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## **U.S. Census Bureau Releases Census 2000 Socio-Economic Data for Pennsylvania**

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U.S. Census Bureau has today released the Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3), socio-economic data for Pennsylvania. Summary File 3 data is detailed sample data compiled from responses to census long-form questionnaires and summarized for geographic areas down to block group or census tract levels, depending on the variable.

Summary File 3 consists of 813 detailed tables of Census 2000 social, economic and housing characteristics compiled from a sample of approximately 19 million housing units (about 1 in 6 households) that received the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Fifty-one tables are repeated for nine major race and Hispanic or Latino groups; White alone; Black or African American alone; American Indian and Alaska Native alone; Asian alone; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone; Some other race alone; Two or more races; Hispanic or Latino; and White alone, not Hispanic or Latino.

The release contains 484 population tables that cover such subjects as marital status, grandparents as caregivers, language and ability to speak English, ancestry, place of birth, citizenship status and year of entry, migration, place of work, commuting to work, school enrollment and educational attainment, veteran status, disability, employment status, industry occupation, class of worker, income and poverty status.

There are 329 housing tables that include data on number of rooms, number of bedrooms, year moved into unit, household size and occupants per room, units in structure, year structure built, heating fuel, telephone service, plumbing and kitchen facilities, vehicle available, value of home, monthly rent and shelter costs.

### **Summary File 3 Profiles**

The Pennsylvania State Data Center, in cooperation with the State Data Center Program and the U.S. Census Bureau, has produced Summary File 3 Profiles. The profiles are available for all levels of census geography for Pennsylvania. The complete 60-page profile includes population tables and housing tables from Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3); however, some tables are abridged.

The profiles are broken into 13 sections with the primary profile section providing an 11-page overview of all data variables. The secondary section is a four-page profile containing information on: household type by children and household size, veteran status by sex, language spoken by age, household language, foreign-born population, commute time, time leaving home, vehicle occupancy, residence in 1995, disability status and types of disability, and period of military service. The remaining sections contain detailed information on: ancestry, disability, education, household and family, housing, income, employment, language, migration, poverty and transportation.

### **Pennsylvania Profile Available on Pennsylvania State Data Center Web Site!**

The Summary File 3 profile for Pennsylvania may be viewed by visiting our Web site:

[Pasdc.hbg.psu.edu](http://Pasdc.hbg.psu.edu)

Click on: [Census 2000 Summary File 3 Profiles for Pennsylvania](#)

Other geographic levels may be obtained by contacting the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.948.6336 or by emailing the PaSDC at:

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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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