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State and County Population Estimates by Sex, Age, Race and Hispanic Origin Released by U.S. Census Bureau

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The U.S. Census Bureau has released July 1, 2002 estimates of the population based on sex, age, race and Hispanic origin for states and counties. These are the first such county estimates to be released by the Census Bureau since Census 2000.

Methodologies

The estimates for the nation's 3,141 counties were as of July 1, 2002. The Census Bureau develops state population estimates using administrative records in "a demographic-change model." The method follows each birth cohort according to its exposure to mortality, fertility and migration. This method is also used to estimate population change from the most recent census using data on births, deaths and migration.

The race data presented includes the population who reported as one race alone or as one race in combination with one or more races. The federal government treats Hispanic origin and race as distinct concepts. Separate questions are asked regarding both Hispanic origin and race.

Age and Sex

Pennsylvania's elderly population decreased from 1,919,165 in 2000 to 1,908,962 in 2002. Sullivan County had the highest percentage of elderly persons in the commonwealth with 22.3 percent of its estimated 2002 population being 65 years or older. Sullivan County is to the east of the city of Williamsport in Lycoming County and is located in the northeastern part of the state. Lancaster County, located in the highly-populated southeastern part of the state, had the highest percentage of children in the state with 26.2 percent of its estimated population being persons 17 years or younger in 2002.

Philadelphia County had both the largest estimated number and highest estimated percentage of women in the commonwealth in 2002 (Table 1). There were 797,781 women in Philadelphia in 2002, which accounted for 53.5 percent of Philadelphia's total population. Union County had the highest male-to-female ratio with 55.7 percent of its 42,006 person population being male in 2002.

Race and Hispanic Origin

The population in the White Alone (86.6 percent), Black or African American Alone (10.3 percent) and Asian Alone (2.0 percent) racial groups accounted for 98.9 percent of the total estimated population in Pennsylvania in 2002 (Table 2). There were 415,700 persons of the



Hispanic or Latino ethnicity in the commonwealth in 2002, which accounted for approximately 3.4 percent of Pennsylvania's total population.

At the county level, Philadelphia County had the highest percentages of both the Black or African American Alone (44.9 percent) and Asian Alone (5.0 percent) estimated populations in 2002. Philadelphia County remains the most populous county in Pennsylvania. The White Alone population remained the largest single racial group in every county in the commonwealth. Two neighboring counties in the eastern part of the state, Lehigh County (11.1 percent) and Berks County (10.3 percent), had the highest percentages of persons claiming the Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for population and economic statistics. 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.

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Table 1. Population By Sex: Pennsylvania Counties, July 1, 2002

County	July 1, 2002 Population Estimate			County	July 1, 2002 Population Estimate		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female
Pennsylvania	12,335,091	5,966,139	6,368,952	Juniata	22,760	11,296	11,464
Adams	94,437	46,394	48,043	Lackawanna	210,711	99,561	111,150
Allegheny	1,269,904	602,749	667,155	Lancaster	478,561	233,721	244,840
Armstrong	71,673	34,899	36,774	Lawrence	94,104	44,812	49,292
Beaver	179,351	86,034	93,317	Lebanon	121,199	59,028	62,171
Bedford	49,944	24,555	25,389	Lehigh	317,533	153,498	164,035
Berks	382,108	187,363	194,745	Luzerne	314,643	151,748	162,895
Blair	127,840	61,536	66,304	Lycoming	119,000	58,416	60,584
Bradford	62,810	30,596	32,214	McKean	44,884	22,411	22,473
Bucks	610,440	299,755	310,685	Mercer	119,514	58,169	61,345
Butler	178,078	86,998	91,080	Mifflin	46,435	22,414	24,021
Cambria	150,452	73,070	77,382	Monroe	148,839	73,627	75,212
Cameron	5,843	2,859	2,984	Montgomery	766,517	371,671	394,846
Carbon	59,688	29,108	30,580	Montour	18,214	8,645	9,569
Centre	138,524	70,689	67,835	Northampton	273,324	133,044	140,280
Chester	450,160	221,227	228,933	Northumberland	93,371	45,770	47,601
Clarion	41,316	19,968	21,348	Perry	43,876	21,714	22,162
Clearfield	83,203	41,653	41,550	Philadelphia	1,492,231	694,450	797,781
Clinton	37,680	18,271	19,409	Pike	50,095	24,978	25,117
Columbia	64,134	30,591	33,543	Potter	18,217	9,040	9,177
Crawford	89,856	43,852	46,004	Schuylkill	148,505	74,140	74,365
Cumberland	217,743	106,242	111,501	Snyder	37,828	18,409	19,419
Dauphin	252,933	121,424	131,509	Somerset	79,456	39,688	39,768
Delaware	553,435	264,752	288,683	Sullivan	6,482	3,278	3,204
Elk	34,454	17,064	17,390	Susquehanna	42,082	20,926	21,156
Erie	280,370	136,827	143,543	Tioga	41,461	20,244	21,217
Fayette	146,654	70,203	76,451	Union	42,006	23,400	18,606
Forest	4,888	2,590	2,298	Venango	56,810	27,680	29,130
Franklin	131,598	64,131	67,467	Warren	43,290	21,304	21,986
Fulton	14,365	7,174	7,191	Washington	204,110	98,220	105,890
Greene	40,520	20,892	19,628	Wayne	48,889	24,472	24,417
Huntingdon	45,707	23,901	21,806	Westmoreland	368,428	178,272	190,156
Indiana	88,780	43,010	45,770	Wyoming	27,801	13,848	13,953
Jefferson	45,818	22,430	23,388	York	389,209	191,438	197,771

