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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 2006. The report also shows subscribership levels by state, income level, race, age, household size, and employment status.

Statistical Summary

In March 2006:

- The telephone subscribership penetration rate in the U.S. was 92.8%, an increase of 0.4% over the rate from March 2005.
- The telephone penetration rate for households with incomes below \$20,000 was below 90%, while the rate for households with incomes over \$75,000 was over 97%.
- Among the states, the penetration rates ranged from a low of 86.7% in New Mexico to a high of 97.4% in Minnesota.
- Penetration rates ranged from 87.0% for households headed by a person under 25 to 94.9% for households headed by a person between 60 and 64.
- Households with one person had a penetration rate of 89.1%, compared to a rate of 94.6% for households with four to five persons.
- The penetration rate for unemployed adults was 90.6%, while the rate for employed adults was 94.3%.

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 Wireline Competition Bureau Statistical Reports Internet site at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats>.

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