The article describes in details the steps taken to assess the completeness of birth registration in the US in 1940, by comparing infant cards (cards with information about the children born in four months before the 1940 US population census) with registration records in each State. The assessment shows that most of the US States were able to maintain 90% and above level of registration, while some are below 90% coverage.

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