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United States Census 2000

This is the official form for all the people at this address. It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law. Complete the Census and help your community get what it needs — today and in the future!

Start Here

Please use a black or blue pen.

1. **How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2000?**

Number of people

INCLUDE in this number:
- foster children, roomers, or housemates
- people staying here on April 1, 2000 who have no other permanent place to stay
- people living here most of the time while working, even if they have another place to live

DO NOT INCLUDE in this number:
- college students living away while attending college
- people in a correctional facility, nursing home, or mental hospital on April 1, 2000
- Armed Forces personnel living somewhere else
- people who live or stay at another place most of the time

2. **Refer to the address label on the back of this form. If that address is NOT the MAILING address of this residence, print the MAILING address below.**

House number

Street name, Rural route and box, or PO box

4. **Please answer the following questions for each person living in this house, apartment, or mobile home. Start with the name of one of the people living here who owns, is buying, or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If there is no such person, start with any adult living or staying here. We will refer to this person as Person 1.**

What is this person's name? Print name below.

Last Name MI

First Name

5. **What is Person 1's telephone number?** We may call *this person if we don't understand an answer.*

Area Code + Number

6. **What is Person 1's sex?** Mark [X] *ONE* box.

☐ Male ☐ Female

7. **What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?**

Age on April 1, 2000

Print numbers in boxes. Month Day Year of birth

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 8 and 9.**

8. **Is Person 1 Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?** Mark [X] the ***"No"*** *box if* ***not*** *Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.*

☐ **No,** not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group.
☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
☐ Yes, Cuban

9. **What is Person 1's race? Mark [X] *one or more races*** *to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.*

☐ White
☐ Black, African Am., or Negro
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.
☐ Asian Indian
☐ Chinese
☐ Filipino
☐ Other Asian — Print race.
☐ Japanese
☐ Korean
☐ Vietnamese
☐ Native Hawaiian
☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
☐ Samoan
☐ Other Pacific Islander — Print race.
☐ Some other race — Print race.

...ore, continue with Person 2.

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Soyland announces strategic alliance

Soyland Power Cooperative has announced a strategic alliance with a Pennsylvania generation and transmission cooperative, Allegheny Electric Cooperative. Deregulation of the electric utility industry has changed the wholesale electric energy business from a monopoly to a competitive environment. The main reason for pursuing this strategic alliance is to create an organizational scale and resource base to ensure business success, and to serve as a platform for maximizing the effective production, purchase and sale of electricity to the twelve (12) Soyland Members, including Adams Electric Cooperative.

Allegheny Electric Cooperative has fifteen (15) members throughout the rural areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Allegheny Electric Cooperative owns 10% of the Sesquahanna Nuclear plant and a small hydroelectric plant. They have power supply contracts with other utilities to provide the balance of their power requirements. Pennsylvania has completely deregulated their electric utility industry. Every customer, including electric cooperative members, has the option to choose an electric supplier different than their distribution wires provider. To-date, not a single Electric Generation Supplier (EGS) has signed a contract to provide electric energy to a Pennsylvania electric cooperative member.

"This Strategic Alliance will provide a stronger, more flexible, less risk adverse organization with significantly lower administrative costs."

Adams Electric Cooperative purchases all of its electric power and energy requirements from Soyland Power Cooperative. Soyland Power Cooperative owns and operates generation plants at Alsey, Pearl and Pittsfield, Illinois. In addition, Soyland has a three (3) year contract with Ameren Energy to provide its remaining electric energy requirements. Soyland also owns and maintains all of Adams Electric Cooperative's substations and transmission line taps from AmerenCIPS transmission lines.

Soyland Power Cooperative and Allegheny Electric Cooperative have proven leadership and problem solving abilities from all aspects of utility operations. Soyland Power Cooperative has a successful record of operating transmission and substation facilities, and fossil generation facilities (baseload and peaking). Allegheny Electric Cooperative operates a hydroelectric generation facility, coordinated load management system, performs daily scheduling for power sales and purchases, and has developed a competitive market capability and customer information technology to operate as a deregulated electric energy supplier. The combined organization will likely provide savings through more cost effective procurement, production and supply of wholesale power due to the larger energy and capacity requirements and the

diversities of the geographical separation and time-of-peak loads, i.e. Soyland Power Cooperative's summer peak and central time zone, and Allegheny Electric Cooperative's winter peak and eastern time zone.

