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U.S. Census Bureau Releases Socio-Economic Profiles for Pennsylvania

MIDDLETOWN, Pa—The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports the U.S. Census Bureau has released Census 2000 demographic profile tables containing social, economic and housing characteristics for Pennsylvania. This release, from Summary File 3, is the first presentation of socio-economic data from Census 2000.

The profile tables (DP2 thru DP4) are based on answers to the long-form questionnaire that was delivered to approximately 1-in-6 households nationwide. The tables include information on educational attainment, disability status, nativity and place of birth, commuting to work, income level, poverty status and mortgage or rent costs. The tables are available for each county, municipality, metropolitan area and all congressional districts from the 106th Congress.

The full release of socio-economic data for Pennsylvania is expected to occur between June and September 2002. The full release of data will provide more detailed information than the profile tables and will include areas as precise as block groups, census tracts and ZIP Code tabulation areas.

Highlights from Pennsylvania's Socio-Economic Profiles

Value of Pennsylvania's Homes

The value of Pennsylvania's homes increased from 1990 to 2000. The median value of owner-occupied, single-family homes in Pennsylvania in 2000 was \$97,000. This is an increase of 8.7 percent from the 1990 value of \$89,200. The 1990 data is expressed in 2000 dollars to account for the effects of inflation.

Of the 2,889,484 owner-occupied units in Pennsylvania in 2000, 15.1 percent, or 435,193 units were valued at less than \$50,000. There were 327,328 owner-occupied housing units valued at \$200,000 or more. This represents 11.3 percent of the total number of owner-occupied housing units. The median monthly owner cost of the 1,798,402 owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage was \$1,010 in 2000. The median monthly housing cost for the 1,091,082 owner-occupied housing units without a mortgage was \$318.

Median Household Income

Pennsylvania's median household income in 1999 was \$40,100. This is an increase from 1989 when the median household income was \$37,900, an increase of 5.8 percent. The 1989 data was adjusted for inflation and shown in 1999 dollars, the last complete calendar year before the April 1st, 2000 census was taken. The median family income in Pennsylvania in 1999 was \$49,184. The per capita income in Pennsylvania in 1999 was \$20,880.

Mean Travel Time To Work

The mean travel time to work in Pennsylvania was 25.2 minutes in 2000, an increase of 3.6 minutes from 1990 when the mean travel time was 21.6 minutes. Among workers age 16 and over in Pennsylvania in 2000, 76.5 percent drove to work alone, 10.4 percent car-pooled and 3 percent worked from home.

Educational Attainment

Among the population age 25 years and over, the number of persons earning a bachelor's degree or higher in Pennsylvania in 2000 was 22.4 percent, an increase from 17.9 percent in 1990. The percent of the population age 25 years and over with less than a high school diploma decreased from 1990. The percent of the population age 25 and over with less than a high school diploma in 2000 was 18.1 percent, down from 25.3 percent in 1990.

The socio-economic profiles and selected thematic maps for Pennsylvania may be viewed at the Pennsylvania State Data Center's Web site at pasdc.hbg.psu.edu. For more information on the socio-economic profiles for Pennsylvania, please contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center 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.

Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710 or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office at 717.948.6029.

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