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2010 Census Summary File 2 Released for Pennsylvania: Puerto Ricans Make Up the Largest Hispanic Group

PENN STATE HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau today released the 2010 Census Summary File 2 (SF-2) for Pennsylvania. SF-2 differs from previous data releases from the 2010 Census by adding a new layer of detail to the population and housing subjects derived from the 2010 Census questionnaire.

Specifically, today's release provides tables and cross-tabulations relating to age, sex, households, families, housing tenure status and group quarters for up to 331 different race and ethnic groups, including race alone groups, race alone or in combination groups, multiple-race combinations, American Indian and Alaska Native tribal groupings, detailed Asian groups, detailed Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander groups, detailed Hispanic groups, and race/Hispanic groups. Data from the file is available for Pennsylvania counties, municipalities, census tracts and other census geographic areas.

Hispanic Ethnic Groups

Prior to the release of SF-2, data users could only obtain general population and housing data collected in the 2010 Census for all people reporting Hispanic ethnicity in Pennsylvania; however, with today's release data for specific Hispanic groups can be accessed. According to the data, Puerto Rican was the largest of all Hispanic ethnic groups in Pennsylvania. In 2010, a total of 366,082 Puerto Ricans lived in Pennsylvania, representing just over half (50.9 percent) of all Hispanics. Mexicans were the next largest Hispanic group (129,568, or 18.0 percent), followed by Dominican (62,348 or 8.7 percent) and Cuban (17,930 or 2.5 percent) (see Table 1.).

Hispanic Group	Population	Percent
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	719,660	100.0%
Puerto Rican	366,082	50.9%
Mexican	129,568	18.0%
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	62,348	8.7%
Cuban	17,930	2.5%
Colombian	16,525	2.3%
Guatemalan	11,462	1.6%
Ecuadorian	10,680	1.5%
Spaniard	8,554	1.2%
Salvadoran	7,952	1.1%
Peruvian	7,783	1.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2



Pennsylvania's Puerto Rican Population

The demographic characteristics of the Puerto Rican population contrast with those of the state's population overall. Puerto Ricans had a much lower median age than the state's total population (23.8 years compared to 40.1 years) in 2010. In terms of household type, Puerto Ricans had a larger percent of single female-headed households with their own children (23.5 percent) than both the total for all Hispanics (19.1 percent) and the state overall (6.5 percent). Only 40.3 percent of Puerto Rican occupied housing units were owner occupied in 2010. This figure is much lower than the homeownership rate of the total population (69.6 percent) (see Table 2.)

Philadelphia County has the greatest number of Puerto Ricans in Pennsylvania with a total of 121,643 in 2010. This represented slightly more than a third (33.2 percent) of the Commonwealth's total Puerto Rican population. Puerto Ricans in Philadelphia County were also the largest Hispanic group, accounting for nearly two-thirds (64.8 percent) of all Hispanics in the county. Overall, Puerto Ricans comprised more than half of the Hispanic population in 15 Pennsylvania counties in 2010.

Lehigh County had the second largest Puerto Rican population in Pennsylvania (37,980), followed by Berks (36,333) and Lancaster (30,403).

Table 2. Select Demographic Characteristics for the Puerto Rican Population, Pennsylvania: 2010			
Subject	Total Population	All Hispanics	Puerto Rican
SEX BY AGE			
Total population	12,702,379	719,660	366,082
Under 5 years	5.7	11.1	11.6
Under 18 years	22.0	36.2	39.0
18 to 64 years	62.6	59.6	56.7
65 years and over	15.4	4.2	4.3
Median age (years)	40.1	25.2	23.8
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE			
Total households	5,018,904	195,546	105,508
Husband-wife family	48.2	38.3	33.1
With own children under 18 years	18.3	23.2	18.5
Male householder, no wife present	4.6	9.2	8.5
With own children under 18 years	2.2	5.0	5.0
Female householder, no husband present	12.2	26.7	33.0
With own children under 18 years	6.5	19.1	23.5
HOUSING TENURE			
Occupied housing units	5,018,904	195,546	105,508
Owner-occupied housing units	69.6	42.4	40.3
Renter-occupied housing units	30.4	57.6	59.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2

More about Summary File 2

For Pennsylvania, detailed data from today's release of Summary File 2 is available for counties, municipalities and census tracts. Other geographies included in Summary File 2 include ZIP code tabulation areas and metropolitan statistical areas. The presentation of SF-2 data tables for any of the 331 population groups is subject to a population threshold of 100 or more people. That is, if there are fewer than 100 people in a specific population group in a specific geographic area, their population and housing characteristics data are not available for that geographic area in SF-2. To access data tables from the 2010 Census Summary File 2 visit U.S. Census Bureau's online data dissemination tool, American FactFinder, at: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's expert in demographics and Census datasets. To request custom 2010 Census data tables or maps, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.948.6336.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2

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