Allegheny Electric Cooperative has established American Cooperative Services, Inc. (American) to serve as an Electric Generation Supplier (EGS), which is the Pennsylvania equivalent of an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) in Illinois. After only fifteen (15) months of operations, American has over 3,600 commercial and industrial customers, and 1,500 residential customers providing 70,000 kW and 228,000,000 kWh of energy. All of these customers were originally buying electric energy from the Pennsylvania investor-owned utilities. This competitive market experience will be very valuable to Soyland and its members as Illinois residential electric customers have choice in May 2002.

This is **not** a merger. Soyland Power Cooperative and Allegheny Electric Cooperative will continue to exist, on paper, but all operational and administrative functions of both entities will be transferred to a new organization. All legacy contracts, responsibilities and liabilities will remain with each original organization. All new activities and programs will be developed through the combined organization that will be organized as a cooperative with two (2) members, Soyland Power Cooperative and Allegheny Electric Cooperative. A merger may be considered several years in the future but there is no requirement to ever merge. Each distribution cooperative, including Adams Electric Cooperative, will have one (1) director that will be on the combined organization's board of directors. The proposed timetable has the new combined organization fully operational on January 1, 2001.

This Strategic Alliance will provide a stronger, more flexible, less risk adverse organization with significantly lower administrative costs. It will increase the capability to optimize power supply and maximize negotiating power, as well as realize the benefits of working in more than one geographic power market area. The most significant benefits will result in the future, as the combined synergies of both organizations are focused on providing high quality and competitively priced electric energy and other services to you, the member-consumer, at the end of the line. ■

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mary Aden has been with Adams Electric Cooperative since June 1994. During those six years Mary has served as Billing Assistant.

The person filling the Billing Assistant job wears many hats. Mary waits on members that come into the office to pay their electric bills or to inquire about different programs the Cooperative offers. In addition, Mary helps prepare large power bills, tracks vacation accounts, calculates annual and budget billings, works with new service connects and service disconnects, credit card payments, non-sufficient checks and last, but not least, balances the daily cash sheet and prepares bank deposits. Needless to say, Mary's days are never dull!

Mary and her husband, Karl, live at R.R. 1, Golden and are the proud parents of two children, Brianne and Dylan. The Aden's are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Golden and participate on several committees there. Mary is also a member in the Central Booster Club and a member of the Quinsippi Yacht Club.

In the summer Mary enjoys boating, water skiing and spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks with her family. In the fall and winter, Mary enjoys following her children's various sporting events.

When asked what her favorite thing about her job was, Mary said that she enjoys working with the members and helping them solve problems or concerns they may have. ■

CENSUS 2000:
Your answers work for you

It became a law in 1790. George Washington signed the papers that mandated, by our Constitution, "an enumeration of inhabitants." The census started out as counting only the people who lived in our country but has evolved into something much more complex.

In 1790 the United States population was 3.9 million. This did not include slaves or the untaxed Indians. One of the main goals of the census was to provide information on men eligible for the military. We had only recently gained our independence from England and the men at that time knew it was important to assemble a viable military, if the need arose.

The federal census is taken every 10 years, in the year ending with zero. To date, the federal census has been taken 21 times. Individual states, however, often took their own census in some of the years between the federal census.

The law states that the census shall remain private for 72 years. This is to encourage truthful answers and accurate information. Because of the 72-year law, the latest census available to the public is the one taken in 1920.

Through the years, the nation's needs and interests have become more complicated. This means we need to have statistical information to help us understand our nation's changing needs and how to prepare for the future.

The first Census in 1790 only asked seven questions and they mainly dealt with the number of people in the household. In the 1810 Census, the first inquiries were made in regards to manufacturers and quantity and value of products. In 1840, inquiries on fisheries were added and in 1850, the census included inquiries on social issues such as taxation, churches, pauperism and crime. By the 1880 and 1890 Census, so many more inquires were made that almost a whole decade was needed to publish all of the results.

The 2000 Census consists of two forms. One in six people are randomly chosen to fill out the long form, which consists of 52 questions. The remainder of the population is asked to fill out the short form, which consists of nine questions.

"It is extremely important that everyone complete and mail their census form," states Jeff Dorsey, office manager for the Local Census Office.

"Everyone is affected by the results of the census. We need to know how to plan for the future. Every question asked on the census has had a lot of thought put into it. Why do we need to know how far you drive to and from work? This question affects mass transit and a main concern right now, fuel consumption. The agencies need to know how much fuel is needed just to get people to and from work.

