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Group Quarters Counts Updated for Pennsylvania Municipalities

MIDDLETOWN, PA— The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the Census Question Resolution (CQR) program has released updated data for Pennsylvania municipalities.

The CQR Program is an administrative review program that exists to respond to challenges to the Census 2000 housing unit and group quarters counts received from local and tribal governmental entities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The CQR program became effective on June 30, 2001, to coordinate with the release of Summary File 1 and will end on September 30, 2003. If you have local census counts that you want to challenge, you would benefit from submitting your challenges as soon as possible.

The CQR program was created so that governmental entities having issues with their population and housing counts would have a chance to challenge these counts officially. The Census Bureau will not collect new information when reviewing challenges. Challenges made to housing and group quarters counts are researched using existing census records, materials and files as well as any documentation received from the challenging governments. Once the review is completed, any corrections are placed on the Census Bureau's American FactFinder Website. The new official census counts may be used by the governmental entities for all programs requiring official Census 2000 data. However, the base files for the census will not be revised to reflect changes in order to maintain consistency with the standard Census 2000 data products.

CQR Challenges in Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, group quarters accounted for all corrections. Group quarters counts were revised in twenty municipalities (Table 1). These revisions changed the total population of each municipality. The largest revision removed 3,404 individuals from the original group quarters count of Collegeville Borough in Montgomery County, and added them to the revised count of Skippack Township, also in Montgomery County. In Schuylkill County, 2,991 individuals were removed from the original group quarters count of West Mahanoy Township. Mahanoy Township received 1,981 of these individuals to their revised group

quarters count, while 1,010 were added to the revised group quarters count of Ryan Township.

For additional information, please contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710.

Table 1. 2000 Census Count, Pennsylvania Municipalities					
Area Name	County	Original Tabulation		Revised Tabulation	
		Total Population	Group Quarters Population	Total Population	Group Quarters Population
Pennsylvania		12,281,054	433,301	12,281,054	433,301
Brady township	Lycoming	494	0	1,351	857
Brothersvalley township	Somerset	4,184	1,772	2,415	3
Butler township	Schuylkill	3,588	132	4,987	1,531
Cass township	Schuylkill	2,383	543	1,840	0
Clinton township	Lycoming	3,947	1,725	3,090	868
Collegetown borough	Montgomery	8,032	4,278	4,628	874
Concord township	Delaware	9,933	96	11,239	1,402
Foster township	Schuylkill	1,124	856	268	0
Franklin township	Greene	7,694	2,408	7,224	1,938
Harborcreek township	Erie	15,178	944	16,267	2,033
Hempfield township	Westmoreland	40,721	1,866	41,555	2,700
Mahanoy township	Schuylkill	1,112	25	3,093	2,006
Morgan township	Greene	2,600	10	3,070	480
North East township	Erie	7,702	1,121	6,613	32
Ryan township	Schuylkill	1,451	0	2,461	1,010
Skippack township	Montgomery	6,516	101	9,920	3,505
Somerset township	Somerset	9,319	522	11,088	2,291
West Mahanoy township	Schuylkill	6,166	3,077	3,175	86
Thornbury township	Delaware	7,093	2,966	5,787	1,660
Youngwood borough	Westmoreland	4,138	910	3,304	76

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