



# Pennsylvania Facts 2011

## POPULATION

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|---|------------|
| April 1, 2010 Census .....                    | 12,702,379 |
| April 1, 2000 Census .....                    | 12,281,054 |
| Population Rank Among States (2010).....      | 6th        |
| Estimated Persons per Square Mile (2010)..... | 284        |

- July 1st, 2009 estimated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate Division

|   | Number     | Percent |
|---|------------|---------|
| Males .....                                 | 6,138,709  | 48.7    |
| Females .....                               | 6,466,058  | 51.3    |
| White (alone) .....                         | 10,741,619 | 85.2    |
| Black or African American (alone) ..        | 1,370,987  | 10.9    |
| Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (alone) .....    | 28,593     | 0.2     |
| Asian (alone) .....                         | 317,580    | 2.5     |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (alone) .. | 6,186      | -       |
| Two or more races .....                     | 139,802    | 1.1     |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) .....      | 646,524    | 5.1     |

|                            | Number    | Percent |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Under 5 Years of Age ..... | 746,813   | 5.9     |
| Age 5-17 .....             | 2,028,319 | 16.1    |
| Age 18 and Over.....       | 9,829,635 | 78.0    |
| Age 65 and Over.....       | 1,946,266 | 15.4    |
| Age 85 and Over.....       | 309,253   | 2.5     |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Net Natural Increase (2008-09)..... | 19,712     |
| Net Migration Rate (2008-09) .....  | 1.6/1,000  |
| Median Age * .....                  | 39.9 years |
| Foreign born * .....                | 691,242    |
| Residents Born in PA * .....        | 74.6%      |

- Pennsylvania's population has the 4th highest proportion of people 65 and older in the United States.

## ECONOMIC

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| Median Household Income * .....        | \$49,520        |
| Median Family Income * .....           | \$62,185        |
| Per Capita Personal Income (BEA) ..... | \$40,161        |
| Number of Persons in Poverty * .....   | 1,516,705       |
| Poverty Rate * .....                   | 12.5%           |
| Gross State Product (2008) .....       | \$554.7 billion |

- Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest state economy.

## POLITICAL OFFICES (2011)

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Governor .....                                     | Tom Corbett                      |
| Lieutenant Governor .....                          | James F. Cawley                  |
| U.S. Senators .....                                | Robert Casey Jr., Pat Toomey     |
| U.S. Representatives (post-2010) .....             | 18                               |
| PA General Assembly ....                           | 50 Senators, 203 Representatives |
| App. Persons Per State Representative (2010) ..... | 62,537                           |
| Persons Per State Senator (2010) .....             | 254,048                          |
| Electoral Votes (post-2010) .....                  | 20                               |

## BASIC FACTS

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Nickname .....        | Keystone State  |
| Motto .....           | Virtue, Liberty, and Independence                           |
| Flag .....            | A blue field on which is embroidered the State Coat of Arms |
| 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 (2008)..... | 121,770 miles |
| Average travel time to work * ..... | 25.4 minutes  |

- 70 railroad companies operate in Pennsylvania, more than any other state.
- Pennsylvania is ranked 9th among the states in the proportion of its workforce that commutes via public transportation (5.3 percent). \*
- 76.8% of workers drove to work alone, 9.0% carpooled, 5.3% used public transportation, 1.3% used other means, 4.0% walked, 3.7% worked from home \*
- 54.6% of households have 2 or more vehicles. \*



\* Estimated data from the 2009 American Community Survey.

## EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Number in Civilian Labor Force (2009) .....         | 6,414,000   |
| Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed (2009) .... | 8.1%        |
| Total Estimated Housing Units * .....               | 5,518,579   |
| Total Households * .....                            | 4,916,869   |
| Number of Family Households * .....                 | 3,195,832   |
| Home Ownership Rate * .....                         | 70.5%       |
| Single Family Units * .....                         | 76.7%       |
| Mobile Homes * .....                                | 4.0%        |
| Majority Home Heating Source * .....                | Utility Gas |
| Median Gross Rent * .....                           | \$738       |
| Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage * .....        | 63.6%       |
| Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing * ...        | \$164,700   |

- Pennsylvania ranks 5th among states and the District of Columbia in the proportion of housing units built prior to 1950\*

## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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| Marriages (2008) .....                             | 69,974          |
| Annual Marriage Rate (2008) .....                  | 5.6 /1,000 pop. |
| Median Age at First Marriage, Male (2009)* .....   | 29.3            |
| Median Age at First Marriage, Female (2009)* ..... | 27.5            |
| Divorces (2008) .....                              | 34,411          |
| Annual Divorce Rate (2008) .....                   | 2.8 /1,000 pop. |

- The median duration of a current marriage in Pennsylvania is 21.2 years

## FUN FACTS

- The first school of medicine in the United States was founded at the University of Pennsylvania in 1765.
- The Slinky, the Official State Toy of Pennsylvania, was invented in Philadelphia by Richard James in 1943, and continues to be manufactured in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania today.
- The lowest temperature ever recorded in Pennsylvania was 42° below zero at Smethport, McKean County.

- The Mauch Chunk Switchback Gravity Railroad located in the mountains of Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania is considered to be America's first roller coaster.
- The Easter Bunny was introduced to the United States by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 18th century.

## EDUCATION

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| High School Graduate or higher * .....   | 87.9%, age 25 + |
| Bachelor's Degree or higher * .....  | 26.4%, age 25 + |
| Total Public School Enrollment (2009-10).....  | 1,780,413       |
| Total Non-Public Enrollment (2009-10).....   | 259,270         |
| Drop-Out Rate (2008-09) .....  | 1.6%            |
| Home schooled students (2006-07) .....   | 22,136          |
| Public School College bound (2008-09).....   | 73.4%           |
| Average Math SAT Score (2008-09).....  | 501             |
| Average Verbal SAT Score (2008-09).....  | 493             |
| Average Writing SAT Score (2008-09).....   | 483             |
| • Pennsylvania has the 3rd-largest number of colleges and universities in the United States. |                 |

## INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Total Business Estab. (2009) .....                      | 326,524                         |
| Number of Manufacturing Estab. (2009) .....             | 15,563                          |
| Professional, Scientific, Technical Estab. (2009) ..... | 34,701                          |
| Largest Industry Employer (2009) .....                  | Health Care & Social Assistance |
| - Number of Employees.....                              | 877,662                         |
| Farms (2009).....                                       | 63,200                          |
| Land in Farms (2009) .....                              | 7,750,000 acres                 |
| Estimated Value of Agricultural Production              |                                 |
| - Crops, incl. Fruits & Vegetables(2009).....           | \$3.6 billion                   |
| - Livestock, Poultry, & Products(2009) .....            | \$3.0 billion                   |
| Top Agricultural Commodity (2009).....                  | Milk Production                 |
| - Value (2009) .....                                    | \$1.5 billion                   |

## HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Birth Rate (2008-09) .....     | 11.7/1,000 |
| Mortality Rate (2008-09) ..... | 10.1/1,000 |

- 6th lowest birth rate nationally.
- Top five birth names for males (2008): Michael, Jacob, Ryan, Matthew, Joseph
- Top five birth names for females (2008): Ava, Olivia, Emma, Madison, Isabella

## GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Lowest Geographic Point. Sea Level (Delaware River) |                       |
| Highest Geographic Point .....                      | 3,213' (Somerset Co.) |
| Land Area (sq. mi.) .....                           | 44,817                |
| Water Area (sq. mi.) .....                          | 1,239                 |

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

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