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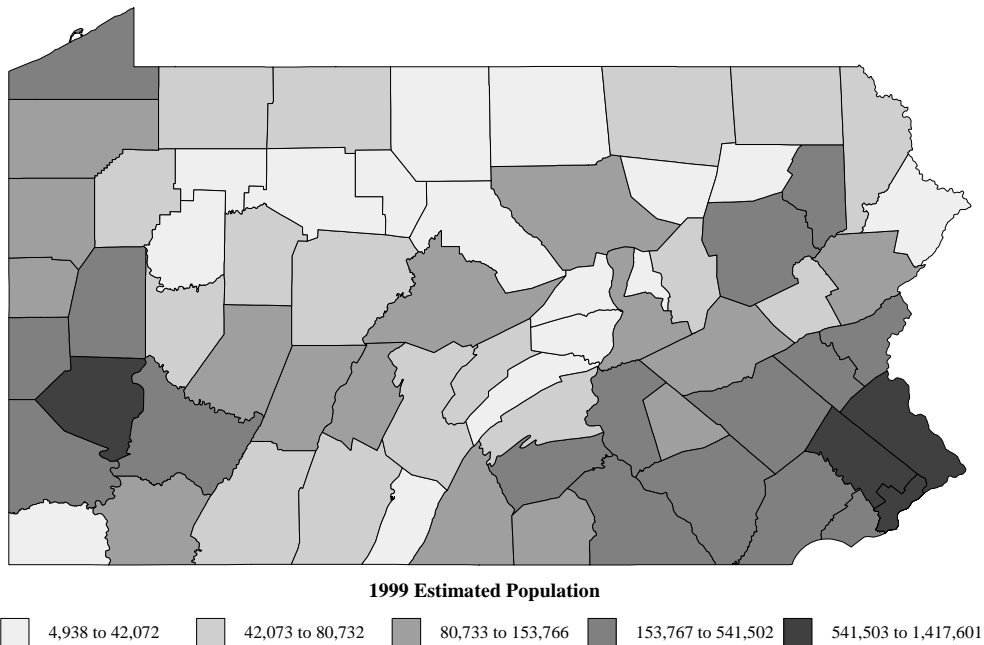
Commonwealth's Population Decreases for the Fourth Consecutive Year

MIDDLETOWN, Pa—Pennsylvania saw modest population growth from 1990 to 1995. In 1996, the state recognized a population decline for the first time in the decade. Earlier today, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 1999 state and county population estimate figures showing Pennsylvania's population decline trend has continued for a fourth consecutive year.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports the Commonwealth's estimated population as of July 1, 1999, was 11,994,016. This was a 0.1 percent decrease from the 1998 figure of 12,002,329. Since the 1990 Census, the state's population has shown overall growth of just under 1 percent.

In 1990, Philadelphia was home to the greatest number of Pennsylvanians and this remained true in 1999. Philadelphia was followed by Allegheny County for greatest number of residents in 1999. Both counties had a estimated population in excess of 1.2 million.

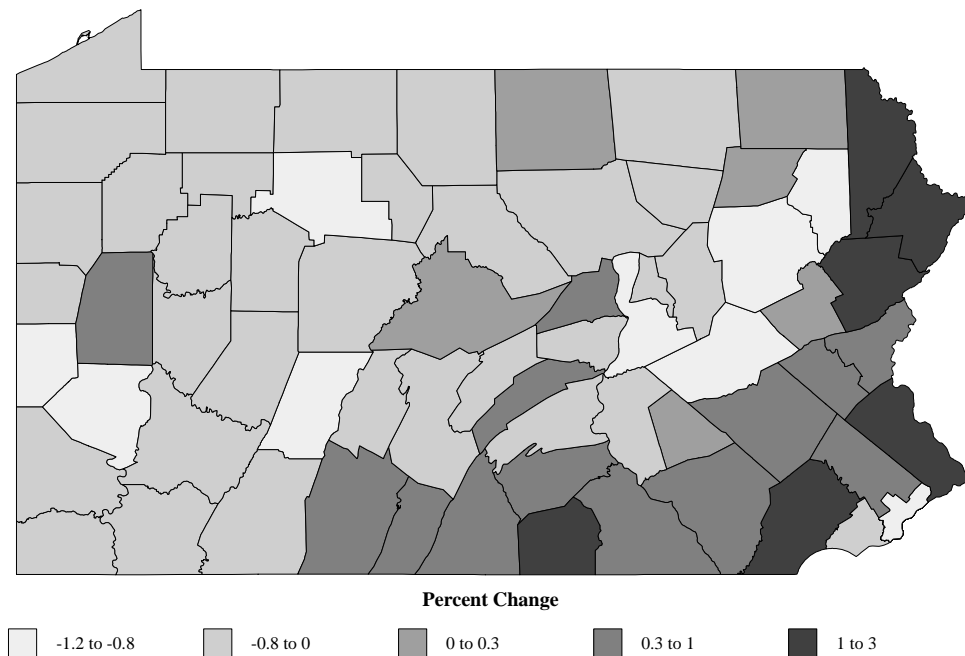
Map 1: Estimated Population by County: 1999



