Two publications now available!

Pennsylvania Abstract: 2017

The 2017 edition of the Pennsylvania Abstract: A Statistical Fact Book is now available. The Abstract is the most comprehensive compendium of facts and figures about the Commonwealth and all 67 counties. Topics include population, industry, quality of life, and much more.

Visit us online at our eStore to place your order today!

Pennsylvania Facts: 2017

The 2017 edition of the PaSDC’s fun and informative Pennsylvania Facts brochure is also now available! The brochure offers a quick, but concise look at Pennsylvania demographics, socioeconomics, and other fun facts. It is ideal for businesses, legislative offices, state agencies, educational institutions, libraries, and many other organizations.

Call 717.948.6336 or email PaSDC@psu.edu to order your copies.

Speaker announcement!

The PaSDC is proud to announce that Dr. Kristofer “Bret” Bucklen, Chief of Research, Evaluation, and Projections for the Bureau of Planning in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, will be giving a talk on how the Department of Corrections used data in their recent prison closing decision.

The 2017 Pennsylvania Data User Conference is scheduled for May 9th at Penn State Harrisburg in Middletown, PA. The PaSDC’s Annual Data User Conference serves as the state’s most comprehensive single-day forum for research and developments in demographic data. The campus offers a number of advantages, including proximity to downtown Harrisburg, Amtrak Keystone Service and plenty of on-site parking and nearby accommodations.

More details to come soon!
Recent Research Briefs

Exploring the Commonwealth’s Asian Population

According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, from 2010 to 2015 the Asian alone population of Pennsylvania increased from 332,435 to 392,595, an increase of about 18.1 percent- much larger than the state’s general population growth of 1.3 percent during that time. The two largest subgroups within the Asian alone population are Asian Indian and Chinese with significant representation among the Vietnamese, Korean, and Filipino groups.

For more information about Asian alone population of Pennsylvania and the ethnic subgroups that comprise it, click here.

Map of the Month

Visit our website to view the current and past Maps of the Month.
New from the U.S. Census Bureau

2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Products
Several new products including the 2011-2015 Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files, 2011-2015 Variance Replicate Estimates, and the Puerto Rico Community Survey are now available:

- The PUMS files provide a 5 percent sample of the U.S. population for users to create their own tabulations.
- The 2011-2015 Variance Replicate Estimates provide expanded versions of 106 detailed tables and is intended for advanced users who want to calculate the margins of error when aggregating across geographies or collapsing categories within tables.

Statistics of U.S. Businesses: 2013 to 2014 Employment Change Data
This table set includes number of establishments and corresponding employment change for births, deaths, expansions and contractions from 2013 to 2014. The data are tabulated by geographic area, industry and enterprise employment size.

2015 American Housing Survey Statistics for Selected Metropolitan Areas
This release includes summary tables for the 15 largest metropolitan areas and 10 additional metropolitan areas. The 2015 American Housing Survey examined many characteristics, including:

- Housing costs for owners and renters
- Remodeling and repair frequency
- Reasons for moving
- Food insecurity
- Health and safety hazards in the home
- Use of housing counseling services


Looking Forward

Stay tuned for more publications later this month!

This month’s Research Brief will focus on the origins of Pennsylvania’s residents aged 65 years or over. Check out our map of the month to see how Pennsylvania’s aging population compares to the nation.

Catch up on previous briefs here.

Project Spotlight

The Pennsylvania State Data Center has partnered with the United Way, Pinnacle Health, and other local organizations to create Community Dashboards titled “Life in the Capital Region.” The dashboards provide data on nearly 100 key indicators of health, education, income, and more.

Explore the data here!