



# Research Brief

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## **U.S. Census Bureau Releases First 2010 Census Results: Pennsylvania Continues Modest Population Growth; Loses 1 House Seat**

PENN STATE HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania's population increased 3.4 percent since the last Decennial Census to 12,702,379 total persons, according to the official 2010 Census counts released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Commonwealth remains the sixth largest state in the nation. As a result of the 2010 Census results, the number of legislators representing Pennsylvania in the U.S. House of Representatives will decline for the tenth straight census, declining by one seat in Congress and reducing the state's total number to 18.

Today is the first release of 2010 Census data, and includes only the official national and state population counts, which are used to determine how many seats in the House of Representatives each state is entitled. The U.S. Constitution requires the U.S. Census Bureau to report these results to the President by December 31, 2010.

### **Apportionment**

The apportionment population total, which includes U.S. Armed Forces personnel and federal civilian employees stationed outside the United States (and their dependents living with them), determines which states gain or lose representation in Congress. Texas realized the biggest increase in congressional seats, gaining four seats. A total of eight states gained at least one seat, while twelve states lost one or more seats.

### **Highlights of the 2010 Census**

The population of the United States increased to a total of 308,745,538, an increase of 9.7 percent during the last decade. This growth-rate is well below the 13.2 percent increase from 1990 to 2000, and is the slowest rate since 1940. Among the states, Nevada experienced the most rapid population growth over the last decade for the second consecutive census, at 35.1 percent. Michigan was the sole state to experience population loss (-0.6 percent).

### **More 2010 Census to Come**

By April 1, 2011, the Director of the Census Bureau will, in accordance with Public Law (P.L.) 94-171, furnish the Governor and State legislative leaders with 2010 census population counts for state legislative districts, counties, municipalities, census tract, and other geographies. In addition to apportioning congressional seats and supporting each state's redistricting process, data from the 2010 Census will influence how much of the more than \$4 trillion of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2010

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. Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710 or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office at 717.948.6029.

**Table 1. Resident Population Change  
for the United States, 2000 to 2010**

<b>State</b>	<b>Census 2010</b>	<b>Census 2000</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of House Seats</b>	<b>Seats Lost or Gained</b>
United States	308,745,538	281,421,906	9.7%	435	-
Alabama	4,779,736	4,447,100	7.5%	7	0
Alaska	710,231	626,932	13.3%	1	0
Arizona	6,392,017	5,130,632	24.6%	9	+1
Arkansas	2,915,918	2,673,400	9.1%	4	0
California	37,253,956	33,871,648	10.0%	53	0
Colorado	5,029,196	4,301,261	16.9%	7	0
Connecticut	3,574,097	3,405,565	4.9%	5	0
Delaware	897,934	783,600	14.6%	1	0
District of Columbia*	601,723	572,059	5.2%	-	-
Florida	18,801,310	15,982,378	17.6%	27	+2
Georgia	9,687,653	8,186,453	18.3%	14	+1
Hawaii	1,360,301	1,211,537	12.3%	2	0
Idaho	1,567,582	1,293,953	21.1%	2	0
Illinois	12,830,632	12,419,293	3.3%	18	-1
Indiana	6,483,802	6,080,485	6.6%	9	0
Iowa	3,046,355	2,926,324	4.1%	4	-1
Kansas	2,853,118	2,688,418	6.1%	4	0
Kentucky	4,339,367	4,041,769	7.4%	6	0
Louisiana	4,533,372	4,468,976	1.4%	6	-1
Maine	1,328,361	1,274,923	4.2%	2	0
Maryland	5,773,552	5,296,486	9.0%	8	0
Massachusetts	6,547,629	6,349,097	3.1%	9	-1
Michigan	9,883,640	9,938,444	-0.6%	14	-1
Minnesota	5,303,925	4,919,479	7.8%	8	0
Mississippi	2,967,297	2,844,658	4.3%	4	0
Missouri	5,988,927	5,595,211	7.0%	8	-1
Montana	989,415	902,195	9.7%	1	0
Nebraska	1,826,341	1,711,263	6.7%	3	0
Nevada	2,700,551	1,998,257	35.1%	4	+1
New Hampshire	1,316,470	1,235,786	6.5%	2	0
New Jersey	8,791,894	8,414,350	4.5%	12	-1
New Mexico	2,059,179	1,819,046	13.2%	3	0
New York	19,378,102	18,976,457	2.1%	27	-2
North Carolina	9,535,483	8,049,313	18.5%	13	0
North Dakota	672,591	642,200	4.7%	1	0
Ohio	11,536,504	11,353,140	1.6%	16	-2
Oklahoma	3,751,351	3,450,654	8.7%	5	0
Oregon	3,831,074	3,421,399	12.0%	5	0
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>12,702,379</b>	<b>12,281,054</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-1</b>
Rhode Island	1,052,567	1,048,319	0.4%	2	0
South Carolina	4,625,364	4,012,012	15.3%	7	+1
South Dakota	814,180	754,844	7.9%	1	0
Tennessee	6,346,105	5,689,283	11.5%	9	0
Texas	25,145,561	20,851,820	20.6%	36	+4
Utah	2,763,885	2,233,169	23.8%	4	+1
Vermont	625,741	608,827	2.8%	1	0
Virginia	8,001,024	7,078,515	13.0%	11	0
Washington	6,724,540	5,894,121	14.1%	10	+1
West Virginia	1,852,994	1,808,344	2.5%	3	0
Wisconsin	5,686,986	5,363,675	6.0%	8	0
Wyoming	563,626	493,782	14.1%	1	0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2010

\* The District of Columbia does not have voting representation in Congress.