At the county level, 43 of the state's 67 counties lost population from 1990 to 1999, while 39 did so from 1998 to 1999. From 1990 to 1999, Philadelphia lost the greatest percentage of population with 10.6 percent. Other counties losing the highest percentages of their population in the state in this time period were Allegheny (6 percent), Cameron (5.8 percent), Cambria (5.7 percent), and Lackawanna (5.7 percent). Both Cambria and Philadelphia counties experienced the greatest percentage decrease in the state from 1998 to 1999 at 1.2 percent. Other counties losing 0.9 percent of their population from 1998 to 1999 included Allegheny, Beaver, Lackawanna, and Schuylkill .

Pike and Monroe counties have seen the greatest percentage growth from 1990 to 1999 with 47.9 and 34.3 percent, respectively. The largest increases at the county level from 1998 to 1999 were in the eastern part of the state. Not surprisingly, Pike County had the largest growth from 1998 to 1999 at 3 percent followed by Monroe with 2.5 percent. Population gains were also seen in Chester (1.9), Wayne (1.4), Adams (1.2), Bucks (1.1), and Butler (1.0) counties from 1998 to 1999.

Map 2: Percent Change in Estimated Population by County: 1998 to 1999



The *1998 Detailed State and County Estimates* for Pennsylvania has just been released by the Pennsylvania State Data Center. The detailed estimates report includes total population by gender and by single-year divisions up to age 19. After age 19, it provides total population for five year cohorts (20 to 24, 24 to 29,

etc.). In addition, the detailed report includes population estimates by white and black race groups for the state and selected counties. Tables include state and county level total population estimates along with the previous year's estimate and the 1990 Decennial Census' total population count. To order, please call PaSDC at 717-948-6336.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the Commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

Editors: For additional data, contact Amy Jonas at the Data Center's State Capital Office, (717) 772-2710, or for faculty comment on this topic contact the Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office, (717) 948-6029. If you are interested in a local analysis of this data, please reference to the attached PaSDC affiliate list for an affiliate in your area.

Source of Information: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Accompanying Table: County Population Estimates: 1999
PaSDC Affiliate Contacts

