2020 Municipal Total Population Estimates Released

HARRISBURG - The U.S. Census Bureau has released July 1, 2020 population estimates for sub-county geographies including boroughs, townships, and cities. This release provides the tenth and final set of municipal estimates to be released by the Census Bureau since the 2010 Census. Please note that these data are not the final 2020 Census counts.
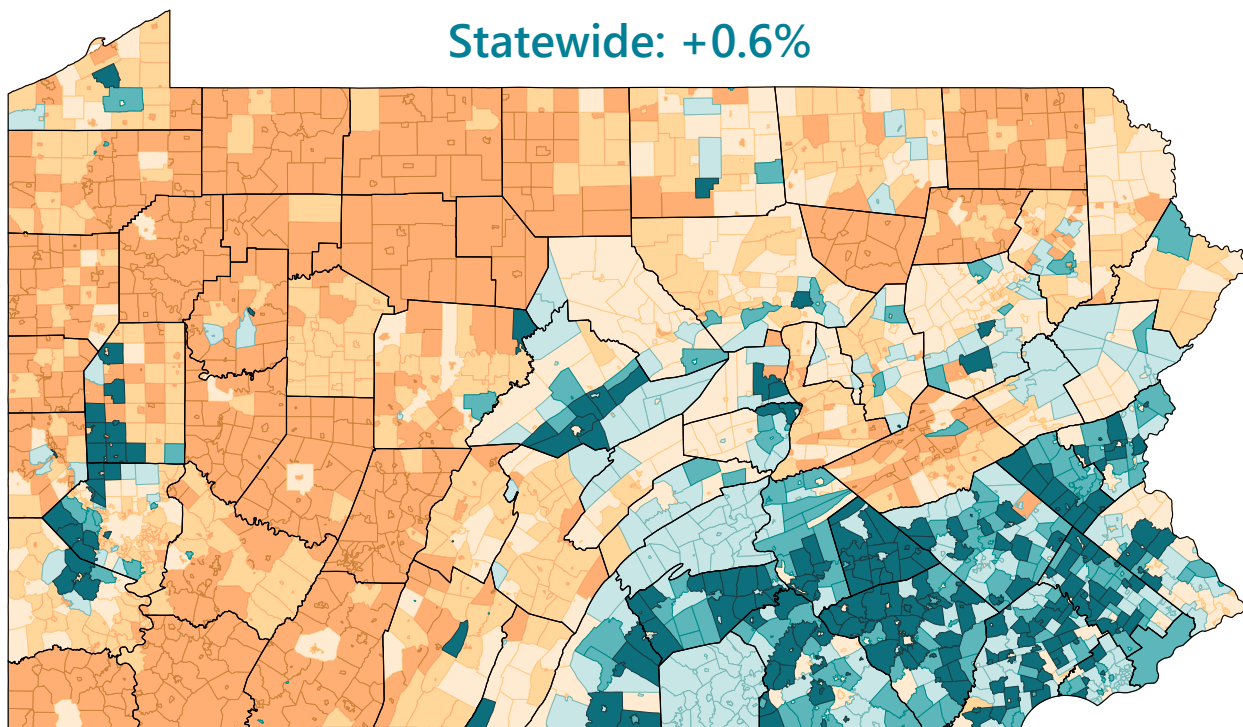
Just over a fifth (203) of boroughs across the state experienced an increase in population, while over three-quarters (754) experienced declines. Eleven boroughs had the same estimated population in 2010 and 2020. Among the boroughs with the greatest percentage change included Valencia borough in Butler County (+146.8%), East Bangor borough in Northampton County (+38.8%), and Connoquenessing borough in Butler County (+35.8%). Mansfield borough in Tioga County had the greatest percentage decrease (-18.1%) followed by Edinboro borough (-16.1%) and Driftwood borough in Cameron County (-14.9%).

——— Percent Change in Population, 2010 to 2020 ———

Change from 2010 Estimates Base to July 1, 2020 Estimate
*Note: **Not** the official 2020 Census Counts*

Statewide: +0.6%

Decrease under 2.5% (407)	Decrease 2.5% to 5.0% (586)	Decrease over 5.0% (771)
Increase under 2.5% (358)	Increase 2.5% to 5.0% (157)	Increase over 5.0% (231)

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A third (514) of townships across the state experienced an increase in population, while two-thirds (1,034) experienced losses. Ten townships had the same estimated population in 2010 and 2020. The townships with the greatest percentage change included Benner township in Centre County (+48.5%) and Ohio township (+44.0%) and Marshall township (42.9%) in Allegheny County. Cresson township in Cambria County had the greatest percentage decrease (-40.7%) followed by Allegheny Township (-21.3%) and Gibson Township (-16.5%).

Only eight cities experienced population growth since 2020, and, among them, four cities managed a population change above two percent or more: Philadelphia (3.3%), Bethlehem (+3.1%), Allentown (+2.8%), and Easton (+2.0%). Those with the most significant percentage losses included Lock Haven (-12.3%), Johnstown (-10.8%), and Oil City (-10.5%).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Population Estimates Division. 2020 Vintage Sub-County Population Estimates.

Notes: All population change calculations were made against the 2010 Population Estimates Base. Counties the same population in 2010 and 2020 may have had changes throughout the decade, but the net effect of those populations was zero at the decade end.

It is not appropriate to make comparisons across different vintage data sets. For example, the July 1, 2019 estimate in the 2020 vintage may differ from the July 1, 2019 estimate in the 2019 vintage. All comparisons and analyses should utilize a single vintage.

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