>30.4</b>
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	374	8.9	With related children under 18 years	874	42.1
Other services (except public administration)	137	3.2	With related children under 5 years	483	49.7
Public administration	192	4.6	<b>Families with female householder, no husband present</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>51.6</b>
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>			With related children under 18 years	393	65.3
Private wage and salary workers	2,824	67.0	With related children under 5 years	196	70.8
Government workers	1,113	26.4	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>5,045</b>	<b>36.4</b>
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	262	6.2	18 years and over	2,745	29.7
Unpaid family workers	17	0.4	65 years and over	558	30.3
			Related children under 18 years	2,269	49.4
			Related children 5 to 17 years	1,544	47.6
			Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	560	54.5

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<sup>1</sup>If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator. See text.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: Mercedes city, Texas

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>5,452</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>		
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>			<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>4,106</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1-unit, detached .....	2,993	54.9	1.00 or less .....	3,315	80.7
1-unit, attached .....	120	2.2	1.01 to 1.50 .....	337	8.2
2 units .....	248	4.5	1.51 or more .....	454	11.1
3 or 4 units .....	246	4.5			
5 to 9 units .....	54	1.0	<b>Specified owner-occupied units</b> .....	<b>2,009</b>	<b>100.0</b>
10 to 19 units .....	42	0.8	<b>VALUE</b>		
20 or more units .....	189	3.5	Less than \$50,000 .....	1,319	65.7
Mobile home .....	1,236	22.7	\$50,000 to \$99,999 .....	556	27.7
Boat, RV, van, etc .....	324	5.9	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	107	5.3
			\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	27	1.3
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>			\$200,000 to \$299,999 .....	-	-
1999 to March 2000 .....	166	3.0	\$300,000 to \$499,999 .....	-	-
1995 to 1998 .....	758	13.9	\$500,000 to \$999,999 .....	-	-
1990 to 1994 .....	585	10.7	\$1,000,000 or more .....	-	-
1980 to 1989 .....	957	17.6	Median (dollars) .....	40,100	(X)
1970 to 1979 .....	873	16.0			
1960 to 1969 .....	1,030	18.9	<b>MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED</b>		
1940 to 1959 .....	787	14.4	<b>MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
1939 or earlier .....	296	5.4	With a mortgage .....	778	38.7
<b>ROOMS</b>			Less than \$300 .....	5	0.2
1 room .....	156	2.9	\$300 to \$499 .....	185	9.2
2 rooms .....	481	8.8	\$500 to \$699 .....	265	13.2
3 rooms .....	941	17.3	\$700 to \$999 .....	191	9.5
4 rooms .....	1,315	24.1	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....	110	5.5
5 rooms .....	1,183	21.7	\$1,500 to \$1,999 .....	22	1.1
6 rooms .....	757	13.9	\$2,000 or more .....	-	-
7 rooms .....	330	6.1	Median (dollars) .....	665	(X)
8 rooms .....	200	3.7	Not mortgaged .....	1,231	61.3
9 or more rooms .....	89	1.6	Median (dollars) .....	230	(X)
Median (rooms) .....	4.4	(X)			
<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>4,106</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>			<b>AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>		
1999 to March 2000 .....	794	19.3	<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
1995 to 1998 .....	966	23.5	Less than 15.0 percent .....	912	45.4
1990 to 1994 .....	608	14.8	15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	369	18.4
1980 to 1989 .....	511	12.4	20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	197	9.8
1970 to 1979 .....	505	12.3	25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	122	6.1
1969 or earlier .....	722	17.6	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	97	4.8
			35.0 percent or more .....	275	13.7
			Not computed .....	37	1.8
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>			<b>Specified renter-occupied units</b> .....	<b>1,531</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None .....	638	15.5	<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
1 .....	1,690	41.2	Less than \$200 .....	399	26.1
2 .....	1,238	30.2	\$200 to \$299 .....	329	21.5
3 or more .....	540	13.2	\$300 to \$499 .....	503	32.9
			\$500 to \$749 .....	153	10.0
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>			\$750 to \$999 .....	11	0.7
Utility gas .....	2,043	49.8	\$1,000 to \$1,499 .....	10	0.7
Bottled, tank, or LP gas .....	181	4.4	\$1,500 or more .....	-	-
Electricity .....	1,844	44.9	No cash rent .....	126	8.2
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc .....	18	0.4	Median (dollars) .....	293	(X)
Coal or coke .....	-	-			
Wood .....	-	-	<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF</b>		
Solar energy .....	-	-	<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999</b>		
Other fuel .....	-	-	Less than 15.0 percent .....	259	16.9
No fuel used .....	20	0.5	15.0 to 19.9 percent .....	250	16.3
			20.0 to 24.9 percent .....	164	10.7
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			25.0 to 29.9 percent .....	119	7.8
Lacking complete plumbing facilities .....	75	1.8	30.0 to 34.9 percent .....	118	7.7
Lacking complete kitchen facilities .....	49	1.2	35.0 percent or more .....	446	29.1
No telephone service .....	287	7.0	Not computed .....	175	11.4

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