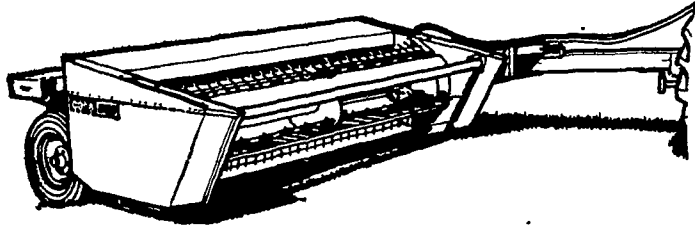


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Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District—Pennsylvania



Last year the census was a matter of gathering information. This year that information is available to tell us some rather interesting things about ourselves.

Just recently the Census Bureau sent me data which supplies some facts about the 16th Congressional District. I think that these statistics may be of interest to you.

For example, the information can be used to create a characterization of the average resident of Lancaster, Lebanon and Lower Dauphin Counties. The average resident is female, Caucasian and twenty-nine years old. She lives in a suburban area in a home worth \$15,000 which is owned rather than rented.

The specific statistics on which that model is based look this way:

The total population of the area is 439,322. Of that total, 225,891 are women and 213,431 are men.

98.4 percent of the people in the 16th District are white.

A majority of us, 53.4 percent, are regarded as living in an urban environment. However, the urban dweller in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country is really a suburban dweller. Of those classified as living in a metropolitan area, five people live outside the city for every person that lives in the city.

The median age in the District is 29 years, but almost a quarter of the population is between 45

and 64 years of age. That helps explain why the median voting age is 45.6 years.

There are 139,205 housing units in Lancaster, Lebanon and Lower Dauphin Counties. Almost 70 percent of those units are owner occupied, and the median value of the home is \$15,000.

Rental units, of which there are just over 40,000, have a median rent of \$70.

The census also calculated how many housing units lacked at least some plumbing facilities or had 1.01 or more persons per room. In our region they found 8,224 dwelling lacking plumbing were more people than rooms.

Some of these facts I found interesting but not startling. We're about what we know ourselves to be as a people.

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