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Population Estimates Released for 1999: Pike and Monroe Counties Continue to Gain

MIDDLETOWN, Pa—While Pennsylvania has a larger population in 1999 than it did in 1990, it experienced a slight decrease from 1998 to 1999.

According to the Pennsylvania State Data Center, located at Penn State Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's 1999 population was estimated at 11,994,016, a 0.07 decrease from 1998 and a 0.94 increase from 1990.

Pike and Monroe Counties continue to have the greatest gains in terms of percent change in population. From 1998 to 1999, Pike increased 3 percent and from 1990 to 1999, 47 percent. Monroe increased 2.5 percent from 1998 to 1999 and 34 percent from 1990 to 1999.

Philadelphia continued to decrease in population. Between 1998 and 1999 it lost 1.2 percent of its population and 10.6 from 1990 to 1999. Cambria, Lackawanna and Allegheny also registered the largest percent population losses from 1998 to 1999, 1.2 percent, 0.9 percent and 0.88 percent, respectively.

In terms of municipalities, those with the largest percent gains in population between 1998 and 1999 were:

Municipalities with the Greatest Percent Population Gain 1998 to 1999: Pennsylvania

Municipality	County	Percent Population Change 1998 to 1999
Thornbury Township	Chester	34.7
Ohio Township	Allegheny	17.8
Limerick Township	Montgomery	11.4
Elverson Borough	Chester	10.5
Concord Township	Delaware	9.8



Those with the largest percent losses in population for this time period were municipalities with smaller populations. They included:

Municipalities with the Greatest Percent Population Loss 1998 to 1999: Pennsylvania

Municipality	County	Percent Population Change 1998 to 1999
Brady Township	Clarion	-9.8
Elk Township	Tioga	-2.4
Grugan Township	Clinton	-2.0
Hookstown Borough	Beaver	-1.9
Glenfield Borough	Allegheny	-1.9

In reviewing changes from 1990 to 1999, the list shifts. Those with the largest percentage increases included:

Municipalities with the Greatest Percent Population Gain 1990 to 1999: Pennsylvania

Municipality	County	Percent Population Change 1990 to 1999
Gregg Township	Union	280
Seven Fields Borough	Butler	143
Cold Spring Township	Lebanon	133
Albion Borough	Erie	113
Woodward Township	Clearfield	104

Those with the largest percentage decreases included:

Municipalities with the Greatest Percent Population Loss 1990 to 1999: Pennsylvania

Municipality	County	Percent Population Change 1990 to 1999
Brady Township	Clarion	-41.0
Hartley Township	Union	15.4
Coal Center Borough	Washington	15.0

Polk Borough	Venango	14.7
Braddock Borough	Allgehney	12.8

In terms of actual numbers, the municipalities with the largest and smallest populations in 1999 were:

Municipalities with the Largest Population: Pennsylvania 1999

Municipality	County	Population
Philadelphia	Philadelphia	1,417,601
Pittsburgh	Allegheny	336,882
Erie	Erie	101,484
Allentown	Lehigh	100,160
Upper Darby Township	Delaware	77,027
Reading	Berks	73,778

Municipalities with the Smallest Population: Pennsylvania 1999

Municipality	County	Population
Adamstown Borough	Berks	1
Ashland Borough	Columbia	3
Emlenton Borough	Clarion	10
S.N.P.J Borough	Lawrence	13
East Fork District	Potter	15

Philadelphia, Allegheny, Montgomery, Bucks and Delaware Counties had the largest populations in 1999 while the rural counties of Forest, Cameron, Sullivan and Fulton had the smallest populations.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center houses decennial and population estimates for municipalities and counties. A new e-book, Municipal Population 1960 to 1999 is available from the PaSDC.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the Commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

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Source of Information: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates and Percent Change in Population: Pennsylvania Counties, 1990, 1998 and 1999

