Over 9.0% of PA’s 75+ population have incomes at or below poverty level

Approximately 9.2 percent of Pennsylvania’s 75-and-over population had incomes at or below the poverty line according to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey estimates, lower than the national average of 10.5 percent. The percentage of those 75-and-over with incomes at or below the poverty line fell below the percentage of persons of all ages in Pennsylvania who are at or below the poverty line (13.1%). Twenty-six (26) counties had rates above the state average. Philadelphia (18.5%) ranked highest among Pennsylvania counties by percentage followed by Wyoming (13.7%) and Columbia (12.4%). Counties with the lowest percentage of their 75-and-over populations in poverty included Forest (2.8%), Pike (4.5%), and Cumberland (4.9%).

The American FactFinder tool from the United States Census Bureau provides data from the 5-Year American Community Survey. For more information, visit: https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml.

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Pennsylvanians without HS diplomas make up greater share of minimum wage earners

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Pennsylvania’s minimum wage workforce has achieved less educational attainment when compared to the nation, according to data from the Department of Labor & Industry’s Center for Workforce and Analysis. Their report on the minimum wage workforce in 2018 showed that a greater percentage of minimum wage workers in Pennsylvania (35.1%) have no high school diploma than minimum workers across the nation (19.5%). This is offset by a smaller percentage of minimum wage workers in Pennsylvania who have had some college education (16.2%) than minimum wage workers across the nation (27.4%).

The Minimum Wage Report release from the Department of Labor & Industry’s Center for Workforce Information and Analysis provides minimum wage data for Pennsylvania. For more information, visit: https://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx

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

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