



# Research Brief

The Commonwealth's Official Source for Population and Economic Statistics

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## The PaSDC's New 2013 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure is Now Available

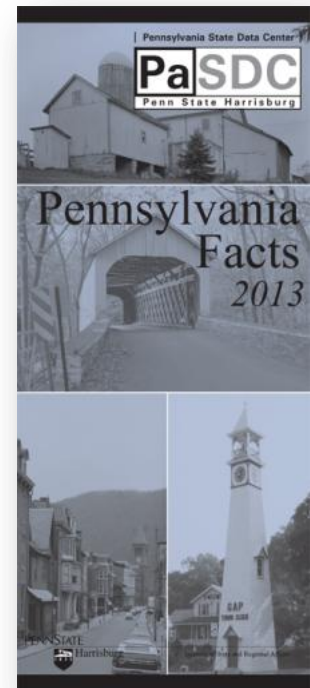
PENN STATE HARRISBURG - Did you know that there were more than 6.3 million Pennsylvanians in the civilian labor force in 2011? Or that Pennsylvania had 7.65 million acres of farmland during the same time period? These facts, and dozens more, are contained in the Pennsylvania State Data Center's new 2013 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure.

Pennsylvania Facts offers a quick, fun and informative overview of Pennsylvania's demographics. It contains information on Population (Pennsylvania's 2011 population estimate was 12,742,886), Economic facts (the median household income in 2011 was \$50,288), Employment and Housing (the median home value of owner-occupied units was \$164,800), and several other topics.

More than just numbers, the Pennsylvania Facts Brochure also highlights the basic facts about Pennsylvania and its government: the official state drink is milk, the state animal is the whitetail deer, the state motto is "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence" and Pennsylvania gained statehood on December 12, 1787, making the Commonwealth the second state in the union.

### Highlights from the 2013 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure:

- Pennsylvania is the sixth-largest state economy in the nation.
- Nearly three-quarters (74.0 percent) of Pennsylvania's residents were born in the state.
- Pennsylvania's Gross State Product in 2011 was \$578.8 billion.
- Pennsylvania has 18 Congressional seats and two Senators for a total of 20 electoral votes.
- There are 67 counties and 2,562 municipalities in Pennsylvania.
- Of Pennsylvanians aged 25 or older in 2011, 88.6 percent had a high-school diploma, while 27.0 percent had a Bachelor's Degree or higher.
- The largest industry employer in the Commonwealth was the Health Care and Social Assistance industry, employing 911,246 Pennsylvanians in 2011.



The cover of the 2013 Pennsylvania Facts brochure contains a collage of historical images of Pennsylvania locations and residents from the Library of Congress. Images include the Gap Town Clock in Lancaster County, the Loux Covered Bridge in Bucks County, a large barn in Berks County, a photo looking north on Broadway in Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, and young men taking in a baseball game in Huntingdon County.

### **Other Fun Facts:**

- The top five birth names for males in 2010 were: Jacob, Michael, Mason, Logan and Ethan. The top five birth names for females in 2010 were: Isabella, Sophia, Emma, Olivia and Ava.
- The median duration of a current marriage in Pennsylvania was 21.8 years in 2011.
- The lowest geographic point is sea level (Delaware River). The highest is 3,213 feet (Mount Davis) Somerset County.
- Pennsylvania has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest number of colleges and universities in the United States.

Limited quantities of the 2013 Pennsylvania Facts brochure are available free of charge, upon request: call the Data Center at 717-772-2710 or email at: [PaSDC@psu.edu](mailto:PaSDC@psu.edu).

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.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census Summary File 1, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2011 Detailed State and County Population Estimates, 2011 American Community Survey; Bureau of Economic Analysis; Department of Agriculture; PA Departments of Community and Economic Development; Education; Transportation; and Labor and Industry; 2011 Pennsylvania Abstract; 2011 County Data Book Series

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