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FCC RELEASES NEW TELEPHONE SUBSCRIPTION REPORT

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released its latest report on telephone subscribership levels in the United States. The report presents subscribership statistics based on the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Census Bureau in July 2004. The report also shows subscribership levels by state, income level, race, age, household size, and employment status.

Statistical Summary

In July 2004:

- The telephone subscribership penetration rate in the U.S. was 93.8%.
- The telephone penetration rate was 79.9% for households with annual incomes below \$5,000, while the rate for households with incomes over \$75,000 was 98.1%.
- By state, the penetration rates ranged from a low of 87.1% in Arkansas to a high of 97.5% in New Hampshire.
- Households headed by whites had a penetration rate of 94.7%, while those headed by blacks had a rate of 87.4% and those headed by Hispanics had a rate of 90.2%.
- By age, penetration rates ranged from 87.6% for households headed by a person under 25 to 96.8% for households headed by a person between 65 and 69.
- Households with one person had a penetration rate of 90.1%, compared to a rate of 95.7% for households with four or five persons.
- The penetration rate for unemployed adults was 92.1%, while the rate for employed adults was 95.3%.

This report is updated three times a year and is available in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Call Best Copy and Printing, Inc. at (202) 488-5300 to purchase a copy. This report can also be downloaded from the FCC-State Link Internet site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/stats.html>.

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