

## National Crosswalk Service Center Crosswalk File Documentation

**Crosswalk Name:** CEN90X00

**Description** File linking 1990 and 2000 Census occupations

**Classification #1:** 1990 Census Occupation Classification

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**Classification #2:** 2000 Census Occupation Classification

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<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/ioindex/>

**Overview:** **A note on the construction of this file:**

The 1990 and 2000 census occupations are based on different versions of the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). The 1990 version was based on the 1980 SOC, while the 2000 occupations were based on the 2000 SOC. In the 20 years between versions, significant changes had occurred both in the economy and the way in which occupations were viewed. The 2000 SOC increased the number of levels of detail from three to four and revised the structure significantly. Hence, direct comparisons of occupations between the 1990 and 2000 census occupations are frequently problematic. The NCSC's draft 1990-2000 Census crosswalk file was created through the merger of those classifications' independent links to a third classification, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT).

The crosswalk file's reliance on this third classification introduces some limitations to the content of the file. Due to the large number of occupations in the DOT (12,000+), the mechanical merger of the census occupations based on the DOT results in links that may or may not be suitable for individual applications of the file. Users should carefully review links for appropriateness for their particular application.

**File Format(s):** Visual FoxPro, MS Excel, comma-delimited text

**File Notes:** File is ordered by 2000 code within 1990 code

**File Structure**

Column Number	Content	Maximum Width
1	1990 Census Code	3
2	1990 Census Title	60
3	2000 Census Code	3
4	2000 Census Title	80

**Record Count** 1,516

**File Location** <http://webdata.xwalkcenter.org/ftp/download/xwalks/cen90x00.zip>

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