



Pennsylvania Facts 2015

POPULATION

July 1, 2013 Estimate	12,773,801
April 1, 2010 Census	12,702,379
Population Rank Among States (2013).....	6th
Estimated Persons per Square Mile (2013).....	286

- July 1st, 2013 estimated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Division

	Number	Percent
Males	6,242,340	48.9
Females	6,531,461	51.1
White (alone)	10,629,648	83.2
Black or African American (alone) ..	1,470,462	11.5
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (alone)	42,975	0.3
Asian (alone)	397,363	3.1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (alone) ..	8,065	0.1
Two or more races	225,288	1.8
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	808,318	6.3

	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years of Age	715,904	5.6
Age 5-17	1,999,741	15.7
Age 18 and Over.....	10,058,156	78.7
Age 65 and Over.....	2,091,330	16.4
Age 85 and Over.....	329,395	2.6

Net Natural Increase (2010-13).....	52,931
Net Migration Increase (2010-13).....	23,376
Median Age	40.7 years
Foreign born	796,159
Residents Born in PA	73.5

- Pennsylvania's population has the 4th highest proportion of people age 65 years and older in the United States.

ECONOMIC

Median Household Income	\$52,007
Median Family Income	\$66,522
Per Capita Personal Income (BEA)	\$46,202
Number of Persons in Poverty	1,690,405
Poverty Rate	13.7%
Gross State Product (2013)	\$644.9 billion

- Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest state economy.

POLITICAL OFFICES (2015)

Governor	Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor	Mike Stack
U.S. Senators	Robert Casey Jr., Pat Toomey
U.S. Representatives (post-2010)	18
PA General Assembly	50 Senators, 203 Representatives
App. Persons Per State Representative (2013)	62,925
Persons Per State Senator (2013)	255,476
Electoral Votes (post-2010)	20

BASIC FACTS

Nickname	Keystone State
Motto	Virtue, Liberty, and Independence
Flag	A blue field on which is embroidered the State Coat of Arms
Gained Statehood.....	December 12, 1787
Capital	Harrisburg
Counties	67
Municipalities (2014)	2,561
State Animal	Whitetail Deer
State Bird	Ruffed Grouse
State Flower	Mountain Laurel
State Tree	Hemlock
State Dog	Great Dane
State Fish.....	Brook Trout
State Insect	Firefly
State Beverage	Milk
State Fossil	Phacops Rana
State Flagship.....	U.S. Brig Niagara

TRANSPORTATION

Linear Miles in Highway System (2013)	119,936 miles
Average travel time to work	26.0 minutes

- Pennsylvania is ranked 9th among the states in the proportion of its workforce that commutes via public transportation (5.6 percent).
- 76.5% of workers drove to work alone, 8.3% carpooled, 5.6% used public transportation, 3.9% walked, 1.5% used other means, and 3.9% worked from home
- 54.2% of households have 2 or more vehicles.

Trucks accounted for 34.9 percent of all vehicle miles traveled on Pennsylvania Interstates in 2013

FUN FACTS

EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Number in Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2014) 6,347,000
 Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed (Sept 2014)5.7%
 Total Housing Units 5,565,354
 Total Households 4,938,894
 Number of Family Households 3,152,234
 Home Ownership Rate68.9%
 Single Family Units75.5%
 Mobile Homes4.1%
 Majority Home Heating Source Utility Gas (50.9%)
 Median Gross Rent \$828
 Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage61.0%
 Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing \$164,200

- Pennsylvania ranks 7th among states and the District of Columbia in the proportion of housing units built in 1939 or earlier (26.3 percent)

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Marriages (2012)70,120
 Annual Marriage Rate (2012)5.5 /1,000 pop.
 Median Age at First Marriage, Male 30.1
 Median Age at First Marriage, Female 28.4
 Divorces (2012)36,345
 Annual Divorce Rate (2012)2.8 /1,000 pop.

- The median duration of a current marriage in Pennsylvania is 22.3 years

EDUCATION

High School Graduate or higher89.2%, age 25 +
 Bachelor's Degree or higher 28.7%, age 25 +
 Total Public School Enrollment (2013-14)..... 1,750,059
 Total Non-Public Enrollment (2013-14).....256,914
 Drop-Out Rate (2012-13)1.4%
 Avg. Public Teacher Salary (2012-13)..... \$63,521
 Public School College bound (2012-13).....67.1%
 Average Math SAT Score (2012-13).....504
 Average Critical Reading SAT Score (2012-13)494
 Average Writing SAT Score (2012-13).....482

- Pennsylvania has the 4th-largest number of colleges and universities in the United States.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Total Business Estab. (1qtr-2014) 348,735
 Number of Manufacturing Estab. (1qtr-2014)..... 14,541
 Professional, Scientific, Technical Est. (1qtr-2014) 37,687
 Largest Industry Employer (1qtr-2014)Health Care & Social Assistance
 - Number of Employees975,910
 Farms (2013)..... 59,300
 Land in Farms (2013)7,700,000 acres
 Estimated Value of Agricultural Production
 - Crops, incl. Nursery & Greenhouse (2013) \$2.7 billion
 - Livestock, Poultry, & Products (2013) \$4.6 billion
 Top Agricultural Commodity (2013)..... Milk Production
 - Value (2013) \$2.2 billion

- Born in Luzerne County to runaway slaves, Jonathan Jasper Wright became the first African American lawyer in Pennsylvania in 1865.
- On the evening of May 31st, 1985, a devastating tornado outbreak struck Northwestern Pennsylvania. As part of the event, the state's only ever recorded F-5 tornado touched down in Wheatland, PA.
- Scranton, PA was home to the first street car system in the U.S. built entirely for operation by electric power. It began operation on Nov. 30, 1886.

- Played in New York City on September 30, 1939, Fordham beat Waynesburg (Pa) in the first televised football game. An estimated 500 to 5,000 viewers watched the game on NBC's W2XBS.
- Rescue efforts as a result of the Sheppton Mine Disaster utilized, for the first time, a borehole technique that has become ubiquitous worldwide for similar mine disasters.

HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate (2013-14) 11.1/1,000
 Mortality Rate (2013-14) 10.1/1,000

- Top five birth names for males (2012):
Mason, Liam, Jacob, Michael, Noah
- Top five birth names for females (2012):
Emma, Sophia, Olivia, Ava, Isabella

Number of Hospitals (2012)250
 Number of Licensed Nursing Homes (2012)711

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Lowest Geographic Point. Sea Level (Delaware River)
 Highest Geographic Point 3,213' (Somerset Co.)
 Land Area (sq. mi.) 44,817
 Water Area (sq. mi.) 1,239

- Pennsylvania is bordered by Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia.

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