



Pennsylvania Facts 2011

POPULATION

April 1, 2010 Census	12,702,379
April 1, 2000 Census	12,281,054
Population Rank Among States (2010).....	6th
Estimated Persons per Square Mile (2010).....	284

- July 1st, 2009 estimated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate Division

	Number	Percent
Males	6,138,709	48.7
Females	6,466,058	51.3
White (alone)	10,741,619	85.2
Black or African American (alone) ..	1,370,987	10.9
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (alone)	28,593	0.2
Asian (alone)	317,580	2.5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (alone) ..	6,186	-
Two or more races	139,802	1.1
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	646,524	5.1

	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years of Age	746,813	5.9
Age 5-17	2,028,319	16.1
Age 18 and Over.....	9,829,635	78.0
Age 65 and Over.....	1,946,266	15.4
Age 85 and Over.....	309,253	2.5

Net Natural Increase (2008-09).....	19,712
Net Migration Rate (2008-09)	1.6/1,000
Median Age *	39.9 years
Foreign born *	691,242
Residents Born in PA *	74.6%

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

ECONOMIC

Median Household Income *	\$49,520
Median Family Income *	\$62,185
Per Capita Personal Income (BEA)	\$40,161
Number of Persons in Poverty *	1,516,705
Poverty Rate *	12.5%
Gross State Product (2008)	\$554.7 billion

- Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest state economy.

POLITICAL OFFICES (2011)

Governor	Tom Corbett
Lieutenant Governor	James F. Cawley
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 (2010)	62,537
Persons Per State Senator (2010)	254,048
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	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

Miles in Highway System (2008).....	121,770 miles
Average travel time to work *	25.4 minutes

- 70 railroad companies operate in Pennsylvania, more than any other state.
- Pennsylvania is ranked 9th among the states in the proportion of its workforce that commutes via public transportation (5.3 percent). *
- 76.8% of workers drove to work alone, 9.0% carpooled, 5.3% used public transportation, 1.3% used other means, 4.0% walked, 3.7% worked from home *
- 54.6% of households have 2 or more vehicles. *



* Estimated data from the 2009 American Community Survey.

EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Number in Civilian Labor Force (2009)	6,414,000
Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed (2009)	8.1%
Total Estimated Housing Units *	5,518,579
Total Households *	4,916,869
Number of Family Households *	3,195,832
Home Ownership Rate *	70.5%
Single Family Units *	76.7%
Mobile Homes *	4.0%
Majority Home Heating Source *	Utility Gas
Median Gross Rent *	\$738
Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage *	63.6%
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing * ...	\$164,700

- Pennsylvania ranks 5th among states and the District of Columbia in the proportion of housing units built prior to 1950*

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Marriages (2008)	69,974
Annual Marriage Rate (2008)	5.6 /1,000 pop.
Median Age at First Marriage, Male (2009)*	29.3
Median Age at First Marriage, Female (2009)*	27.5
Divorces (2008)	34,411
Annual Divorce Rate (2008)	2.8 /1,000 pop.

- The median duration of a current marriage in Pennsylvania is 21.2 years

FUN FACTS

- The first school of medicine in the United States was founded at the University of Pennsylvania in 1765.
- The Slinky, the Official State Toy of Pennsylvania, was invented in Philadelphia by Richard James in 1943, and continues to be manufactured in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania today.
- The lowest temperature ever recorded in Pennsylvania was 42° below zero at Smethport, McKean County.

- The Mauch Chunk Switchback Gravity Railroad located in the mountains of Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania is considered to be America's first roller coaster.
- The Easter Bunny was introduced to the United States by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 18th century.

EDUCATION

High School Graduate or higher *	87.9%, age 25 +
Bachelor's Degree or higher *	26.4%, age 25 +
Total Public School Enrollment (2009-10).....	1,780,413
Total Non-Public Enrollment (2009-10).....	259,270
Drop-Out Rate (2008-09)	1.6%
Home schooled students (2006-07)	22,136
Public School College bound (2008-09).....	73.4%
Average Math SAT Score (2008-09).....	501
Average Verbal SAT Score (2008-09).....	493
Average Writing SAT Score (2008-09).....	483

- Pennsylvania has the 3rd-largest number of colleges and universities in the United States.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Total Business Estab. (2009)	326,524
Number of Manufacturing Estab. (2009)	15,563
Professional, Scientific, Technical Estab. (2009)	34,701
Largest Industry Employer (2009)	Health Care & Social Assistance
- Number of Employees.....	877,662
Farms (2009).....	63,200
Land in Farms (2009)	7,750,000 acres
Estimated Value of Agricultural Production	
- Crops, incl. Fruits & Vegetables(2009).....	\$3.6 billion
- Livestock, Poultry, & Products(2009)	\$3.0 billion
Top Agricultural Commodity (2009).....	Milk Production
- Value (2009)	\$1.5 billion

HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate (2008-09)	11.7/1,000
Mortality Rate (2008-09)	10.1/1,000

- 6th lowest birth rate nationally.
- Top five birth names for males (2008): Michael, Jacob, Ryan, Matthew, Joseph
- Top five birth names for females (2008): Ava, Olivia, Emma, Madison, Isabella

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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