



Press Release

The Commonwealth's Official Source of Population and Economic Statistics

August 15, 2001

Detailed Demographic Data (Summary File 1) Provides Information on Pennsylvania's Changing Population and Demography

MIDDLETOWN, Pa— The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U.S. Bureau of the Census has released Census 2000 Summary File 1, detailed demographic data for Pennsylvania. The SF1 (100 percent data) is collected from the seven questions that all respondents provided. SF1 data contains information including age; sex; race; Hispanic or Latino origin; household and family characteristics; and housing data on occupancy status and tenure as well as group quarters data. Data is available down to the block level and includes information for zip codes and congressional districts.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center has developed a ten-page profile that is available for all geographic levels. The state profile may be viewed on our Web site at:
PaSDC.hbg.psu.edu

Some Interesting Facts That Can Be Seen Using SF1 Data Include:

Median Age Shows Males Younger than Females: Pennsylvania's median age has increased from 35.0 in 1990 to 38.0 in 2000. The sex breakdown of median age shows that males in the commonwealth have a median age of 36.5 while females have a median age of 39.4. Detailed population information is provided in Profile 1 with the breakdown of age by sex by 5-year cohorts.

Pennsylvania's Diversity by Census Tract: Census 2000 data indicates that 85.4 percent of the total population in Pennsylvania categorized themselves as single race white, leaving a minority population percentage of 14.6 percent. Of the over 3,100 census tracts in the commonwealth, almost 25 percent had a racial diversity that exceeded 14.6 percent. Over 600 census tracts (20.4%) had a minority percentage of greater than 20 percent. Approximately 300 census tracts had a minority percentage of greater than 50 percent.

The 1990 Census data show that the minority population percent was 11.5 percent. Of the over 3,100 census tracts in the commonwealth in 1990, slightly more than 20 percent had a racial diversity that exceeded 11.5 percent. Approximately 500 census tracts (14.9%) had a minority percentage greater than 20 percent. Almost 275 census tracts, 8.5 percent had a minority percentage greater than 50 percent.

PENNSTATE



Harrisburg

Institute of State and Regional Affairs

Pennsylvania has 237,622 Unmarried Partner Households: The Summary File 1 data shows that there were 237,622 unmarried partner households in Pennsylvania in 2000. Unmarried partner households made up 5.2 percent of all households in the commonwealth in 2000.

Table 1 provides the breakdown of unmarried partners by sex of unmarried partner in Pennsylvania in 2000.

Table 1: Households by Sex of Unmarried Partners, Pennsylvania: 2000

Type of Household	Number
Unmarried Partner Households	237,622
Male householder and male partner	10,492
Male householder and female partner	117,834
Female householder and female partner	10,674
Female householder and male partner	98,622
All other households	4,539,381

Household Data Shows Pennsylvania's Changing Family Make-Up: Data collected from the Households and Family by Type profile indicates that there are almost 15,000 more grandchildren living with their grandparents in 2000 than in 1990. The number of stepchildren living in family households saw an increase of 9.7 percent from 1990-2000. While stepchildren and grandchildren increased, natural born or adopted children living in family households decreased by 2.5 percent from 1990 to 2000.

Table 2 provides information on children and grandchildren by number and percent change from 1990 to 2000 in Pennsylvania's family households.

Table 2: Children and Grandchildren in Family Households, Number and Percent Change, Pennsylvania: 1990 to 2000

Relationship	Number	Percent Change 1990-2000
Natural born or adopted	3,404,468	-2.5
Step	150,568	9.7
Grandchild	202,202	8.0

Pennsylvania's Group Quarters Population Increases 24.4 Percent: Pennsylvania's 24.4 percent increase in group quarters population from 1990 to 2000 is an increase of 84,877 persons. The group quarters population is defined as those persons not living in housing units. The Census Bureau recognizes two categories of group quarters, institutional and non-institutional. Institutional population includes people living under formally supervised care or custody such as a correctional facility or nursing home. Non-institutional population includes persons living in college dormitories or military barracks.

Table 3 provides the top five counties in Pennsylvania in terms of percentage increase and numeric increase of group quarters population from 1990-2000.

Table 3: Group Quarters Population and Percent Increase, 1990-2000

County	Population Increase	County	Percent Increase
Philadelphia	10,179	Schuylkill	203.2
Allegheny	7,258	Clearfield	202.9
Schuylkill	4,843	Somerset	193.9
Erie	3,793	Greene	153.5
Delaware	3,786	Northumberland	134.6

Correctional Institution Population Increases 78.3 Percent in Commonwealth: The population of correctional institutions in Pennsylvania increased 78.3 percent since the 1990 Census. This increase represents a numeric increase of 33,623 persons. The total correctional institution population in Pennsylvania is 76,553 persons. Union County had the largest increase in correctional institution population from 1990 to 2000 in the commonwealth with an increase of 3,636 persons. Schuylkill County (3,487) and Erie County (2,217) are second and third, respectively.

Large percentage increases in correctional institute population can be directly related to those counties that had state or federal institutions open in their counties during the 1990s.

Group quarters profiles provide information on group quarter population by type of group quarter, by sex, by age and by race.

Majority of Owner Occupied Housing Units Owned by Whites: Profile 3 of the Summary File 1 indicates approximately 91 percent of all owner occupied housing units in Pennsylvania in 2000 were owned by persons of the white race. The African American/black population owned 6.3 % of the owner occupied housing units in Pennsylvania.

The race numbers for renter occupied housing show that the disparity between whites and other races is less than that of owner occupied housing units. Of the more than 1.3 million renter occupied housing units in Pennsylvania, whites occupied slightly over 1 million of them (77.6 %). The African American/black population occupied slightly more than 219,000 renter occupied housing units, making up 16.0 percent of the total. Asians (2.5 percent) rented over 34,000 of the renter occupied housing units in Pennsylvania in 2000.

Table 4 provides owner and renter occupied housing units by race by number and percent for Pennsylvania in 2000.

Table 4: Housing Units by Householders Race and Tenure, Pennsylvania: 2000
Top 3 Races

Race	Percent of Total Population	Owner Occupied Number	Owner Occupied Percent	Renter Occupied Number	Renter Occupied Percent
Total Population One Race	100.0	3,406,337	100.0	1,370,666	100.0
White Alone	85.4	3,114,489	91.4	1,062,963	77.6
Black or African American	10.0	215,502	6.3	219,571	16.0
Asian Alone	1.8	33,284	1.0	34,508	2.5

As the official source of population and economic statistics for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Data Center will create standard and custom profiles of the SF1 data. Profiles can be developed for all areas down to the block level.

The PaSDC will provide data information to those persons involved in the Count Question Resolution process. Contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center by phone at 717.948.6336 or by email at pasdc@psu.edu for information on purchasing SF1 profiles or Count Question Resolution packets. You may also visit our eStore on our Web site at: PaSDC.hbg.psu.edu

The Pennsylvania State Data Center will continue to provide Census 2000 data as it is released.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. 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.

Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710 or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office at 717.948.6029.

Source of Information: United State Census Bureau