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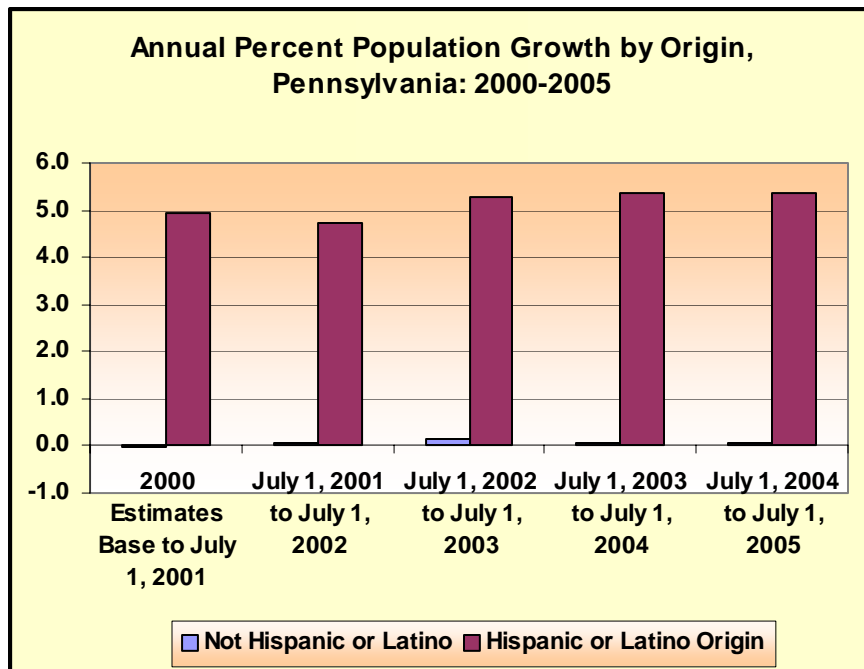
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2005 Detailed Population Estimates Released: Pennsylvania's Hispanic Population Passes 500,000

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The U.S. Census Bureau recently released July 1, 2005 estimates of the population based on sex, age, race and Hispanic origin. The release includes detailed estimates for Pennsylvania at the state and county levels. The data illustrates the commonwealth's changing demographics, showing that minorities and persons of Hispanic origin now account for the majority of the population growth while several age groups, including persons 25-44 and the elderly, have declined.

Race and Hispanic Origin

The population of the Hispanic population in Pennsylvania (506,084) passed the half-million mark for the first time in 2005. The number of persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin increased 5.4 percent from 2004 -2005, and grew more than 28 percent over the last six years. In comparison, the non-Hispanic population increased just 0.1 percent last year and 0.3 percent since 2000. Hispanics account for 75.4 percent of all population growth in Pennsylvania between 2000 and 2005. However, Hispanics still make up just 4.1 percent of the total population in the commonwealth. Hispanic or Latino origin is considered an ethnicity by the U.S. Census Bureau and persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.



The White population is the slowest growing race group in Pennsylvania, increasing just 0.1 percent between 2004 and 2005. During this period, Black and Asian (Alone) populations grew

by 12,886 and 9,204 persons, respectively, while the White population increased by just 7,181. Since 2000, the White population has grown by 12,766 persons. In contrast, Pennsylvania's Black (+59,296) and Asian (+50,445) populations accounted for 74 percent of the growth over the last six years. Also, Asians, Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races have grown by more than twenty percent since 2000. Despite slow growth, Whites still comprise 86 percent of the total population in the commonwealth. (Table 1)

Among Pennsylvania counties, Philadelphia is home to the commonwealth's largest populations of Hispanics (149,752, or 29.6 percent of the total Hispanic population), Blacks (Alone- 664,672, or 50.4 percent of the total Black Alone population), and Asians (Alone- 76,604, or 27.7 percent of the Asian Alone population). Pennsylvania's Hispanic population is largely concentrated in the southeastern portion of the state, where the top ten counties in terms of Hispanic population are located. Hispanics in these counties account for 77.5 percent of the Latino population in the commonwealth.

Age and Sex

Several age groups have declined in population over the last six years. Pennsylvania's elderly population (65 years or older) has dropped by 26,318 persons (-1.4 percent) since 2000. The 25-44 age group experienced the largest population loss (-244,400 or -7.0 percent) while children (under 18) declined by 105,482, or 3.6 percent during this period. As of July 1, 2005, Allegheny County had the highest population of persons over 65 (212,350), but Sullivan county again had the highest proportion of the elderly (23.8 percent) and the highest median age (45.5). Centre was the youngest county in 2005 with a median age of 26.8 and just 10.9 percent of its population over age 65.

Pennsylvania remains one of the oldest states in the nation, ranking 3rd in percentage of persons 65 and over (15.2 percent) in 2005. The median age of all Pennsylvanians has increased from 38.0 to 39.5 since 2000.

As of July 1, 2005, the commonwealth's male (6,030,173) and female (6,399,443) populations stood at 48.5 percent and 51.5 percent of the total population, respectively. Among the elderly, the ratio shifts to 40.5 percent male, 59.5 percent female.

Methodology

The Census Bureau used a distributive cohort component method to develop the July 1, 2005 state estimates of the resident population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, for all of the nation's states and counties. Using previously developed resident state population estimates by age and sex, and resident national population estimates by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, the Census Bureau estimated the age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin distributions for each state by estimating post-censal change in the corresponding populations with a cohort component model. The distributions were then applied to the original state age-sex and national characteristics estimates.

For more information on the July 1, 2005 detailed county estimates, or to request custom data tables, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.772.2710.

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Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Population by Race Alone and Hispanic or Latino Origin for Pennsylvania: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005

Race (Alone) and Hispanic or Latino Origin	Population estimates		April 1, 2000	July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005 Percent Change	July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005 Numeric Change	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base to July 1, 2005 Percent Change	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base to July 1, 2005 Numeric Change
	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	Estimates base				
Total	12,429,616	12,394,471	12,281,054	0.3	35,145	1.2	148,562
One race	12,309,536	12,279,368	12,183,596	0.2	30,168	1.0	125,940
White	10,687,776	10,680,595	10,675,010	0.1	7,181	0.1	12,766
Black	1,318,245	1,305,359	1,258,949	1.0	12,886	4.7	59,296
AIAN	21,919	21,365	19,782	2.6	554	10.8	2,137
Asian	275,899	266,695	225,454	3.5	9,204	22.4	50,445
NHPI	5,697	5,354	4,401	6.4	343	29.4	1,296
Two or more races	120,080	115,103	97,458	4.3	4,977	23.2	22,622
HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN	506,084	480,328	394,088	5.4	25,756	28.4	111,996
One race	492,863	468,207	384,797	5.3	24,656	28.1	108,066
White	425,533	405,159	328,703	5.0	20,374	29.5	96,830
Black	54,997	51,840	47,327	6.1	3,157	16.2	7,670
AIAN	5,943	5,539	4,493	7.3	404	32.3	1,450
Asian	4,048	3,555	2,664	13.9	493	52.0	1,384
NHPI	2,342	2,114	1,610	10.8	228	45.5	732
Two or more races	13,221	12,121	9,291	9.1	1,100	42.3	3,930

(1) 'In combination' means in combination with one or more other races. The sum of the five race groups adds to more than the total population because individuals may report more than one race.

Note: The April 1, 2000 Population Estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population from the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions.

Abbreviations: Black = Black or African American; AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native; NHPI = Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

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