"Why do we need to know about the plumbing facilities in your home? This question lets us know if our waste treatment plants are adequate and helps us plan for the next 10 years," states Dorsey.

The information generated by the census is used to determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state and helps decide how more than $185 billion in federal funds annually are shared fairly among the nation's communities. Census numbers also provide the means to ensure that populations identified in legislation and other

public policies at the federal, state and local levels have an opportunity to be fully served by various programs and initiatives.

It is estimated that Illinois will receive $450 per person in funds from Washington going to local jurisdictions and public school districts due to the results of the census.

"The biggest problem area is the undercounting of children. We have worked very heavily with the school districts to get kids involved. Census information regarding children impacts financial assistance for the building of schools, classes offered, child care and many other areas," explains Dorsey.

The census forms are addressed by house address. If you receive two census forms in the mail, use the form with the most correct address and disregard the other form. ***Do not send in both forms.*** Forms should be sent in by April 1, 2000.

The middle of April, a non-response team of workers will start making phone calls to persons not returning the census forms. If a household doesn't respond after that, then a non-response team will go door to door to the homes and ask them to please send in their response.

All census forms will be sent to one of four processing sites in the United States. The processing center for this area is Jeffersonville, Indiana. The entire United States census needs to be completed and information compiled and on the President's desk by December 31, 2000.

It is extremely important to reiterate that all information provided on the census form is kept strictly confidential. Information from the forms are not made available to the public for 72 years. All census workers take an oath to keep all information confidential and face large fines and possible prison sentences if found guilty of exposing any information obtained from the census.

Census information helps decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need services for the elderly. Will they be able to tell what your neighborhood needs? Your answers are important, please send your information in today! ■

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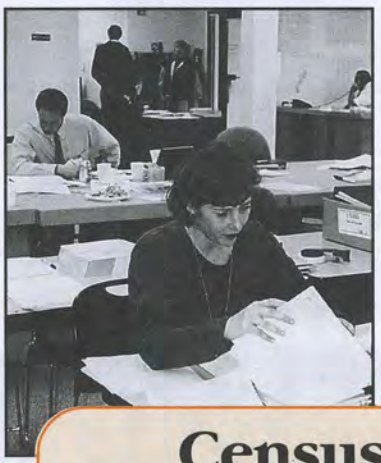
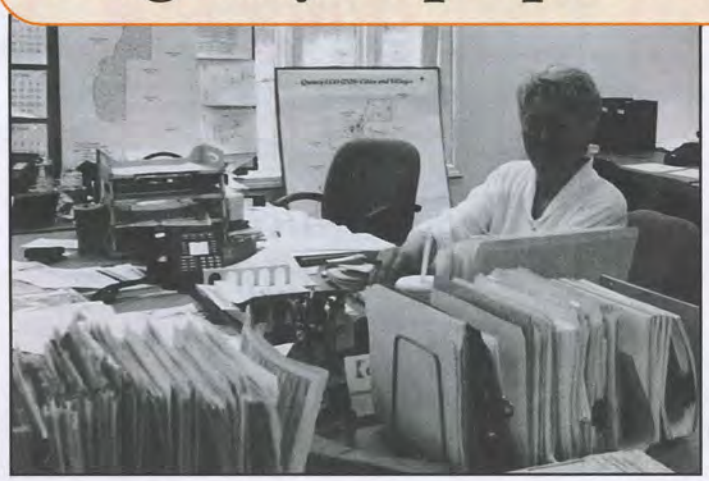


Census bureau employees work diligently to prepare for Census 2000.



Cooperative employees receive service awards

Nine employees were honored for outstanding service to Adams Electric Cooperative during the 53rd annual employee-director banquet, held March 4, 2000, at the Golden Windmill.

Kevin Knight
Apprentice Lineman
5 Years

Mary Aden
Billing Assistant
5 Years

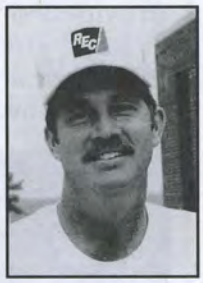
Don Taylor
Manager of Marketing
10 Years

