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Census Bureau Releases Profile of Voting-Age Population

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U.S. Census Bureau today released Census 2000 tabulations on the voting-age population by citizenship for each state and county in the country. Additional tables show national and state voting-age populations and their citizenship status by race and ethnicity. This data was compiled based on responses to the 2000 Decennial Census long-form questionnaire, which was sent to roughly 1 in 6 households nationwide.

Pennsylvania's voting age population was comprised of 97.7 percent U.S. citizens in 2000. Out of all fifty states, Pennsylvania ranked 18th in terms of having the highest percentage of its voting age population having U.S. citizenship. West Virginia led the nation (99.4 percent) followed by Montana (99.1 percent), while California (81.2 percent) and New York (87.2) had the lowest percentages of its voting age population having U.S. citizenship in 2000.

The White Alone racial group accounted for 87 percent of the 9,362,066 persons that were 18 years or older in Pennsylvania in 2000 (Table 1), while the Black or African American racial group accounted for 8.4 percent. The Asian Alone racial group had the lowest percentage of voting age persons that were also U.S. Citizens during this time period.

At the county level, Philadelphia County had the largest population of voting age persons 18 years and older and had the lowest percentage of its voting age population having U.S. citizenship in 2000 with 94.5 percent (Table 2). It should be noted, however, that Philadelphia County's percentage was still higher than that of the United States (92.4 percent). Centre County, the home of the Pennsylvania State University, had the second lowest percentage in the Commonwealth with 95.3 percent. Cameron County, among the least populated counties in Pennsylvania, had the highest percentage of its voting age population having U.S. citizenship in 2000 with 99.9 percent. Venango, Fayette and Armstrong counties shared a three-way tie for the second highest percentage with 99.8 percent.

For additional information, please 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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Table 1: Voting Age Population by Race, Sex and U.S. Citizenship Status, Pennsylvania, 2000

Race	Population, 18 years and over			Citizens, 18 years and over			Percent citizens, 18 years and over		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	9,362,066	4,427,313	4,934,753	9,147,224	4,318,977	4,828,247	97.7	97.6	97.8
White Alone	8,142,699	3,861,826	4,280,873	8,053,635	3,818,128	4,235,507	98.9	98.9	98.9
Black or African American Alone	838,364	378,220	460,144	817,510	367,566	449,944	97.5	97.2	97.8
American Indian and Alaskan Native Alone	14,185	7,012	7,173	13,622	6,663	6,959	96.0	95.0	97.0
Asian Alone	161,961	78,948	83,013	88,613	43,249	45,364	54.7	54.8	54.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	2,581	1,308	1,273	2,380	1,210	1,170	92.2	92.5	91.9
Some Other Race Alone	115,584	57,876	57,708	96,375	46,584	49,791	83.4	80.5	86.3
Two or More Races	86,692	42,123	44,569	75,089	35,577	39,512	86.6	84.5	88.7
Ethnicity									
Hispanic or Latino	244,602	123,664	120,938	206,077	100,995	105,082	84.2	81.7	86.9

Table 2: Voting Age Population by U.S. Citizenship Status, Pennsylvania Counties, 2000

County	Population, 18 years and over			County	Population, 18 years and over		
	Total	Citizens	Percent Citizens		Total	Citizens	Percent Citizens
Pennsylvania	9,362,066	9,147,224	97.7	Juniata	17,114	16,990	99.3
Adams	68,650	67,009	97.6	Lackawanna	166,886	165,179	99.0
Allegheny	1,000,758	979,210	97.8	Lancaster	345,389	339,212	98.2
Armstrong	55,833	55,703	99.8	Lawrence	72,765	72,407	99.5
Beaver	140,390	139,722	99.5	Lebanon	91,832	90,685	98.8
Bedford	38,181	38,082	99.7	Lehigh	237,657	229,136	96.4
Berks	281,617	274,174	97.4	Luzerne	252,130	250,098	99.2
Blair	99,848	99,499	99.7	Lycoming	92,198	91,691	99.5
Bradford	46,769	46,615	99.7	McKean	35,026	34,717	99.1
Bucks	444,292	431,521	97.1	Mercer	92,109	91,550	99.4
Butler	131,198	130,057	99.1	Mifflin	34,996	34,879	99.7
Cambria	120,604	119,701	99.3	Monroe	101,754	99,268	97.6
Cameron	4,504	4,498	99.9	Montgomery	569,510	548,568	96.3
Carbon	45,795	45,542	99.4	Montour	13,783	13,647	99.0
Centre	111,399	106,190	95.3	Northampton	204,840	200,078	97.7
Chester	320,070	308,719	96.5	Northumberland	73,898	73,560	99.5
Clarion	32,692	32,522	99.5	Perry	32,478	32,318	99.5
Clearfield	64,457	64,274	99.7	Philadelphia	1,134,681	1,071,784	94.5
Clinton	29,770	29,565	99.3	Pike	34,019	33,296	97.9
Columbia	50,815	50,472	99.3	Potter	13,398	13,353	99.7
Crawford	68,073	67,785	99.6	Schuylkill	119,017	118,549	99.6
Cumberland	166,769	164,184	98.4	Snyder	28,553	28,418	99.5
Dauphin	190,731	186,214	97.6	Somerset	62,131	61,945	99.7
Delaware	414,398	400,067	96.5	Sullivan	5,190	5,172	99.7
Elk	26,672	26,574	99.6	Susquehanna	31,471	31,327	99.5
Erie	210,505	207,342	98.5	Tioga	31,567	31,352	99.3
Fayette	114,910	114,650	99.8	Union	33,280	32,198	96.7
Forest	3,818	3,808	99.7	Venango	43,621	43,530	99.8
Franklin	98,317	96,963	98.6	Warren	33,284	33,176	99.7
Fulton	10,773	10,735	99.6	Washington	157,830	157,189	99.6
Greene	31,705	31,594	99.6	Wayne	36,242	35,870	99.0
Huntingdon	35,720	35,589	99.6	Westmoreland	288,874	287,326	99.5
Indiana	70,742	69,964	98.9	Wyoming	20,964	20,860	99.5
Jefferson	35,110	35,018	99.7	York	287,694	284,334	98.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 4