Population

July 1, 2015 Estimate 12,802,503
April 1, 2010 Census 12,702,379
Population Rank Among States 6th
Estimated Persons per Square Mile 286

July 1, 2015 estimated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Division

Males 6,264,374 48.9%
Females 6,538,129 51.1%
White* 9,908,594 77.4%
Black or African American* 1,373,592 10.7%
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native* 18,078 0.1%
Asian* 426,212 3.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander* 3,630 0.0%
Two or more races 200,011 1.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) 872,386 6.8%
Under 5 Years of Age 714,919 5.6%
Age 5-17 1,975,355 15.4%
Age 18 and Over 10,112,229 79.0%
Age 65 and Over 2,179,788 17.0%
Age 85 and Over 2,179,788 2.6%
Net Natural Increase 75,417
Net Migration Increase 32,402
Foreign Born 837,159
Residents Born in PA 72.9%
Median Age (years) 40.7
*Race alone, non-Hispanic

Pennsylvania ranks 4th nationally in the percentage of its population born in their state of current residence, behind only LA, MI and OH.

Economics

$70,194 Median Family Income
$55,702 Median Household Income
$49,745 Per Capita Personal Income (BEA)

Number of Persons in Poverty 1,629,995
Poverty Rate 13.2%
Gross State Product (1st qtr. 2016) $709.6 billion

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Government

Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
U.S. Senators Robert Casey Jr., Patrick Toomey
U.S. Representatives 18
PA General Assembly 50 Senators 203 Representatives
Persons per State Representative 63,067
Persons per State Senator 256,050
Electoral Votes 20

Basic Facts

Nickname Keystone State
Motto Virtue, Liberty, and Independence
Flag State Coat of Arms on a blue field
Gained Statehood December 12, 1787
Capital Harrisburg
Counties 67
Municipalities 2,561
State Animal Whitetail Deer
State Bird Ruffed Grouse
State Flower Mountain Laurel
State Tree Hemlock
State Dog Great Dane
State Fish Brook Trout
State Insect Firefly
State Beverage Milk
State Fossil Phacops Rana
State Flagship U.S. Brig Niagara

Transportation

Miles in Highway System (2015) 120,091 miles
Average travel time to work 26.8 minutes

- Pennsylvania is ranked 9th among the states in the proportion of its workforce that commutes via public transportation (5.7%).
- 76.3% of workers drove to work alone, 8.5% carpooled, 5.7% used public transportation, 3.9% walked, 1.3% used other means, 4.2% worked from home.
- 54.8% of households have two or more vehicles. Trucks accounted for 37.1% of all vehicle miles traveled on Pennsylvania interstates in 2015.

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### Employment and Housing

- **Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2015):** 6,522,000
- **Percent Unemployed (Sept 2015):** 5.7%
- **Total Housing Units:** 5,603,051
- **Total Households:** 4,956,037
- **Number of Family Households:** 3,204,295
- **Home Ownership Rate:** 68.7%
- **Single Family Units:** 75.7%
- **Mobile Homes:** 4.0%
- **Majority Home Heating Source:** Utility Gas (51.4%)
- **Median Gross Rent:** $868
- **Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage:** 60.6%
- **Median Value Owner-Occupied Housing:** $170,600

Pennsylvania ranks 6th among states and the District of Columbia in the proportion of housing units built in 1939 or earlier (26.7%).

### Health Insurance

- **93.6%** with Any Health Insurance Coverage
- **59.0%** with Public Coverage
- **20.1%** with Private Coverage
- **14.5%** with Both Public and Private
- **6.4%** Lacking Health Insurance

### Education

- **High School Graduate or higher:** 89.7%, Age 25+
- **Bachelor’s Degree or higher:** 29.7%, Age 25+
- **Total Public School Enrollment (2015-16):** 1,731,588
- **Total Non-Public Enrollment (2014-15):** 253,929
- **Drop-Out Rate (2014-15):** 1.45%
- **Avg. Classroom Teacher Salary (2015-16):** $65,205
- **Public School College Bound (2014-15):** 504
- **Average Critical Reading SAT Score (2014-15):** 499
- **Average Writing SAT Score (2014-15):** 482

Pennsylvania has the 4th largest number of colleges and universities in the United States.

### Industry and Agriculture

- **Total Business Estab. (1st qtr. 2016):** 352,606
- **Manufacturing Estab. (1st qtr. 2016):** 14,428
- **Prof, Sci, Tech Est. (1st qtr. 2016):** 38,886
- **Largest Industry Employer (1st qtr. 2016):** Health Care & Social Assistance
  - **Number of Employees:** 1,004,423
- **Farms (2014):** 57,900
- **Acres of Land in Farms (2015):** 7,700,000
- **Estimated Value of Agricultural Production Crops**:
  - Nursery & Greenhouse (2015): $2.78 billion
  - Livestock, Poultry, & Products (2015): $4.61 billion
- **Top Agricultural Commodity (2015):** Milk
  - **Value (2015):** $2.00 billion

### Health and Vital Statistics

- **Birth Rate (2014-15):** 11.1/1,000
- **Mortality Rate (2014-15):** 10.0/1,000
- **Top Five Birth Names for Males (2014):**
  - Mason, Liam, Noah, Michael, and Jacob
- **Top Five Birth Names for Females (2014):**
  - Emma, Olivia, Ava, Sophia, and Isabella

### Geography and Climate

- **Lowest Point Sea Level (Delaware River):**
- **Highest Point:** 3,213’ (Mt. Davis, Somerset Co.)
- **Land Area:** 44,743 sq. mi.
- **Water Area:** 1,312 sq. mi.
- **Record High Temp. (July 9 and 10, 1936):** 111 °F
- **Record Low Temp. (Jan. 5, 1904):** -42 °F
- **Avg. Monthly Precipitation:** 3.27 in.
- **Avg. Annual Precipitation:** 39.58 in.

Pennsylvania is bordered by Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and West Virginia.

### Fun Facts

- The nation’s oldest continuously used golf course is located in Foxburg, Clarion County and was established in 1887.
- Lancaster County has the most covered bridges in Pennsylvania with 29 covered bridges.
- The Drake Well is the first commercial oil well drilled in the United States and is located in Cherrytree Township, Venango County near Titusville.
- The Rockville Bridge in Harrisburg is the longest stone arch bridge in the world. The 3,820-foot-long bridge was built in 1902 by the old Pennsylvania Railroad and required 800 workers, 220,000 tons of stone, and two years to complete.

### Sources: