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FOREWORD

On Sunday, 25th October, 1970, 241 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 enquiry together with a description of its administrative and methodological features.

The report begins with the Administration of the Census which deals with the events leading up to the enumeration, the actual enumeration, the post-enumeration activities and the problems which caused the considerable time-lag between the gathering of the data and the publication of the results.

Following this statement, it explains certain demographic and economic concepts employed in the investigation, and the general uses of the statistical tables. These chapters are particularly important because some of the information displayed has either never been published or has been published in a very restricted form, e.g. the sections on education, vocational training and economic activity.

Finally, we have included a brief chapter summarising the main findings for 1970 and making comparisons with earlier Census data

where appropriate. Throughout the coming year, the Statistical Office will publish a series of reports which will analyse various factors of the Census findings in greater depth.

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