



Pennsylvania Facts 2012

POPULATION

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

	Number	Percent
Males.....	6,190,363	48.7
Females	6,512,016	51.3
White (alone).....	10,406,288	81.9
Black or African American (alone)	1,377,689	10.8
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (alone)	26,843	0.2
Asian (alone).....	349,088	2.7
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (alone).....	3,653	N/A
Some Other Race	300,983	2.4
Two or more races.....	237,835	1.9
Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	719,660	5.7

	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years of Age	729,538	5.7
Age 5-17.....	2,062,617	16.2
Age 18 and Over	9,910,224	78.0
Age 65 and Over	1,959,307	15.4
Age 85 and Over	305,676	2.4

Net Natural Increase (2010-11).....	18,268
Net Migration Rate (2010-11).....	0.6/1,000
Median Age	40.1 years
Foreign born *.....	739,068
Residents Born in PA *.....	74.0

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

ECONOMIC

Median Household Income *	\$49,288
Median Family Income *	\$61,890
Per Capita Personal Income (BEA)	\$40,599
Number of Persons in Poverty *	1,648,184
Poverty Rate *	13.4%
Gross State Product (2010)	\$569.7 billion

- Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest state economy.

* Estimated data from the 2010 American Community Survey.

POLITICAL OFFICES (2012)

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)	62,573
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	2,562
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 (2009)	121,990 miles
Average travel time to work *	25.9 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 (5.4 percent).*
- 77.0% of workers drove to work alone, 8.8% carpooled, 5.4% used public transportation, 1.2% used other means, 3.8% walked, 3.7% worked from home *
- 54.0% of households have 2 or more vehicles.*

EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Number in Civilian Labor Force (2010)	6,340,000
Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed (2010)	8.7%
Total Housing Units	5,567,315
Total Households.....	5,018,904
Number of Family Households	3,261,307
Home Ownership Rate	69.6%
Single Family Units *	76.7%
Mobile Homes *	3.9%
Majority Home Heating Source *	Utility Gas
Median Gross Rent *	\$763
Owner-Occupied Homes with a Mortgage	65.0%
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing*	\$165,500

- Pennsylvania ranks 13th among states and the District of Columbia in the proportion of owner-occupied housing units owned free and clear.

CRIME AND PRISONS

Reported Violent Crimes(2009)	47,311
State Prison Inmates (2009).....	51,487
- State Rate of Imprisonment.....	408.5/100,000
County Inmates (2009)	34,387
- County Rate of Imprisonment.....	272.8/100,000

- 94.5 percent of state prison inmates were males.
- Inmates released from state prison in 2009 served an average of 50.2 months before release.

FUN FACTS

- The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the largest indoor agricultural event in America. The Farm Show complex houses 24 acres under roof, spread through 11 buildings.
- The first night football game was played in Mansfield, Pennsylvania on September 28, 1892 between Mansfield State Normal and Wyoming Seminary.
- Forest County has the distinction of being the only county in Pennsylvania without a traffic light.

- In December 1913, the first drive-in gasoline filling station in the world opened at the corner of Baum and St. Clair Streets in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania is the first state in the United States to place its URL on license plates.
- Rockville Bridge, just north of Harrisburg, is known as the longest stone masonry arch railroad bridge in the world, spanning 3,820 feet across the Susquehanna river.

EDUCATION

High School Graduate or higher *	88.4%, age 25+
Bachelor's Degree or higher *	27.1%, age 25+
Total Public School Enrollment (2010-11)	1,781,206
Total Non-Public Enrollment (2010-11)	276,527
Drop-Out Rate (2008-09)	1.5%
Home schooled students (2006-07)	22,136
Public School College bound (2009-10).....	72.6%
Average Math SAT Score (2009-10).....	501
Average Critical Reading SAT Score (2009-10).....	492
Average Writing SAT Score (2009-10).....	480

- Pennsylvania has the 3rd-largest number of colleges and universities in the United States.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

Total Business Estab. (2010)	326,010
Number of Manufacturing Estab. (2010)	15,064
Professional, Scientific, Technical Estab. (2010)	34,566
Largest Industry Employer (2010)	Health Care & Social Assistance
- Number of Employees.....	889,549
Farms (2010).....	63,200
Land in Farms (2010).....	7,750,000 acres
Estimated Value of Agricultural Production	
- Crops, incl. Fruits & Vegetables(2010)	\$3.4 billion
- Livestock, Poultry, & Products(2010)	\$3.7 billion
Top Agricultural Commodity (2010).....	Milk Production
- Value (2010)	\$1.9 billion

HEALTH AND VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate (2010-11)	11.3/1,000
Mortality Rate (2010-11)	9.8/1,000

- 9th lowest birth rate nationally.
- Top five birth names for males (2009): Michael, Jacob, Ethan, Logan, Matthew
- Top five birth names for females (2009): Isabella, Olivia, Ava, Emma, Sophia

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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