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Home Ownership Grows, Household Types Change in Pennsylvania Through the Nineties

MIDDLETOWN, Pa The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that in 1990, 70.6 percent of all occupied housing units were owner-occupied. In 2000, owners occupied 71.3 percent of all occupied housing (see Table 1). This and other data was recently released from the U.S. Census Bureau's General Demographic Profile, which provides information including age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household relationship and whether the residence is owned or rented. The profile is a pre-release of Summary File 1 (SF1) (100% data), which is scheduled to be released on or before the end of September 2001.

Table 1

Pennsylvania Housing Occupancy 1990 - 2000		
	1990	2000
Total Occupied Housing Units	4,495,966	4,777,003
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	3,176,121	3,406,337
Percent	70.6	71.3

The total of all housing units increased 6.3 percent from 1990. Owner-occupied housing units increased 7.2 percent (3,176,121 to 3,406,337) from 1990 to 2000. When compared to the growth in Pennsylvania's population from 1990 to 2000, the owner-occupied increase is even more pronounced (see Table 2).

Table 2

Pennsylvania Population and Housing Occupancy 1990 - 2000			
	1990	2000	% Change
Population	11,881,643	12,281,054	3.4
Total Occupied Housing Units	4,495,966	4,777,003	6.3
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	3,176,121	3,406,337	7.2

From 1990 to 2000, household types in Pennsylvania saw a decrease in the percent of family households and married-couple households, while the percent of non-family households increased. Family households decreased from 70.2 percent of total households in 1990 to 67.2 percent in 2000 even though the number of family households increased from 3,155,989 in 1990 to 3,208,388 in 2000. Married-couple households decreased from 55.7 percent of total households in 1990 to 51.7 percent in 2000. The number of married-couple households decreased as well, from 2,502,072 in 1990 to 2,467,673 in 2000. Nonfamily households increased from 29.8 percent of total households in 1990 to 32.8 percent in 2000. They also increased in number from 1,339,977 in 1990 to 1,568,615 (see Table 3).

Table 3

Households by Type in Pennsylvania 1990-2000		
	1990	2000
Total Households	4,495,966	4,777,003
Family Households	3,155,989	3,208,388
Percent of Total	70.2	67.2
Married-Couple Families	2,502,072	2,467,673
Percent of Total	55.7	51.7
Non-Family Households	1,339,977	1,568,615
Percent of Total	29.8	32.8

The average household size decreased from 2.57 in 1990 to 2.48 in 2000, and average family size decreased from 3.10 in 1990 to 3.04 in 2000 (see Table 4).

Table 4

Household and Family Size in Pennsylvania 1990-2000		
	1990	2000
Average Household Size	2.57	2.48
Average Family Size	3.10	3.04

Monroe County Leads the State in Housing Unit Growth in the Nineties

Monroe County led the state in percent change in number of housing units, experiencing a 23.3% increase. This increase represents a numeric increase of 12,758 housing units. Adams County (18.9%) and Butler County (18.3%) finished second and third in increase in housing units. Table 5 shows percent change in households in Pennsylvania by county from 1990 to 2000.

Table 5: Percent Change in Housing Units, by County, 1990-2000

County	1990 Number	2000 Number	Percent Change	County	1990 Number	2000 Number	Percent Change
Monroe	54,823	67,581	23.3	Wayne	28,480	30,593	7.4
Adams	30,141	35,831	18.9	Potter	11,334	12,159	7.3
Butler	59,061	69,868	18.3	Wyoming	11,857	12,713	7.2
Juniata	8,505	10,031	17.9	Indiana	34,770	37,250	7.1
Chester	139,597	163,773	17.3	Bradford	27,058	28,664	5.9
York	134,761	156,720	16.3	Lycoming	49,580	52,464	5.8
Centre	46,195	53,161	15.1	Mifflin	19,641	20,745	5.6
Lancaster	156,462	179,990	15.0	Erie	108,585	114,322	5.3
Union	12,886	14,684	14.0	Elk	17,249	18,115	5.0
Bucks	199,934	225,498	12.8	Westmoreland	153,554	161,058	4.9
Cumberland	77,108	86,951	12.8	Crawford	40,462	42,416	4.8
Pike	30,852	34,681	12.4	Cameron	4,399	4,592	4.4
Northampton	95,345	106,710	11.9	Greene	15,982	16,678	4.4
Montgomery	265,856	297,434	11.9	Luzerne	138,724	144,686	4.3
Berks	134,482	150,222	11.7	Somerset	35,713	37,163	4.1
Carbon	27,380	30,492	11.4	Jefferson	21,242	22,104	4.1
Perry	17,063	18,941	11.0	Lackawanna	91,707	95,362	4.0
Montour	6,885	7,627	10.8	Washington	84,113	87,267	3.7
Franklin	48,629	53,803	10.6	Warren	22,236	23,058	3.7
Lebanon	44,634	49,320	10.5	Forest	8,445	8,701	3.0
Clearfield	34,300	37,855	10.4	Northumberland	41,900	43,164	3.0
Clinton	16,478	18,166	10.2	Delaware	211,024	216,978	2.8
Sullivan	5,458	6,017	10.2	Mercer	48,689	49,859	2.4
Fulton	6,184	6,790	9.8	Lawrence	38,844	39,635	2.0
Tioga	18,202	19,893	9.3	Schuylkill	66,457	67,806	2.0
Snyder	13,629	14,890	9.3	Armstrong	31,757	32,387	2.0
Huntingdon	19,286	21,058	9.2	Beaver	76,336	77,765	1.9
Lehigh	118,335	128,910	8.9	Blair	54,349	55,061	1.3
Columbia	25,598	27,733	8.3	Mc Kean	21,454	21,644	0.9
Fayette	61,406	66,490	8.3	Allegheny	580,738	583,646	0.5
Bedford	21,738	23,529	8.2	Venango	26,961	26,904	-0.2
Dauphin	102,684	111,133	8.2	Philadelphia	674,899	661,958	-1.9
Clarion	18,022	19,426	7.8	Cambria	67,374	65,796	-2.3
Susquehanna	20,308	21,829	7.5				

For more information on housing units and other data from the General Demographic Profile, please visit our Web site at PaSDC.hbg.psu.edu. More detailed information will be released on these topics when Summary File 1 is released. As the state's official source of population and economic statistics, the Pennsylvania State Data Center will provide information and data from Census 2000 as it is released.

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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Table DP-1 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics for PA: 2000
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