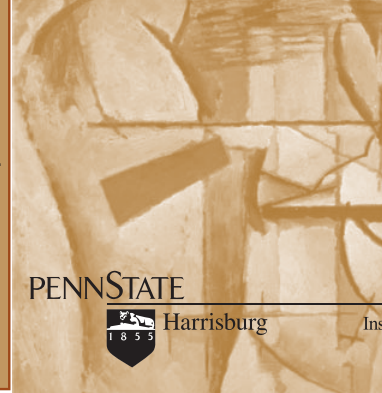


# Pennsylvania Facts

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## POPULATION

July 1st, 2007 Estimated .....	12,432,792
April 1st, 2000 Census .....	12,281,054
Population Rank Among States .....	6th
Estimated Persons per Square Mile .....	277

- July 1st, 2006 estimated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate Division

	Number	Percent
Males .....	6,047,537	48.6
Females .....	6,393,084	51.4
White (alone) .....	10,660,136	85.7
Black or African American (alone) ..	1,336,278	10.7
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (alone) ..	24,077	0.2
Asian (alone) .....	292,507	2.4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (alone) ..	5,446	-
Two or more races .....	122,177	1.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) .....	526,976	4.2

	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years of Age .....	724,687	5.8
Age 5-17 .....	2,080,186	16.7
Age 18 and Over .....	9,635,748	77.5
Age 65 and Over .....	1,885,323	15.2
Age 85 and Over .....	294,824	2.4

Net Natural Increase (2006-07) .....	18,676
Net Migration Rate (2006-07) .....	0.8/1,000
Median Age * .....	39.6 years
Foreign born * .....	636,567
Residents Born in PA * .....	75.6%

- Pennsylvania's average family size is 3.07 people. \* (2006)

## ECONOMIC

Median Household Income * .....	\$46,259
Median Family Income * .....	\$58,148
Per Capita Personal Income .....	\$34,937
Number of Persons in Poverty * .....	1,448,228
Poverty Rate * .....	12.1%
Gross State Product (2006) .....	\$510 billion

- Pennsylvania ranks 5th in terms of the percent of its households with retirement income. \*

\* Estimated data from the 2006 American Community Survey.

## POLITICAL OFFICES (2007)

Governor .....	Edward G. Rendell
Lieutenant Governor .....	Catherine Baker Knoll
U.S. Senators .....	Arlen Specter, Bob Casey Jr.
U.S. Representatives .....	19
PA General Assembly ....	50 Senators, 203 Representatives
App. Persons Per State Representative (2007) .....	61,245
App. Persons Per State Senator (2007) .....	248,655
Electoral Votes .....	21

## BASIC FACTS

Nickname .....	Keystone State
Motto .....	Virtue, Liberty, and Independence
Flag .....	A blue field on which is embroidered the State Coat of Arms
Gained Statehood .....	December 12, 1787
Capital .....	Harrisburg
Counties .....	67
Municipalities .....	2,563
State Animal .....	Whitetail Deer
State Bird .....	Ruffed Grouse
State Flower .....	Mountain Laurel
State Tree .....	Hemlock
State Dog .....	Great Dane
State Fish .....	Brook Trout
State Insect .....	Firefly
State Beverage .....	Milk
State Fossil .....	Phacops Rana
State Flagship .....	U.S. Brig Niagara

## TRANSPORTATION

Miles in Highway System .....	120,667 miles
Average travel time to work * .....	25 minutes

- 69 railroads, 5,100 miles of railways (5th in U.S.)
- 134 public-use airports and 6 international airports
- Port of Pittsburgh is the 2nd largest inland port in the U.S.
- 76.4% of workers drove to work alone, 9.9% carpooled, 5.2% used public transportation, 0.3% used a bicycle, 0.9% used other means, 4.1% walked and 3.2% worked from home \*
- 54.9% of households have 2 or more vehicles. \*

## FUN FACTS

### EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Number in Civilian Labor Force (2006) .....	6,306,000
Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed (2006) ....	4.7%
Total Estimated Housing Units * .....	5,453,647
Total Households * .....	4,845,603
Number of Family Households * .....	3,174,335
Home Ownership Rate * .....	71.7%
Single Family Units * .....	76.6%
Mobile Homes * .....	4.5%
Majority Home Heating Source * .....	Utility Gas
Median Gross Rent * .....	\$664
Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage * .....	62.7%
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing * ....	\$145,200

- 65,680 owner-occupied housing units in Pennsylvania lacked any telephone service in 2006.\*

### BUDGET AND TAXES

State Budget (2005-06) .....	\$53.6 billion
State General Fund Expenditures (2006) ....	\$39.6 billion
State General Fund Revenue (2005-06) ....	\$25.9 billion
Net Indebtedness (2006) .....	\$9.6 billion

- The Pennsylvania Lottery generated \$3.1 billion in gross income in fiscal year 2006.

- There were 682 public libraries in Pennsylvania in 2004-2005, employing 1,204 professional librarians. There were 333,000 Pennsylvania residents without public library service during the same time.
- The most popular field of study in Pennsylvania colleges and universities is Business and Marketing, with 16,164 Bachelor's Degrees conferred between 2005 and 2006.

- Hannah Callowhill Penn, wife of Pennsylvania founder William Penn, administered the colony of Pennsylvania from 1712-1726, during her husband's illness and after his death. She was the only woman to control a British colony for so long.
- In 2006, attendance totaled 35,641,692 at Pennsylvania State Parks and Environmental Education Centers.

### EDUCATION

High School Graduate or higher * .....	86.2%, age 25 +
Bachelor's Degree or higher * .....	25.4%, age 25 +
Total Public School Enrollment (2006-07).....	1,821,383
Total Non-Public Enrollment (2006-07).....	274,152
Drop-Out Rate (2005-06) .....	1.9%
Home schooled students (2004-05) .....	23,287
Public School College bound (2005-06).....	72.1%
Average Math SAT Score (2005-06).....	500
Average Verbal SAT Score (2005-06).....	493
Average Teacher Salary (2004-05) .....	\$54,707
• 9.6% of Pennsylvania's population 25 years and older have a graduate or professional degree.	

### INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Total Business Estab. (2006) .....	319,047
Number of Manufacturing Estab. (2006) .....	16,201
Professional, Scientific, Technical Estab. (2006) .....	33,289
Largest Industry Employer (2006) .....	Health Care & Social Assistance
Number of Employees .....	827,746
Farms (2006).....	58,200
Land in Farms (2006) .....	7,650,000 acres
Estimated Value of Agricultural Production	
Crops, incl. Fruits & Vegetables (2006).....	\$3.9 billion
Livestock, Poultry, & Products (2006) .....	\$2.9 billion
Top Agricultural Commodity (2006).....	Milk Production
Value (2006) .....	\$1.6 billion
U.S. Rank (2006) .....	5th

### HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate (2006-07) .....	11.8/1,000
Mortality Rate (2006-07) .....	10.3/1,000
• 49th lowest rate of natural increase (births minus deaths) nationally.	
• Top five birth names for males (2005): Michael, Jacob, Matthew, Ryan, and Nicholas	
• Top five birth names for females (2005): Emily, Madison, Emma, Olivia, and Abigail	

### GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Lowest Geographic Point... Sea Level (Delaware River)	
Highest Geographic Point .....	3,213' (Somerset Co.)
Average Yearly Precipitation .....	41"
Land Area (sq. mi.) .....	44,817
Water Area (sq. mi.) .....	1,239
• Pennsylvania is bordered by Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia.	

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