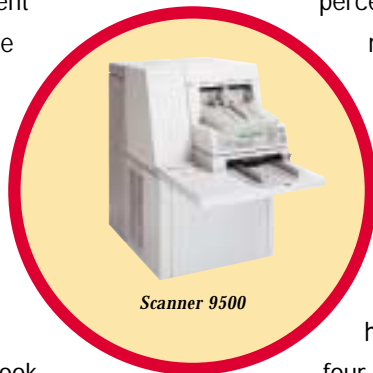


# U.S. Census 2000

The **iN**side Story

*To take on the massive image capture portion of the U.S. Census 2000 project, Lockheed Martin turned to Kodak Document Imaging, known throughout the capture industry for reliable high-volume scanners. The application called for approximately 160 Kodak Digital Science Scanner 9500s to digitize census forms as they are received at the front end of the document solution.*

The United States has conducted a decennial census since 1790, but for the U.S. Census Data Capture System (DCS 2000) project, the federal government turned to the private sector for help. The DCS 2000 project's prime integrator, Lockheed Martin Mission Systems, chose Kodak Document Imaging to supply the high-volume scanners needed to digitally capture millions of forms. Approximately 160 Kodak Digital Science Document Scanner 9500s processed more than 1.5 billion images in less than 100 days. Kodak provided service contracts and worked with Lockheed to ensure that quality and cycle time goals were met.



Scanner 9500

In 1790, the U.S. Government took its first national population inventory, otherwise known as the U.S. Census. Repeated every decade since, the census has been the basis for federal decisions and allocations driven by population data, such as funding, location of services and congressional representation.

For the U.S. Census 2000 project, the Bureau of the Census made an unprecedented decision to seek assistance from private companies to scan and process more than 70 million census surveys in under 100 days. The Bureau of the

Census selected Lockheed Martin Mission Systems, a major federal systems integrator based in Bethesda, Maryland, to develop the document capture system.

Because the census needed to be completed by year-end 2000, only a 100-day window was given to complete the scanning and processing of more than 70 million forms. About 20 percent of the census forms have multiple pages, while the rest are single-page forms, resulting in a total of more than 1.5 billion images.

Mail sorters processed more than 16,000 census forms per hour as they were collected at four sites around the nation. After bar codes were scanned to identify census respondents, the forms were passed on to the Scanner 9500s for image capture. To facilitate operations and ensure accurate image processing, each scanner was equipped with custom feed trays, exit hoppers and a multi-feed detection feature. Kodak designed the custom accessories to fit the unique documents used for the U.S. Census.

The digitized images allowed the Bureau of the Census to reduce its number of key operators and process forms more quickly and efficiently

Equipment

Kodak Digital Science™  
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using workflow software. Digital images of every census form were saved for disaster recovery and long-term archival purposes.

In addition to the hardware, Kodak provided service contracts designed to ensure that

Lockheed met its system productivity requirements. Kodak worked closely with Lockheed to guarantee that the scanners were delivered and installed on time, and operated at peak efficiency throughout the project's tight schedule.

