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Census Bureau Releases National Population Projections

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that today the U.S. Census Bureau released interim population projections for the United States. Using the year 2000 as a base, the nation's population has been projected out to the year 2050 by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin.

Overall, the country's population is expected to continue to grow, increasing from 282.1 million persons in the year 2000 to 419.9 million persons in 2050 (Table 1). This represents a 48.8 percent population increase. The rate of increase is expected to slow after the year 2030, however, as the size of the "baby boom" population continues to decrease. The "baby boom" population consists of persons born between the years 1946 and 1964.

Childbearing rates are expected to remain low, thus showing a rise in the average age of the United States population as the "baby boom" population begins to turn 65 in the year 2011. By the year 2030, it's projected that about 1 in 5 persons will be 65 years or older. The female population is expected to continue to outnumber the male population, increasing from 5.3 million more females than males in 2000 to 6.9 million more by the middle of the 21st century.

The non-Hispanic white population is projected to increase from 195.7 million persons in 2000 to 210.3 million in 2050 (Table 2). The non-Hispanic white population is also projected to decrease to 50.1 percent of the total population by the year 2050. Nearly 67 million persons of Hispanic origin (who may be of any race) will be added to the United States' total population from 2000 to 2050. The Black population is expected to increase from 35.8 million persons in 2000 to 61.4 million persons in 2050. The Asian population is expected to increase from 10.7 million persons in 2000 to 33.4 million persons in 2050.

For additional information, please call the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.948.6336. State government, legislative and media entities may 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. Projected Population in the United States, by Age and Sex: 2000 to 2050
(In thousands except as indicated. As of July 1. Resident population.)

Population	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TOTAL						
TOTAL	282,125	308,936	335,805	363,584	391,946	419,854
0-4	19,218	21,426	22,932	24,272	26,299	28,080
5-19	61,331	61,810	65,955	70,832	75,326	81,067
20-44	104,075	104,444	108,632	114,747	121,659	130,897
45-64	62,440	81,012	83,653	82,280	88,611	93,104
65-84	30,794	34,120	47,363	61,850	64,640	65,844
85+	4,267	6,123	7,269	9,603	15,409	20,861
MALE						
TOTAL	138,411	151,815	165,093	178,563	192,405	206,477
0-4	9,831	10,947	11,716	12,399	13,437	14,348
5-19	31,454	31,622	33,704	36,199	38,496	41,435
20-44	52,294	52,732	54,966	58,000	61,450	66,152
45-64	30,381	39,502	40,966	40,622	43,961	46,214
65-84	13,212	15,069	21,337	28,003	29,488	30,579
85+	1,240	1,942	2,403	3,340	5,573	7,749
FEMALE						
TOTAL	143,713	157,121	170,711	185,022	199,540	213,377
0-4	9,387	10,479	11,216	11,873	12,863	13,732
5-19	29,877	30,187	32,251	34,633	36,831	39,632
20-44	51,781	51,711	53,666	56,747	60,209	64,745
45-64	32,059	41,510	42,687	41,658	44,650	46,891
65-84	17,582	19,051	26,026	33,848	35,152	35,265
85+	3,028	4,182	4,866	6,263	9,836	13,112

Table 2. Projected Population of the United States, by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 to 2050
(In thousands except as indicated. As of July 1. Resident population.)

Population	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TOTAL	282,125	308,936	335,805	363,584	391,946	419,854
White alone	228,548	244,995	260,629	275,731	289,690	302,626
Black alone	35,818	40,454	45,365	50,442	55,876	61,361
Asian Alone	10,684	14,241	17,988	22,580	27,992	33,430
All other races	7,075	9,246	11,822	14,831	18,388	22,437
Hispanic (of any race)	35,622	47,756	59,756	73,055	87,585	102,560
White alone, not Hispanic	195,729	201,112	205,936	209,176	210,331	210,283

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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