



Research Brief

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This amended research brief corrects data for South Carolina in Table 1. The PaSDC apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Pennsylvania Continues to Show Slight Population Increase

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The U.S. Census Bureau today released the 2003 National and State Population Estimates and Estimated Components of Change. The July 1, 2003 Estimates are developed by carrying forward births, deaths and migration data from April 1, 2000 (estimate base). An estimated 12,365,455 persons resided in Pennsylvania in 2003. This is a 0.7 percent increase from the 2000 estimate base of 12,281,054 persons, a 0.5 percent increase from the 2001 estimate of 12,298,363 persons and a 0.3 percent increase from the 2002 estimate of 12,328,827 persons.

Nationwide

The total population in the United States was 290,809,777 persons in 2003, an increase of 3.3 percent from the 2000 estimate base of 281,423,231 persons. California remained the most populous state with an estimated 35,484,453 persons in 2003. Texas remained the second largest state with an estimated population of 22,118,509 persons. Pennsylvania continued to rank sixth in the nation in terms of 2003 overall estimated population.

Elderly Population

Pennsylvania continues to rank second to Florida in terms of having the highest percentage of the population age 65 and over (Table 1). According to the 2003 population estimate, 15.4 percent of the total population in Pennsylvania is age 65 and over, a decrease of 0.2 percent from 2000. Alaska had the lowest percent elderly population in 2003, with only 6.3 percent of its total population being age 65 and over.

Internal Migration

The number of people moving into Pennsylvania from other states has been increasing since 2001. In 2001, there was a net internal migration loss of 19,017 persons. In 2003, there was a reported net migration gain of 7,841 persons. Pennsylvania continues to gain population from international migration. From April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003 Pennsylvania shows a net increase of 68,935 persons from international migration.

For additional information, please contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of 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 Age 65 and Over, United States

State	Census 2000 Total Population	2000 Estimates Base	July 1, 2003 Population Estimate	July 1, 2003 Estimated Population Age 65 and Over	July 1, 2003 Percent of Total Population 65 Years and Over
United States	281,421,906	281,423,231	290,809,777	35,919,174	12.4
Florida	15,982,378	15,982,820	17,019,068	2,897,383	17.0
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	12,281,054	12,365,455	1,901,762	15.4
West Virginia	1,808,344	1,808,350	1,810,354	277,222	15.3
North Dakota	642,200	642,200	633,837	93,837	14.8
Iowa	2,926,324	2,926,382	2,944,062	433,617	14.7
Maine	1,274,923	1,274,923	1,305,728	188,391	14.4
South Dakota	754,844	754,844	764,309	109,040	14.3
Rhode Island	1,048,319	1,048,319	1,076,164	150,798	14.0
Arkansas	2,673,400	2,673,398	2,725,714	377,680	13.9
Montana	902,195	902,195	917,621	125,159	13.6
Connecticut	3,405,565	3,405,584	3,483,372	470,692	13.5
Hawaii	1,211,537	1,211,537	1,257,608	169,348	13.5
Nebraska	1,711,263	1,711,265	1,739,291	232,383	13.4
Missouri	5,595,211	5,596,683	5,704,484	759,978	13.3
Massachusetts	6,349,097	6,349,097	6,433,422	856,984	13.3
Ohio	11,353,140	11,353,143	11,435,798	1,516,768	13.3
Alabama	4,447,100	4,447,100	4,500,752	592,179	13.2
Oklahoma	3,450,654	3,450,654	3,511,532	461,133	13.1
Delaware	783,600	783,600	817,491	106,887	13.1
Wisconsin	5,363,675	5,363,704	5,472,299	711,987	13.0
New Jersey	8,414,350	8,414,347	8,638,396	1,123,841	13.0
Kansas	2,688,418	2,688,814	2,723,507	353,583	13.0
New York	18,976,457	18,976,821	19,190,115	2,488,957	13.0
Vermont	608,827	608,827	619,107	80,134	12.9
Arizona	5,130,632	5,130,632	5,580,811	714,465	12.8
Oregon	3,421,399	3,421,432	3,559,596	453,566	12.7
Kentucky	4,041,769	4,042,209	4,117,827	512,383	12.4
Tennessee	5,689,283	5,689,262	5,841,748	726,684	12.4
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,011,848	4,147,152	511,731	12.3
Indiana	6,080,485	6,080,506	6,195,643	763,061	12.3
Michigan	9,938,444	9,938,480	10,079,985	1,236,505	12.3
Mississippi	2,844,658	2,844,656	2,881,281	349,408	12.1
North Carolina	8,049,313	8,046,451	8,407,248	1,016,215	12.1

