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How is Pennsylvania Measuring Up?

MIDDLETOWN, Pa–Not only is Pennsylvania one of the states leading the nation in response rates to Census 2000, 55 counties in the Commonwealth also register a higher response rate than the national average, the Pennsylvania State Data Center, at Penn State Harrisburg reports.

The national response rate was 55 percent as of April 3, 2000, while Pennsylvania's rate was at 60 percent. Ohio lead the nation at 62 percent. Following at 61 percent were Iowa and Nebraska. Closing in were Pennsylvania and Michigan both at 60 percent. The response rate is the percent of forms of the total residential address pool that have been mailed back to the Census Bureau

The majority of Pennsylvania counties had response rates above the national average. In addition, 37 of Pennsylvania's counties fell in above the state average.

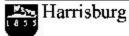
Cumberland, Lancaster and Northampton lead the Commonwealth in response rates at 68 percent each. Carbon, Lebanon and Lehigh followed at 67 percent each. Pike county, which has experienced phenomenal growth over the past decade, ranked last with only 38 percent of households responding.

The two large urban areas fall at both ends of the spectrum. Philadelphia had a 45 percent response rate, tying with Wayne County as second last in the state. Allegheny County, however, had 61 percent of households return their forms. The City of Pittsburgh itself registered at 51 percent.

Response rates are updated daily on the Census Bureau web site (URL: www.census.gov click on initial response rates) for each state, county and municipality.

Beginning April 27th, the Census Bureau will begin sending out enumerators to visit households that have not returned their census forms. This is a very expensive undertaking, \$25 million for every 1 percent of non-responding households. Therefore, it is very important to continue to encourage households to return their census forms.





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The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the Commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

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Census 2000 Response Rates As of April 3, 2000: Pennsylvania Counties

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Blair County 66 8 Perry County 60
Bradford County 61 35 Philadelphia County 45
Bucks County 64 14 Pike County 38
Butler County 63 21 Potter County 54
Cambria County 62 29 Schuylkill County 64
Cameron County 58 44 Snyder County 63
Carbon County 67 4 Somerset County 56
Centre County 59 43 Sullivan County 50
Chester County 60 38 Susquehanna County 55
Clarion County 55 56 Tioga County 55
Clearfield County 60 39 Union County 63
Clinton County 53 61 Venango County 57
Columbia County 63 22 Warren County 56
Crawford County 56 51 Washington County 61
Cumberland County 68 1 Wayne County 45
Dauphin County 61 36 Westmoreland County 66
Delaware County 62 30 Wyoming County 58
Elk County 64 15 York County 65
Erie County 66 9
Fayette County 46 64
Forest County 57 48
Franklin County 62 31
Fulton County 56 52
Greene County 60 40
Huntingdon County 54 59
Indiana County 58 45
Jefferson County 57 49
Juniata County 63 23
Lackawanna County 62 32
Lancaster County 68 2
Lawrence County 64 16
Lebanon County 67 5
Lehigh County 67 6
Luzerne County 64 17
Lycoming County 56 53

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Census 2000 Response Rates April 3, 2000: U.S.

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State	Rate	Rank
National	55	4.4
Alabama	49	44
Alaska	42	51
Arizona	51	39
Arkansas	52	35
California	57	15
Colorado	58	7
Connecticut	58	8
Delaware	54	29
District of Columbia	48	47
Florida	52	36
Georgia	52	37
Hawaii	50	40
Idaho	57	16
Illinois	56	20
Indiana	58	9
Iowa	61	2
Kansas	58	10
Kentucky	55	27
Louisiana	48	48
Maine	52	38
Maryland	58	11
Massachusetts	59	6
Michigan	60	4
Minnesota	58	12
Mississippi	46	50
Missouri	56	21
Montana	57	17
Nebraska	61	3
Nevada	54	30
New Hampshire	56	22
New Jersey	57	18
New Mexico	50	41
New York	53	32
North Dakota	55	28
North Carolina	49	45
Ohio	62	1
Oklahoma	50	42
Oregon	56	23
Pennsylvania	60	5
Puerto Rico	33	52
Rhode Island	57	19
South Carolina	47	49
South Dakota	58	13
Tennessee	53	33

State	Rate	Rank
Texas	50	43
Utah	56	24
Vermont	49	46
Virginia	58	14
Washington	54	31
West Virginia	53	34
Wisconsin	56	25
Wyoming	56	26