



Tipsheet

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Data Available from the Pennsylvania State Data Center and the U.S. Census Bureau

The Pennsylvania State Data Center (PaSDC) has provided data products and services to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for over two decades. Our services include publications like the Pennsylvania Abstract and the County Data Book series, and statistical and thematic mapping services. But did you know that the PaSDC also answers hundreds of questions every month on topics as far ranging as agriculture statistics, population estimates, and commuter flows?

Below is a list of custom data requests the PaSDC recently responded to and where the data can be found. Also included is information on recent and forthcoming publications. Census Bureau data can be extracted and customized by the PaSDC to fit your particular need. If you are in need of a custom report, please contact the PaSDC at 717.948.6336 or email PaSDC@psu.edu.

Q: What is the most recent estimate of Pennsylvania's minority population?

A: According to the **2007 Population Estimates**, the minority population in Pennsylvania in 2007 was 2,264,554 people, representing 18.2 percent of the total population. The minority population is calculated by taking the total population and subtracting the population that is White alone (for race), and not Hispanic or Latino (for ethnicity). The U.S. Census Bureau releases annual population estimates for states, counties, and municipalities, and includes age, sex and race details for states and counties. You can access population estimate data online at American FactFinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>), or from the main Population Estimate Program home page, at <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>. Read the PaSDC's Research Brief, summarizing the most recent release of estimates data online at http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB050108_Est.pdf.

Q: How many people in Pennsylvania do not have Health Insurance?

A: According to the **Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)**, there were 1,193,079 people in Pennsylvania who lacked health insurance in 2000. SAHIE data is created by the U.S. Census Bureau, and uses both Current Population Survey (CPS) data and Census 2000 data as inputs to a model-based estimate. You can find more information about the SAHIE data online at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/sahie/index.html>, and create customized data tables at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/sahie/data.html>. Data is available for states and counties, and includes some limited age breakdowns. Need help in creating a customized table? Contact the PaSDC at PaSDC@psu.edu or 717.948.6336.

Did you know:

Pennsylvania's official state fish is the Brook Trout?
Find this, and many other interesting tidbits in the new **Pennsylvania Facts 2008**.
Impress your friends and neighbors! Available free upon request!

RECENT RESEARCH BRIEFS:

2007 Detailed State Population Estimates Released

http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB050108_Est.pdf

Pennsylvania Receives \$103.3 Billion in Federal Funds, 5th Highest in Nation

http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB050108_CFFR.pdf

Q: How much money does Pennsylvania receive from the Federal Government?

A: According to the **2006 Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)**, recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania received **\$103,264,744,846** (\$103.3 billion) in direct expenditures and obligations in 2006. Of that, \$36.4 billion went towards retirement and disability payments, \$20.2 billion went towards grants, and \$6.9 billion went towards salaries and wages. The CFFR data includes details on expenditures by program, and includes county-level detail. More information, including downloadable data, can be found online at <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html>. Read the PaSDC's summary of the 2006 CFFR release at [http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data and information/briefs/RB050108_CFFR.pdf](http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data%20and%20information/briefs/RB050108_CFFR.pdf)

Q: What is the poverty rate in Pennsylvania?

A: According to the 2006 American Community Survey, the poverty rate in Pennsylvania was 12.1 percent, slightly lower than the national average of 13.3 percent. Detailed socio-economic statistics on Pennsylvania, and many of its counties, can be found in the American Community Survey (ACS). You can access ACS data online through American FactFinder, at <http://factfinder.census.gov/>.

Q: How many food and beverage stores were there in Philadelphia County in 2006?

A: In 2006, there were **920 establishments** in the Food and Beverage Store industry in Philadelphia, according to the new ***Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2002-2006***. This represents a 4.3 percent decline in the number of establishments in that industry over the previous year. Produced in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP), the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis and the Team Pennsylvania Foundation, the ***Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2002-2006*** analyzes changes in employment and business establishments by industry group. Both state- and county-level data is provided, broken down by NAICS code, at the three-digit level. Available in print or on CD-ROM. The CD edition includes the full publication in PDF format, as well as corresponding Excel files, for copying and customized data analysis. Now available: go to <http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/> and click on *eStore*.

Q: How can I learn about data tools like American FactFinder, and the organization of the Decennial Census?

A: The PaSDC's **Census Data Workshops** are a great opportunity to learn the basics of Census and other demographic data. They provide all the hands-on instruction in the fundamentals of U.S. Census Bureau data sources and data tools, like American FactFinder. These workshops are held monthly: find the most current schedule online at <http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu>. The workshops cover the Decennial Census, American Community Survey, Population Estimates and Projections, and much more!

Workshops: Check online for a new list of 2008 dates!

For more information or to register for a workshop, visit:

http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/census_2000/Census2000Workshops.html

Custom Reports - The PaSDC can provide more than just data; we are able to create charts, graphs, and maps. Our custom projects, including thematic maps can display data variables from Census 2000, the American Community Survey, Population Estimates, and the Economic Census at a variety of geographic levels. To have a customized map or report created for a specific data item of interest, contact PaSDC at 717-948-6336 for more information.

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