

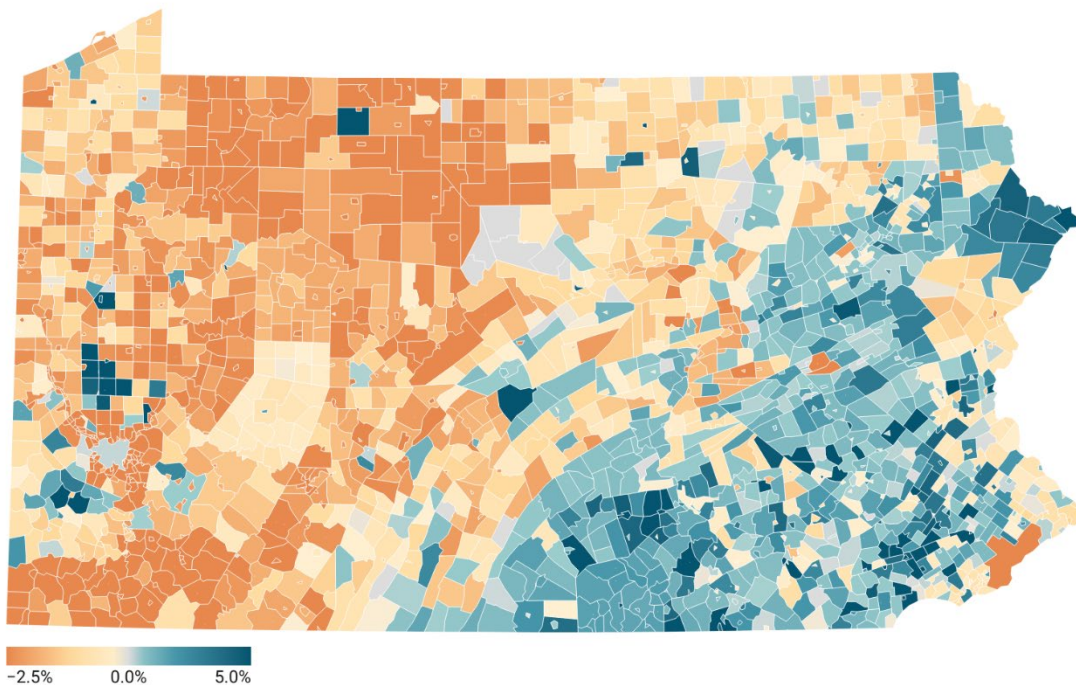
2023 Municipality Total Population Estimates Released

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau released today 2023 estimates of the total population at the municipal level. Population estimates are calculated using administrative records to estimate total population as of July 1, 2023.

A total of 797 municipalities in Pennsylvania experienced an increase in population between the 2020 population estimate base (hereafter 2020) and the July 1, 2023 population estimate (hereafter 2023). A total of 65 municipalities were population neutral between 2020 and 2023 while 1,710 municipalities declined in total population.

Percent Change in Pennsylvania Municipalities

Change from 2020 Estimates Base to July 1, 2023 Population Estimate



Map: PA State Data Center • Source: US Census Bureau • Created with Datawrapper

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The tables below show the top five municipalities (with populations over 2,500 as of the 2023 Population Estimates Base) that experience the greatest increase or decrease in population based on numeric difference and percent change.

Municipalities that experienced the greatest **numeric increase** included:

Bethlehem city	Northampton County	+2,338	(+4.2%)
Carlisle borough	Cumberland County	+2,226	(+11.1%)
Hampden township	Cumberland County	+2,159	(+6.6%)
Upper Macungie township	Lehigh County	+2,116	(+8.0%)
Upper Merion township	Montgomery County	+2,085	(+6.2%)

Municipalities that experienced the greatest percentage increase included:

Westfall township	Pike County	+32.3%	(+820)
Wind Gap borough	Northampton County	+27.6%	(+780)
Slippery Rock township	Butler County	+25.4%	(+1,709)
Lancaster township	Butler County	+24.3%	(+667)
Gettysburg borough	Adams County	+19.1%	(+1,360)

Municipalities that experienced the greatest numeric decrease included:

Philadelphia city	Philadelphia County	-53,251	(-3.3%)
Erie city	Erie County	-1,895	(-2.0%)
Decatur township	Clearfield County	-1,637	(-35.9%)
Penn Hills township	Allegheny County	-1,416	(-3.5%)
Altoona city	Blair County	-1,185	(-2.7%)

Municipalities that experienced the greatest percentage decrease included:

Decatur township	Clearfield County	-35.9%	(-1,637)
California borough	Washington County	-13.5%	(-724)
Jenks township	Forest County	-10.8%	(-416)
Cambridge Springs borough	Crawford County	-10.1%	(-262)
Kelly township	Union County	-9.9%	(-398)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Population Estimates Division. 2023 Vintage Sub-County Population Estimates.

Notes: All population change calculations were made against the 2020 Population Estimates Base. Counties having the same population in 2020 and 2023 may have had changes throughout the year, but the net effect of those populations was zero at the year end.

It is not appropriate to make comparisons across different vintage data sets. For example, the July 1, 2020 estimate in the 2023 vintage may differ from the July 1, 2020 estimate in the 2020 vintage. All comparisons and analyses should utilize a single vintage.

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.

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