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## MEDIA BUREAU RELEASES ADDITIONAL DATA SET FOR MEDIA OWNERSHIP STUDY

The Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau is making available the underlying data set for the survey recently conducted by Nielsen Media Research for the FCC. Access to this data set was requested by the Media Access Project. The Nielsen survey was one of twelve media studies commissioned by the FCC's Media Ownership Working Group in connection with the Commission's biennial review of its media ownership limits. An electronic version of the Nielsen data set is available in the Commission's Reference Information Center. The data set is also available on the Commission's web site in Excel format and in SPSS, a statistical analysis software program. A link to this data set has been added under the entry for the Nielsen survey at www.fcc.gov/ownership/studies.html

The Nielsen survey is part of the Commission's current proceeding on media ownership, which began with the release of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on September 23, 2002. On October 1, 2002, the Media Ownership Working Group released the twelve media market studies for public review. Public comments on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the twelve studies are due on **January 2, 2003**. Reply comments are due on **February 3, 2003**.

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