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2000 County-to-County Worker Flow Commuter Files: Where Do People Work and Where Do People Live

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U.S. Census Bureau has released Census 2000 County-to-County Worker Flow files. These files were compiled from responses to Census 2000 long-form questionnaires on where people worked. These files allow users to look at the number of people who work in a county during the reference week and determine where they reside whether in an adjacent county or in another state. The data is available at the county level for the United States, individual states and the District of Columbia.

Of all Pennsylvania commuters, the most common county-to-county trip in 2000 was from Philadelphia County to Montgomery County. Nearly 60,000 individuals were involved in this commute (Tables 1 & 2). The Montgomery County to Philadelphia County commute (54,576) was the next most common, followed by Westmoreland County to Allegheny County (43,536) and Northampton County to Lehigh County (30,180).

There were 258,360 Pennsylvanians who traveled out of the state to work in 2000. The majority of Pennsylvania workers traveled to New Jersey (111,496), followed by Maryland (41,056), New York (36,742) and Delaware (27,156). There were 205,882 individuals who traveled to the commonwealth to work in 2000. The majority of out-of-state workers came from New Jersey (117,184), followed by Delaware (21,687), New York (13,758) and Ohio (13,400).

Only Montour County had more people commuting into the county to work than it did residents who worked in the county. There were 4,716 workers in Montour County who both resided and worked in the county in 2000. There were 6,951 commuters who traveled into Montour County to work in 2000.

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

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Table 1. Most Common County of Residence for Commuters to Pennsylvania Counties, 2000

County of Work	County of Residence	State of Residence	Commuters	County of Work	County of Residence	State of Residence	Commuters
Adams	York	PA	4,923	Lackawanna	Luzerne	PA	8,105
Allegheny	Westmoreland	PA	43,536	Lancaster	York	PA	5,485
Armstrong	Westmoreland	PA	2,197	Lawrence	Beaver	PA	2,003
Beaver	Allegheny	PA	5,235	Lebanon	Dauphin	PA	2,508
Bedford	Blair	PA	1,129	Lehigh	Northampton	PA	30,180
Berks	Schuylkill	PA	5,790	Luzerne	Lackawanna	PA	6,847
Blair	Cambria	PA	5,055	Lycoming	Clinton	PA	2,909
Bradford	Tioga	NY	1,876	McKean	Cattaraugus	NY	812
Bucks	Montgomery	PA	23,722	Mercer	Trumbull	OH	2,457
Butler	Allegheny	PA	7,868	Mifflin	Huntingdon	PA	740
Cambria	Somerset	PA	5,174	Monroe	Lackawanna	PA	2,536
Cameron	McKean	PA	262	Montgomery	Philadelphia	PA	59,970
Carbon	Schuylkill	PA	1,014	Montour	Northumberland	PA	3,089
Centre	Clearfield	PA	4,773	Northampton	Lehigh	PA	18,040
Chester	Montgomery	PA	25,006	Northumberland	Union	PA	2,455
Clarion	Armstrong	PA	1,043	Perry	Juniata	PA	563
Clearfield	Jefferson	PA	3,859	Philadelphia	Montgomery	PA	54,576
Clinton	Lycoming	PA	1,529	Pike	Orange	NY	812
Columbia	Luzerne	PA	3,317	Potter	McKean	PA	702
Crawford	Venango	PA	2,105	Schuylkill	Northumberland	PA	1,617
Cumberland	Dauphin	PA	16,310	Snyder	Northumberland	PA	2,917
Dauphin	Cumberland	PA	22,448	Somerset	Cambria	PA	2,649
Delaware	Philadelphia	PA	21,802	Sullivan	Bradford	PA	250
Elk	Clearfield	PA	576	Susquehanna	Lackawanna	PA	563
Erie	Crawford	PA	4,351	Tioga	Potter	PA	470
Fayette	Westmoreland	PA	2,391	Union	Northumberland	PA	3,866
Forest	Clarion	PA	531	Venango	Clarion	PA	1,066
Franklin	Cumberland	PA	2,540	Warren	Chautauqua	NY	493
Fulton	Huntingdon	PA	725	Washington	Allegheny	PA	9,211
Greene	Fayette	PA	1,204	Wayne	Pike	PA	1,928
Huntingdon	Mifflin	PA	937	Westmoreland	Allegheny	PA	12,049
Indiana	Westmoreland	PA	1,745	Wyoming	Susquehanna	PA	1,366
Jefferson	Clearfield	PA	1,764	York	Adams	PA	11,152
Juniata	Mifflin	PA	701				

Table 2. Most Common County of Work for Commuters from Pennsylvania Counties, 2000

County of Residence	County of Work	State of Work	Commuters	County of Residence	County of Work	State of Work	Commuters
Adams	York	PA	11,152	Lackawanna	Luzerne	PA	6,847
Allegheny	Westmoreland	PA	12,049	Lancaster	Dauphin	PA	6,927
Armstrong	Allegheny	PA	4,582	Lawrence	Beaver	PA	2,717
Beaver	Allegheny	PA	23,946	Lebanon	Dauphin	PA	12,853
Bedford	Blair	PA	2,833	Lehigh	Northampton	PA	18,040
Berks	Montgomery	PA	12,727	Luzerne	Lackawanna	PA	8,105
Blair	Centre	PA	1,624	Lycoming	Clinton	PA	1,529
Bradford	Chemung	NY	2,097	McKean	Cattaraugus	NY	1,216
Bucks	Montgomery	PA	48,414	Mercer	Trumbull	OH	2,805
Butler	Allegheny	PA	21,403	Mifflin	Centre	PA	1,120
Cambria	Blair	PA	5,055	Monroe	Northampton	PA	3,467
Cameron	Elk	PA	239	Montgomery	Philadelphia	PA	54,576
Carbon	Lehigh	PA	4,663	Montour	Northumberland	PA	1,141
Centre	Clearfield	PA	1,029	Northampton	Lehigh	PA	30,180
Chester	Montgomery	PA	25,673	Northumberland	Union	PA	3,866
Clarion	Venango	PA	1,066	Perry	Cumberland	PA	7,021
Clearfield	Centre	PA	4,773	Philadelphia	Montgomery	PA	59,970
Clinton	Lycoming	PA	2,909	Pike	Orange	NY	1,976
Columbia	Luzerne	PA	2,197	Potter	Tioga	PA	470
Crawford	Erie	PA	4,351	Schuylkill	Berks	PA	5,790
Cumberland	Dauphin	PA	22,448	Snyder	Northumberland	PA	1,592
Dauphin	Cumberland	PA	16,310	Somerset	Cambria	PA	5,174
Delaware	Philadelphia	PA	48,151	Sullivan	Lycoming	PA	319
Elk	Clearfield	PA	532	Susquehanna	Broome	NY	4,031
Erie	Crawford	PA	1,262	Tioga	Steuben	NY	1,176
Fayette	Westmoreland	PA	8,985	Union	Northumberland	PA	2,455
Forest	Warren	PA	209	Venango	Crawford	PA	2,105
Franklin	Washington	MD	7,841	Warren	Chautauqua	NY	1,348
Fulton	Washington	MD	1,139	Washington	Allegheny	PA	27,645
Greene	Washington	PA	1,942	Wayne	Lackawanna	PA	3,132
Huntingdon	Centre	PA	1,950	Westmoreland	Allegheny	PA	43,536
Indiana	Westmoreland	PA	2,735	Wyoming	Lackawanna	PA	2,892
Jefferson	Clearfield	PA	3,859	York	Cumberland	PA	11,626
Juniata	Dauphin	PA	1,335				

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