Table 2. Estimated Population by Race and Ethnicity: Pennsylvania Counties, 2002

County	Total	Race						Ethnicity	
		White Alone	Black or African American Alone	American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	Asian Alone	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander Alone	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino
Pennsylvania	12,335,091	10,678,879	1,273,637	20,900	251,874	4,841	104,960	415,700	11,919,391
Adams	94,437	91,861	1,203	221	525	16	611	3,673	90,764
Allegheny	1,269,904	1,070,187	161,401	1,675	24,457	328	11,856	10,990	1,258,914
Armstrong	71,673	70,609	639	52	85	24	264	348	71,325
Beaver	179,351	166,471	10,745	194	517	15	1,409	1,280	178,071
Bedford	49,944	49,381	153	42	148	1	219	270	49,674
Berks	382,108	356,073	16,614	831	4,316	384	3,890	39,303	342,805
Blair	127,840	124,999	1,521	101	551	9	659	553	127,287
Bradford	62,810	61,659	293	197	308	1	352	389	62,421
Bucks	610,440	567,699	19,984	843	16,769	171	4,974	14,660	595,780
Butler	178,078	174,411	1,539	166	1,148	56	758	991	177,087
Cambria	150,452	144,501	4,490	143	560	15	743	1,366	149,086
Cameron	5,843	5,784	24	12	7	9	7	36	5,807
Carbon	59,688	58,506	543	107	216	15	301	989	58,699
Centre	138,524	127,731	3,723	203	5,715	80	1,072	2,213	136,311
Chester	450,160	407,050	27,341	753	11,010	187	3,819	16,022	434,138
Clarion	41,316	40,655	336	42	138	-	145	173	41,143
Clearfield	83,203	81,176	1,385	103	262	4	273	483	82,720
Clinton	37,680	37,080	234	39	175	5	147	218	37,462
Columbia	64,134	62,795	553	113	399	20	254	675	63,459
Crawford	89,856	87,432	1,420	199	254	3	548	553	89,303
Cumberland	217,743	206,026	5,507	292	4,266	98	1,554	3,179	214,564
Dauphin	252,933	198,704	43,966	481	5,889	122	3,771	10,571	242,362
Delaware	553,435	439,431	87,198	643	20,805	111	5,247	8,688	544,747
Elk	34,454	34,157	63	38	133	7	56	154	34,300
Erie	280,370	257,114	17,621	503	2,080	98	2,954	6,233	274,137
Fayette	146,654	139,918	5,284	178	347	10	917	592	146,062
Forest	4,888	4,700	152	20	8	-	8	71	4,817
Franklin	131,598	126,352	3,252	206	770	76	942	2,361	129,237
Fulton	14,365	14,172	91	29	17	1	55	58	14,307
Greene	40,520	38,609	1,598	48	107	5	153	354	40,166
Huntingdon	45,707	42,986	2,383	54	102	3	179	560	45,147
Indiana	88,780	86,270	1,383	72	701	-	354	449	88,331
Jefferson	45,818	45,379	112	58	100	4	165	217	45,601
Juniata	22,760	22,402	99	31	32	177	19	495	22,265
Lackawanna	210,711	204,615	3,036	209	1,701	3	1,147	3,121	207,590
Lancaster	478,561	449,556	15,433	799	7,547	262	4,964	28,493	450,068
Lawrence	94,104	89,600	3,500	91	259	6	648	570	93,534
Lebanon	121,199	117,314	1,771	193	1,132	49	740	6,236	114,963
Lehigh	317,533	290,773	13,664	867	7,923	218	4,088	35,344	282,189

Luzerne	314,643	304,958	5,743	299	2,168	63	1,412	4,152	310,491
Lycoming	119,000	112,318	5,065	265	526	2	824	763	118,237
McKean	44,884	43,593	790	165	173	13	150	461	44,423
Mercer	119,514	111,707	6,208	136	511	18	934	776	118,738
Mifflin	46,435	45,766	315	45	152	-	157	279	46,156
Monroe	148,839	132,183	11,984	440	2,071	146	2,015	11,088	137,751
Montgomery	766,517	662,548	59,211	1,003	36,128	247	7,380	16,064	750,453
Montour	18,214	17,653	252	13	244	-	52	181	18,033
Northampton	273,324	257,476	8,538	542	4,247	213	2,308	18,963	254,361
Northumberland	93,371	91,128	1,584	91	197	8	363	1,047	92,324
Perry	43,876	43,290	300	46	61	2	177	302	43,574
Philadelphia	1,492,231	721,955	670,581	4,759	74,547	1,211	19,178	134,655	1,357,576
Pike	50,095	47,222	2,049	143	320	1	360	2,421	47,674
Potter	18,217	17,878	150	35	87	-	67	102	18,115
Schuylkill	148,505	143,843	3,438	102	677	1	444	1,733	146,772
Snyder	37,828	37,113	394	4	208	-	109	377	37,451
Somerset	79,456	77,621	1,395	67	199	-	174	534	78,922
Sullivan	6,482	6,206	203	51	13	-	9	71	6,411
Susquehanna	42,082	41,536	214	66	107	5	154	283	41,799
Tioga	41,461	40,743	305	102	132	-	179	217	41,244
Union	42,006	37,945	3,110	79	507	28	337	1,677	40,329
Venango	56,810	55,538	685	117	146	5	319	311	56,499
Warren	43,290	42,733	184	76	141	2	154	152	43,138
Washington	204,110	194,915	6,733	208	777	46	1,431	1,183	202,927
Wayne	48,889	47,648	793	64	192	-	192	840	48,049
Westmoreland	368,428	356,197	7,686	333	2,056	50	2,106	1,976	366,452
Wyoming	27,801	27,411	157	44	80	-	109	199	27,602
York	389,209	365,617	15,316	757	3,728	187	3,604	11,962	377,247

Note: Dash (-) represents zero or rounds to zero.

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