Name	<u>Population</u>			<u>Percent Change</u>	
	1990	1998	1999	1990 to 1999	1998 to 1999
<i>Pennsylvania Total</i>	11,882,842.00	12,002,329.00	11,994,016.00	0.94%	-0.07%
Adams County	78,274.00	86,660.00	87,697.00	12.04%	1.20%
Allegheny County	1,336,449.00	1,267,963.00	1,256,806.00	-5.96%	-0.88%
Armstrong County	73,478.00	73,313.00	73,001.00	-0.65%	-0.43%
Beaver County	186,093.00	184,287.00	182,687.00	-1.83%	-0.87%
Bedford County	47,919.00	49,405.00	49,699.00	3.71%	0.60%
Berks County	336,523.00	355,761.00	358,211.00	6.44%	0.69%
Blair County	130,542.00	130,547.00	129,937.00	-0.46%	-0.47%
Bradford County	60,967.00	62,386.00	62,146.00	1.93%	-0.38%
Bucks County	541,174.00	587,863.00	594,047.00	9.77%	1.05%
Butler County	152,013.00	170,799.00	172,522.00	13.49%	1.01%
Cambria County	163,062.00	155,587.00	153,766.00	-5.70%	-1.17%
Cameron County	5,913.00	5,612.00	5,571.00	-5.78%	-0.73%
Carbon County	56,803.00	58,690.00	58,759.00	3.44%	0.12%
Centre County	124,812.00	131,997.00	132,190.00	5.91%	0.15%
Chester County	376,389.00	421,873.00	430,001.00	14.24%	1.93%
Clarion County	41,699.00	41,723.00	41,651.00	-0.12%	-0.17%
Clearfield County	78,097.00	80,722.00	80,732.00	3.37%	0.01%
Clinton County	37,182.00	36,937.00	36,774.00	-1.10%	-0.44%
Columbia County	63,202.00	63,906.00	63,674.00	0.75%	-0.36%
Crawford County	86,166.00	89,266.00	89,109.00	3.42%	-0.18%
Cumberland County	195,257.00	209,611.00	210,663.00	7.89%	0.50%
Dauphin County	237,813.00	245,456.00	245,576.00	3.26%	0.05%
Delaware County	547,658.00	542,592.00	541,502.00	-1.12%	-0.20%
Elk County	34,878.00	34,614.00	34,344.00	-1.53%	-0.78%
Erie County	275,575.00	278,114.00	276,993.00	0.51%	-0.40%
Fayette County	145,351.00	144,362.00	143,775.00	-1.08%	-0.41%
Forest County	4,802.00	4,947.00	4,938.00	2.83%	-0.18%
Franklin County	121,082.00	128,255.00	128,812.00	6.38%	0.43%
Fulton County	13,837.00	14,528.00	14,616.00	5.63%	0.61%
Greene County	39,550.00	42,228.00	42,072.00	6.38%	-0.37%
Huntingdon County	44,164.00	44,755.00	44,753.00	1.33%	0.00%
Indiana County	89,994.00	88,389.00	87,831.00	-2.40%	-0.63%
Jefferson County	46,083.00	46,184.00	46,086.00	0.01%	-0.21%
Juniata County	20,625.00	22,119.00	22,204.00	7.66%	0.38%

Name	Population			Percent Change	
	1990	1999	1999	1990 to 1999	1998 to 1999
Lackawanna County	219,097.00	208,390.00	206,520.00	-5.74%	-0.90%
Lancaster County	422,822.00	456,679.00	460,035.00	8.80%	0.73%
Lawrence County	96,246.00	94,904.00	94,508.00	-1.81%	-0.42%
Lebanon County	113,744.00	117,631.00	117,856.00	3.62%	0.19%
Lehigh County	291,130.00	298,792.00	299,855.00	3.00%	0.36%
Luzerne County	328,149.00	314,609.00	312,000.00	-4.92%	-0.83%
Lycoming County	118,710.00	117,408.00	116,709.00	-1.69%	-0.60%
McKean County	47,131.00	46,319.00	45,987.00	-2.43%	-0.72%
Mercer County	121,003.00	121,760.00	121,458.00	0.38%	-0.25%
Mifflin County	46,197.00	46,965.00	46,793.00	1.29%	-0.37%
Monroe County	95,681.00	125,407.00	128,541.00	34.34%	2.50%
Montgomery County	678,193.00	719,569.00	724,087.00	6.77%	0.63%
Montour County	17,735.00	17,585.00	17,571.00	-0.92%	-0.08%
Northampton County	247,110.00	258,568.00	259,736.00	5.11%	0.45%
Northumberland County	96,771.00	93,950.00	93,163.00	-3.73%	-0.84%
Perry County	41,172.00	44,273.00	44,280.00	7.55%	0.02%
Philadelphia County	1,585,577.00	1,434,968.00	1,417,601.00	-10.59%	-1.21%
Pike County	28,032.00	40,149.00	41,357.00	47.53%	3.01%
Potter County	16,717.00	17,134.00	17,115.00	2.38%	-0.11%
Schuylkill County	152,585.00	150,066.00	148,788.00	-2.49%	-0.85%
Snyder County	36,680.00	37,965.00	37,875.00	3.26%	-0.24%
Somerset County	78,218.00	80,192.00	80,028.00	2.31%	-0.20%
Sullivan County	6,104.00	6,074.00	6,038.00	-1.08%	-0.59%
Susquehanna County	40,380.00	42,082.00	42,190.00	4.48%	0.26%
Tioga County	41,126.00	41,522.00	41,657.00	1.29%	0.33%
Union County	36,176.00	40,270.00	40,546.00	12.08%	0.69%
Venango County	59,381.00	57,795.00	57,562.00	-3.06%	-0.40%
Warren County	45,050.00	43,793.00	43,505.00	-3.43%	-0.66%
Washington County	204,584.00	205,339.00	204,888.00	0.15%	-0.22%
Wayne County	39,944.00	45,431.00	46,080.00	15.36%	1.43%
Westmoreland County	370,321.00	372,389.00	370,658.00	0.09%	-0.46%
Wyoming County	28,076.00	29,212.00	29,298.00	4.35%	0.29%
York County	339,574.00	373,688.00	376,586.00	10.90%	0.78%

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