Kristi Ihrig
Financial Assistant
10 Years

Judie Flesner
Receptionist/ Billing Clerk
10 Years

Kay Simpson
Administrative Assistant
20 Years

Brainard Passley
Meter and Appliance Technician
25 Years



Pat Boylen
Line Foreman
25 Years

Norm Henze
Maintenance Supervisor
35 Years

LOOK WHAT'S COMING

ADAMS HOME SERVICES

featuring

Surge Protection & Home Weatherization

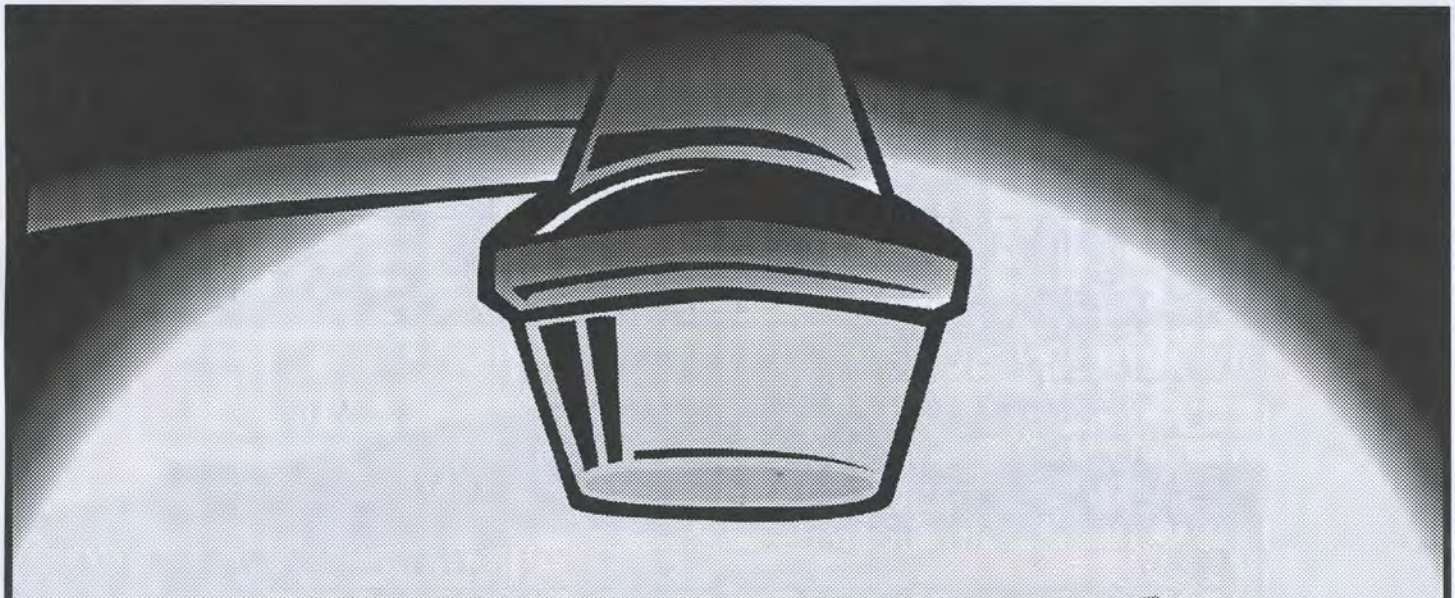
Watch the Adams Outlet for more details.

COMING SOON...

Doug Rye

May 18, 2000

Watch for more information in the April issue of the Adams Outlet!



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Home Phone: _____ *Please phone me between the hours of:* _____

Work Phone: _____

Account Number: _____

Fax: _____ *E-mail:* _____

Date: _____ *Map Location Number:* _____

Appliance inventory reduction sale

Hotpoint Ranges		
Qty.		*Clearance Price*
1	RB534 (white) – Manual Clean	$329.00
1	RB534 (almond) – Manual Clean	$339.00
1	RB755 (white) – Self Cleaning	$379.00
2	RB757 (almond) – Self Cleaning	$409.00

Hotpoint Washers		
Qty.		*Clearance Price*
1	VBXR1060 (almond)	$329.00
3	VWXR4100 (almond)	$369.00

GE Profile Washers		
Qty.		*Clearance Price*
1	WPSQ309[illegible] (white) SOLD	$389.00
1	WPSQ3090 (almond)	$389.00
1	WPSQ312[illegible] (almond) SOLD	$419.00

GE Profile Dryers		
Qty.		*Clearance Price*
1	DPSQ473[illegible] (almond) SOLD	$329.00
2	DPSQ475 (white)	$399.00
2	DPSQ475 (almond)	$399.00
1	DPSQ495 (white)	$409.00
1	DPSQ495 (white) – gas	$459.00