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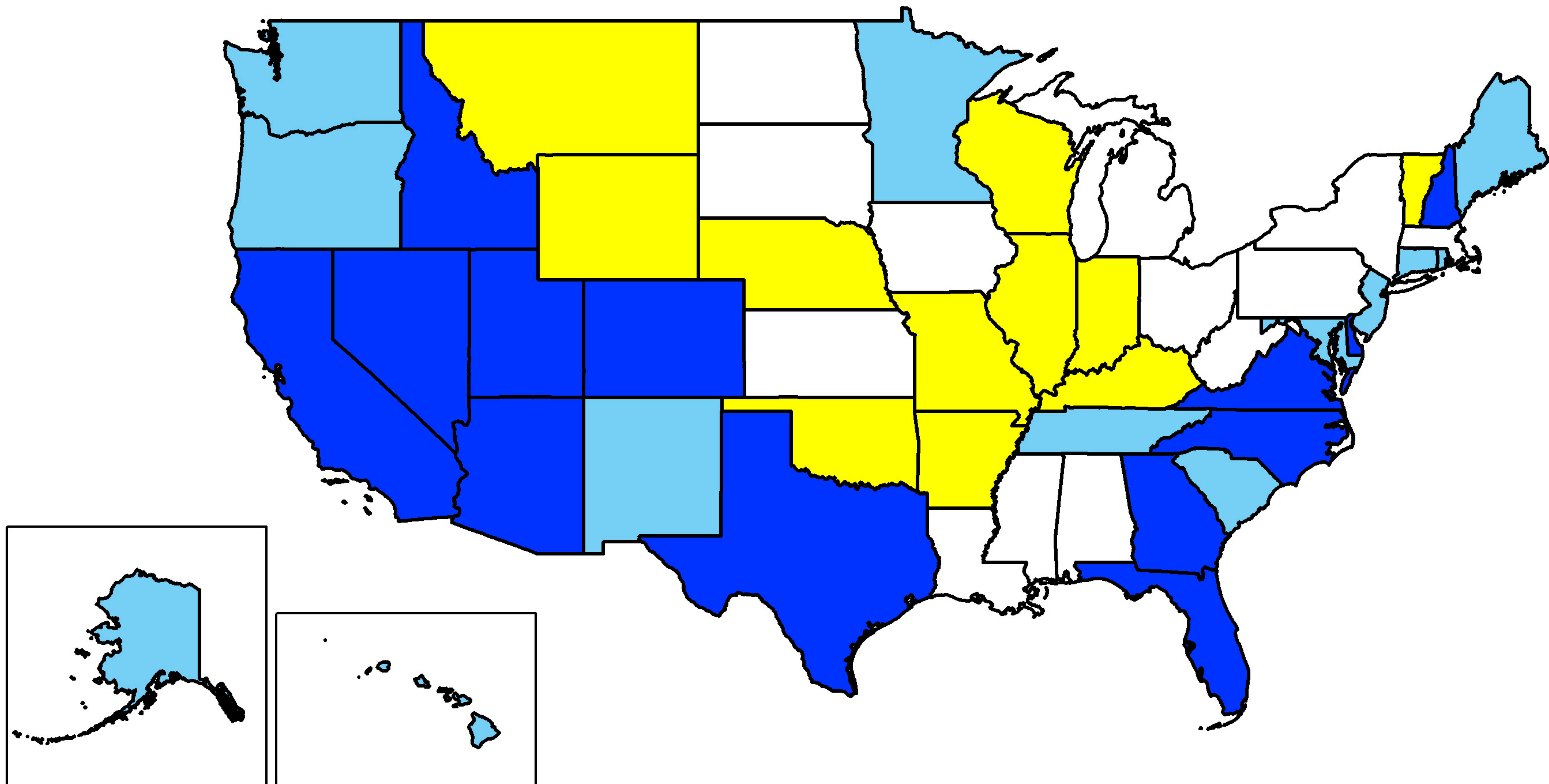
State	Census 2000 Total Population	2000 Estimates Base	July 1, 2003 Population Estimate	July 1, 2003 Estimated Population Age 65 and Over	July 1, 2003 Percent of Total Population 65 Years and Over
Minnesota	4,919,479	4,919,485	5,059,375	609,397	12.0
District of Columbia	572,059	572,059	563,384	67,844	12.0
New Mexico	1,819,046	1,819,046	1,874,614	225,263	12.0
New Hampshire	1,235,786	1,235,786	1,287,687	154,175	12.0
Wyoming	493,782	493,782	501,242	59,961	12.0
Illinois	12,419,293	12,419,570	12,653,544	1,507,379	11.9
Louisiana	4,468,976	4,468,958	4,496,334	524,347	11.7
Idaho	1,293,953	1,293,956	1,366,332	155,651	11.4
Maryland	5,296,486	5,296,485	5,508,909	624,981	11.3
Virginia	7,078,515	7,078,483	7,386,330	833,430	11.3
Washington	5,894,121	5,894,141	6,131,445	690,586	11.3
Nevada	1,998,257	1,998,257	2,241,154	250,788	11.2
California	33,871,648	33,871,653	35,484,453	3,764,868	10.6
Texas	20,851,820	20,851,790	22,118,509	2,175,259	9.8
Colorado	4,301,261	4,301,997	4,550,688	441,372	9.7
Georgia	8,186,453	8,186,517	8,684,715	826,505	9.5
Utah	2,233,169	2,233,198	2,351,467	203,009	8.6
Alaska	626,932	626,931	648,818	40,598	6.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Estimated Population Percent Change

April 1, 2000 Estimate Base to July 1, 2003

United States



Percent Change

