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Low to Moderate Household Income Summary Data Available from HUD

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that low to moderate household income summary data estimates have been made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This summary data is available for the block group geographic level designated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Each block group is identified by its Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code in addition to the HUD Unit-of-Government-Identification-Code for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grantee with jurisdiction over the block group area. These estimates can be used to develop grant proposals, focus on areas that need special attention and provide supplementary demographic information.

Each block group is listed according to the latest block group records by local government and by CDBG grantee jurisdiction. The fiscal year 2004 edition, which is the most recent release, contains information that was updated between the 2000 Census (April 1, 2000) and December 2002. The previous edition for fiscal year 2003 was based on records available at the time of the 2000 Census. Another change is the realignment of the block group records by CDBG jurisdiction to reflect the fiscal year 2004 configuration of metropolitan cities and urban counties.

The statistical information used in the calculation of the estimates is extracted from three tables in the Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3) dataset. This dataset is compiled from responses to the 2000 Census long form questionnaire and collected from a sample of the population. The three SF3 tables used for the estimates are: Household Type (Including Living Alone) by Relationship; Family Income in 1999; and Non-family Household Income in 1999. These tables are used with Income Limits for Metropolitan Areas and for Non Metropolitan Counties prepared by the HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research to calculate the low to moderate income limits for 1999 (Table 1).

These income limits are combined with the data tables from Census 2000 to calculate three income levels: Moderate Income (80 percent) level, Low Income (50 percent), and Very Low Income (30 percent) level. Estimates are also calculated for (1) the number of family households below each income level; (2) the number of non-family households below each income level; (3) persons in family households below each income level; (4) persons in non-family households below each income level; (5) total households below each income level; and (6) total persons in households below each income level.

For additional information, please contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710. Block group data can be accessed at HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/lowmod/index.cfm>.



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.

Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710 or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office at 717.948.6029.

Table 1: Household Income Limits for Metropolitan Areas and for Non Metropolitan Counties - Pennsylvania Counties, 1999

County	Income Limit in 1999			County	Income Limit in 1999		
	Very Low	Low	Moderate		Very Low	Low	Moderate
Adams	\$14,700	\$24,500	\$39,200	Lackawanna	\$13,100	\$21,850	\$34,950
Allegheny	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150	Lancaster	\$15,850	\$26,450	\$42,300
Armstrong	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Lawrence	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Beaver	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150	Lebanon	\$15,700	\$26,150	\$41,850
Bedford	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Lehigh	\$15,750	\$26,250	\$42,000
Berks	\$16,050	\$26,750	\$42,800	Luzerne	\$13,100	\$21,850	\$34,950
Blair	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Lycoming	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Bradford	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	McKean	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Bucks	\$17,600	\$29,300	\$46,900	Mercer	\$12,550	\$20,950	\$33,500
Butler	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150	Mifflin	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Cambria	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Monroe	\$15,750	\$26,250	\$42,000
Cameron	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Montgomery	\$17,600	\$29,300	\$46,900
Carbon	\$15,750	\$26,250	\$42,000	Montour	\$13,600	\$22,650	\$36,250
Centre	\$15,200	\$25,350	\$40,550	Northampton	\$15,750	\$26,250	\$42,000
Chester	\$17,600	\$29,300	\$46,900	Northumberland	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Clarion	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Perry	\$15,700	\$26,150	\$41,850
Clearfield	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Philadelphia	\$17,600	\$29,300	\$46,900
Clinton	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Pike	\$17,600	\$29,350	\$46,950
Columbia	\$13,100	\$21,850	\$34,950	Potter	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Crawford	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Schuylkill	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Cumberland	\$15,700	\$26,150	\$41,850	Snyder	\$12,600	\$21,000	\$33,600
Dauphin	\$15,700	\$26,150	\$41,850	Somerset	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Delaware	\$17,600	\$29,300	\$46,900	Sullivan	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Elk	\$14,050	\$23,400	\$37,450	Susquehanna	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Erie	\$13,450	\$22,400	\$35,850	Tioga	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Fayette	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150	Union	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150
Forest	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Venango	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Franklin	\$14,150	\$23,550	\$37,700	Warren	\$12,850	\$21,450	\$34,300
Fulton	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Washington	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150
Greene	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Wayne	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350
Huntingdon	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Westmoreland	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,150
Indiana	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	Wyoming	\$13,100	\$21,850	\$34,950
Jefferson	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350	York	\$15,800	\$26,350	\$42,150
Juniata	\$12,500	\$20,850	\$33,350				

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research.

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