



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 such as the Pennsylvania Abstract and the County Data Book series, and statistical and thematic mapping services. But did you know that the PaSDC also answers hundred 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 county has the largest proportion of persons 65 or older?

A: Sullivan County had the largest proportion of its population 65 or older, at 24.0 percent, according to the **2008 County Population Estimates**, released by the U.S. Census Bureau, 1,467 people in total. The Population Estimates program creates yearly estimates of the national, state, county and municipal populations, including race age and sex breakouts for the county level and above. Estimates are released throughout the year, and updated 2008 municipal demographic estimates were recently released. You can find more information about the Population Estimates online at: <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>.

NEW RELEASE! PaSDC is now shipping the 2009 *County Data Book* series. The *County Data Book* series is a comprehensive look at each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, with detail for each of the municipalities in that county.

Find out more, and order online: visit <http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/> and click on *eStore*.

Q: What industry sector has the most large employer business establishments (1,000 or more employees)?

A: The **Healthcare and Social Assistance** industry sector had the largest number of establishments that employed 1,000 or more employees, according to the **2006 County Business Patterns**. County Business Patterns are one of the Census Bureau's annual economic surveys, conducted more frequently than the twice-per-decade Economic Census. From County Business Patterns, you can find the number of establishments, employees, and payroll for many industry categories, at the state or county level. ZIP code statistics are also available. View County Business Patterns data online at: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>.

Did you know:

There are 121,581 miles of road in Pennsylvania's highway system?
Find this, and many other interesting tidbits in the new **Pennsylvania Facts 2009**.
Impress your friends and neighbors! Available free upon request!

RECENT RESEARCH BRIEFS:

Census Bureau Releases 2008 Population Estimates for Cities, Boroughs and Townships
http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB070109.pdf

New 2008 Census Estimates Include Age, Race and Ethnicity Data for Pennsylvania and its Counties
http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB051409.pdf

Q: What is the Median Household Income for Adams County?

A: According to the **2005-2007 American Community Survey**, the median household income in Adams County was \$52,616 in 2005-2007. You can find population, housing, and socio-economic statistics from the American Community Survey and Decennial Census at the U.S. Census Bureau's web site at <http://www.census.gov>. All ACS data, as well as 2000 and 1990 Decennial Census data are available online, using American FactFinder, the Census Bureau's online data tool (<http://factfinder.census.gov/>). You can also contact the PaSDC to help you locate and interpret Census data: call us at 717.948-6336.

Q: Where can I find information about the latest developments in Census 2010 operations?

A: The Census bureau's main clearinghouse for information about the upcoming 2010 Decennial Census is the Census 2010 web site, at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>. The web site includes the latest news and events, promotional materials, and information about helping to make sure your community gets the most accurate count possible. You can also find information about Census Bureau jobs available as part of the census operations. Also consult the PaSDC's official Pennsylvania Census 2010 site, at <http://pacensus2010.org/>

Q: Where can I find detailed statistics on Pennsylvania and its counties?

A: The PaSDC's **Pennsylvania Abstract** is a comprehensive statistical factbook, containing a wealth of reference material on population, socio-economics, the economy, business and government, and dozens of other topics. With more than 200 tables of easy-to-find information, the *Abstract* is filled with the most-current available data for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and each of its 67 counties. It is updated annually with new information and contains reference maps, a comprehensive index and a wealth of data from the Census Bureau and dozens of other contributors.

2009 edition coming soon!

Q: How can I learn about the fundamentals of Census Bureau geography and data tools?

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 2009 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 or PaSDC@psu.edu for more information.

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