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FCC RELEASES NEW TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERSHIP 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 March 2005. The report also shows subscribership levels by state, income level, race, age, household size, and employment status.

Statistical Summary

In March 2005:

- The telephone subscribership penetration rate in the U.S. was 92.4%.
- The telephone penetration rate was 80.4% for households with annual incomes below \$5,000, while the rate for households with incomes over \$75,000 was 96.9%.
- By state, the penetration rates ranged from a low of 86.7% in Mississippi to a high of 96.9% in Utah and Washington.
- Households headed by whites had a penetration rate of 93.2%, while those headed by blacks had a rate of 87.7% and those headed by Hispanics had a rate of 88.2%.
- By age, penetration rates ranged from 85.5% for households headed by a person under 25 to 94.8% for households headed by a person between 65 and 69.
- Households with one person had a penetration rate of 89.0%, compared to a rate of 94.5% for households with four or five persons.
- The penetration rate for unemployed adults was 90.1%, while the rate for employed adults was 93.7%.

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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