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Pennsylvania's 2000 State Rankings Released

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports the release of Pennsylvania's state rankings by the U.S. Census Bureau. This data is from selected tables from the **Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2000**. State rankings are provided in eighteen categories and provide data on population, age, unemployment rate, average annual pay and other population and demographic information. The rankings use 1990 as a base year and are compared with the most current data available.

Pennsylvania Ranks Eighth or Higher in Six Categories

Pennsylvania ranked eighth or higher in six categories in the 2000 state rankings. Pennsylvania finished second in resident population age 65 and over. Persons age 65 and over represent 15.6 percent of the total population of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania also ranked second in resident population age 65 and over in 1990.

Pennsylvania ranked fourth in public elementary and secondary teachers' average salaries with a value of \$48,457. This is a 34.4 percent increase over the 1990 value of \$36,057 when Pennsylvania ranked ninth in the nation.

Pennsylvania ranked fifth in home ownership rates. The home ownership rate is the proportion of owner households to the total number of occupied households. Pennsylvania had a home ownership of 75.2 percent in 1999. Pennsylvania ranked second in 1990 in home ownership rate at 73.8 percent.

Pennsylvania ranked sixth in resident population in 2000. Pennsylvania's population in 2000 was 12,281,054. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in resident population in 1990.

The commonwealth ranked sixth in gross state product with a value of \$353 billion. This is an increase of 21.3 percent since 1990 when Pennsylvania's gross state products was \$291 billion. Pennsylvania ranked sixth in the nation in 1990 in gross state product.

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Pennsylvania ranked eighth in doctors per 100,000 in population with 291 doctors per 100,000 in population. This is an increase from 1990 of 22.2 percent when the number of doctors per 100,000 in population was 238. Pennsylvania ranked eighth in this category in 1990.

Pennsylvania Ranks 30th in Nation in Infant Mortality Rate

In 1998 Pennsylvania had an infant mortality rate of 7.1, ranking it 30th in the nation. The infant mortality rate represents the number of deaths of infants under 1 year old per 1,000 live births. The rate excludes fetal deaths. In 1990 Pennsylvania ranked 16th in the nation with an infant mortality rate of 9.6. Alabama ranked 1st in the nation in 1998 with an infant mortality rate of 10.2. The overall rate for the United States in 1998 was 7.2.

Pennsylvania Ranks 24th in Nation in Violent Crimes

In 1999 Pennsylvania ranked 24th in the nation in violent crimes with a rate of 421 violent crimes per 100,000 in population. Violent crimes are defined as violent offenses known to the police; it includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Pennsylvania ranked 32nd in the nation in 1990 with 431 violent crimes per 100,000 in population. Florida ranked 1st in 1999 with a rate of 854 violent crimes per 100,000 in population. The overall rate in 1999 for the United States was 525 violent crimes per 100,000 in population.

Pennsylvania's General Revenue Per Capita Ranks 27th in Nation

Pennsylvania's general revenue per capita was \$3,069 in 1998, which placed Pennsylvania 27th in the nation. In 1990 Pennsylvania ranked 37th in the nation with a general revenue per capita of \$1,847. Alaska ranked 1st in the nation in 1998 and 1990 in general revenue per capita with figures of \$12,960 and \$8,803, respectively. The state government general revenue per capita for the United States was \$3,206 in 1998.

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

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Source of Information: United States Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2000.

Pennsylvania's State Rankings				
Universe	1990		Most Current Available	
	Value	Rank in U.S.	Value	Rank in U.S.
Resident Population Total				
(Census 2000) (thousands)	11,883	5	12,281	6
Resident Population Under 18				
Percent (1999 estimate)	23.6	45	23.8	45
Resident Population Age 65+				
Percent (Census 2000)	15.4	2	15.6	2
Infant Mortality Rate				
Rate (1998)	9.6	16	7.1	30
Doctors per 100,000 Population				
Rate (1998)	238	8	291	8
Persons w/ Bachelor's Degree				
or More				
Percent (1999)	17.9	31	23.9	27
Public Elementary and Secondary				
Teachers' Average Salaries				
Dollars (1998)	\$36,057	9	\$48,457	4
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Population				
Rate (1999)	431	32	421	24
State Government General Revenue				
Per Capita				
Dollars (1998)	\$1,847	37	\$3,069	27
Unemployment Rate				
Percent (1999)	5.4	26	4.4	21
Percent Nonfarm Employment				
in Manufacturing				
Percent (1999)	19.7	15	16.7	15
Average Annual Pay				
Dollars (1999 prelim.)	\$23,457	11	\$32,694	15
Gross State Product				
Chained (1996) Dollars (billions)	\$291	6	\$353	6
Personal Per Capita Income				
Constant (1996) Dollars	\$23,150	18	\$27,420	16
Energy Consumption Per Person				
Million BTUs	301	30	325	34
Motor Vehicle Deaths Per				
100 Million Vehicle Miles				
Number (1998)	2.1	26	1.5	29
Home Ownership Rate				
Percent (1999)	73.8	2	75.2	5
Retail Sales Per Household				
Dollars (1998)	\$18,458	31	\$26,298	34