	1990 <u>Census</u>	7/1/98 <u>Estimate</u>	7/1/99 <u>Estimate</u>	Numeric Population Change <u>1990-99</u>	Numeric Population Change <u>1998-99</u>	Percent Population Change <u>1990-99</u>	Percent Population Change <u>1998-99</u>
Pennsylvania	11,881,643	12,002,329	11,994,016	112,373	-8,313	0.9%	-0.1%
Adams	78,274	86,660	87,697	9,423	1,037	12.0%	1.2%
Allegheny	1,336,449	1,267,963	1,256,806	-79,643	-11,157	-6.0%	-0.9%
Armstrong	73,478	73,313	73,001	-477	-312	-0.6%	-0.4%
Beaver	186,093	184,287	182,687	-3,406	-1,600	-1.8%	-0.9%
Bedford	47,919	49,405	49,699	1,780	294	3.7%	0.6%
Berks	336,523	355,761	358,211	21,688	2,450	6.4%	0.7%
Blair	130,542	130,547	129,937	-605	-610	-0.5%	-0.5%
Bradford	60,967	62,386	62,146	1,179	-240	1.9%	-0.4%
Bucks	541,174	587,863	594,047	52,873	6,184	9.8%	1.1%
Butler	152,013	170,799	172,522	20,509	1,723	13.5%	1.0%
Cambria	163,029	155,587	153,766	-9,263	-1,821	-5.7%	-1.2%
Cameron	5,913	5,612	5,571	-342	-41	-5.8%	-0.7%
Carbon	56,846	58,690	58,759	1,913	69	3.4%	0.1%
Centre	123,786	131,997	132,190	8,404	193	6.8%	0.1%
Chester	376,396	421,873	430,001	53,605	8,128	14.2%	1.9%
Clarion	41,699	41,723	41,651	-48	-72	-0.1%	-0.2%
Clearfield	78,097	80,722	80,732	2,635	10	3.4%	0.0%
Clinton	37,182	36,937	36,774	-408	-163	-1.1%	-0.4%
Columbia	63,202	63,906	63,674	472	-232	0.7%	-0.4%
Crawford	86,169	89,266	89,109	2,940	-157	3.4%	-0.2%
Cumberland	195,257	209,611	210,663	15,406	1,052	7.9%	0.5%
Dauphin	237,813	245,456	245,576	7,763	120	3.3%	0.0%
Delaware	547,651	542,592	541,502	-6,149	-1,090	-1.1%	-0.2%
Elk	34,878	34,614	34,344	-534	-270	-1.5%	-0.8%
Erie	275,572	278,114	276,993	1,421	-1,121	0.5%	-0.4%
Fayette	145,351	144,362	143,775	-1,576	-587	-1.1%	-0.4%
Forest	4,802	4,947	4,938	136	-9	2.8%	-0.2%
Franklin	121,082	128,255	128,812	7,730	557	6.4%	0.4%
Fulton	13,837	14,528	14,616	779	88	5.6%	0.6%
Greene	39,550	42,228	42,072	2,522	-156	6.4%	-0.4%
Huntingdon	44,164	44,755	44,753	589	-2	1.3%	0.0%
Indiana	89,994	88,389	87,831	-2,163	-558	-2.4%	-0.6%
Jefferson	46,083	46,184	46,086	3	-98	0.0%	-0.2%
Juniata	20,625	22,119	22,204	1,579	85	7.7%	0.4%
Lackawanna	219,039	208,390	206,520	-12,519	-1,870	-5.7%	-0.9%
Lancaster	422,822	456,679	460,035	37,213	3,356	8.8%	0.7%
Lawrence	96,246	94,904	94,508	-1,738	-396	-1.8%	-0.4%
Lebanon	113,744	117,631	117,856	4,112	225	3.6%	0.2%
Lehigh	291,130	298,792	299,855	8,725	1,063	3.0%	0.4%
Luzerne	328,149	314,609	312,000	-16,149	-2,609	-4.9%	-0.8%
Lycoming	118,710	117,408	116,709	-2,001	-699	-1.7%	-0.6%
McKean	47,131	46,319	45,987	-1,144	-332	-2.4%	-0.7%
Mercer	121,003	121,760	121,458	455	-302	0.4%	-0.2%
Mifflin	46,197	46,965	46,793	596	-172	1.3%	-0.4%
Monroe	95,709	125,407	128,541	32,832	3,134	34.3%	2.5%
Montgomery	678,111	719,569	724,087	45,976	4,518	6.8%	0.6%
Montour	17,735	17,585	17,571	-164	-14	-0.9%	-0.1%
Northampton	247,105	258,568	259,736	12,631	1,168	5.1%	0.5%
Northumberland	96,771	93,950	93,163	-3,608	-787	-3.7%	-0.8%
Perry	41,172	44,273	44,280	3,108	7	7.5%	0.0%
Philadelphia	1,585,577	1,434,968	1,417,601	-167,976	-17,367	-10.6%	-1.2%
Pike	27,966	40,149	41,357	13,391	1,208	47.9%	3.0%
Potter	16,717	17,134	17,115	398	-19	2.4%	-0.1%
Schuylkill	152,585	150,066	148,788	-3,797	-1,278	-2.5%	-0.9%

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Snyder	36,680	37,965	37,875	1,195	-90	3.3%	-0.2%
Somerset	78,218	80,192	80,028	1,810	-164	2.3%	-0.2%
Sullivan	6,104	6,074	6,038	-66	-36	-1.1%	-0.6%
Susquehanna	40,380	42,082	42,190	1,810	108	4.5%	0.3%
Tioga	41,126	41,522	41,657	531	135	1.3%	0.3%
Union	36,176	40,270	40,546	4,370	276	12.1%	0.7%
Venango	59,381	57,795	57,562	-1,819	-233	-3.1%	-0.4%
Warren	45,050	43,793	43,505	-1,545	-288	-3.4%	-0.7%
Washington	204,584	205,339	204,888	304	-451	0.1%	-0.2%
Wayne	39,944	45,431	46,080	6,136	649	15.4%	1.4%
Westmoreland	370,321	372,389	370,658	337	-1,731	0.1%	-0.5%
Wyoming	28,076	29,212	29,298	1,222	86	4.4%	0.3%
York	339,574	373,688	376,586	37,012	2,898	10.9%	0.8%

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