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Pennsylvania State Data Center to Conduct Census 2000 Summary File 3 Workshops

MIDDLETOWN- PA, The Pennsylvania State Data Center has announced it will be conducting workshops on the upcoming release of Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3) data. As with the release of SF1 data in 2001, the Pennsylvania State Data Center will travel throughout the commonwealth and provide data and information on the socio-economic data collected from Census 2000. SF3 data is sample data taken from the long form questionnaire in Census 2000. Approximately 1 in 6 households received the long form. The U.S. Census Bureau expects to release SF3 data to Pennsylvania in the fall of 2002. However, the U.S. Census Bureau expects to produce and release general demographic profiles based on SF3 data to Pennsylvania in May.

The workshops will provide a brief overview of data and trends on information previously released as well as a detailed look at what will be contained in the SF3 files. Also included will be a session on how and where to obtain census information.

The workshops will be customized to fit the particular area or interest of the group or organization hosting the workshop. Localized data will be presented and compared to earlier censuses.

Summary File 3 data contains information on educational attainment, marital status, poverty, income as well as ancestry and nativity. The lowest geographic level available for this data will be the block group.

The Philadelphia Regional Census Office is also participating in the workshops. The Census Bureau will provide updates to current surveys and other census activities.

Organizations or groups wishing to host a workshop or interested in additional information on Census 2000 should contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. 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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