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U.S. Census Bureau Releases July 1, 2004 National and State Population Estimates Nation Gained 3 Million People Last Year, Commonwealth Increased by 35,531

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U.S. Census Bureau has today released the July 1, 2004 National and State Population Estimates and Estimated Components of Change. The data shows that the nation's population grew by 1.0 percent (2.9 million people) between July 1, 2003 and July 1, 2004. The United States estimated population as of July 1, 2004 is 293,655,404. Pennsylvania's estimated population grew to 12,406,292 during the same time frame, a growth rate of 0.3 percent

Pennsylvania remains the 6th largest state in the nation behind California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois. There were no changes in state population rankings between 2003 and 2004. Pennsylvania did increase its' lead over the nation's 7th largest state, Ohio. Ohio had a population increase of 21,331 (0.2 percent) from 2003 to 2004.

Pennsylvania ranked 19th in number change in population between 2003 and 2004 and 45th in percent change in population. A look at numeric population increase shows that California had the largest increase at 431,087 followed by Florida (397,980), Texas (386,648), Arizona (164,612) and Georgia (152,923). Nevada had the highest percent increase in population from 2003 to 2004 at 4.1 percent. Nevada has maintained the number one ranking in percent increase in population for 18 consecutive years. Arizona had the second highest percent increase in population at 3.0 percent. Completing the top five is: Florida (2.3%), Idaho (1.9%) and Georgia (1.8%). The District of Columbia (-4,097) and Massachusetts (-3,852) were the only areas in the nation that experienced a decrease in population from 2003 to 2004.

Regionally, the South had the highest numeric increase in population with an increase of over 1.4 million persons. The West had the highest percent increase in population at 1.5. The Northeast finished last in both numeric increase (144,895) and percent increase (0.3%).

The U.S. and Pennsylvania Since Census 2000

Since April 1, 2000 (Census Day), the United States has experienced a population increase of 12,230,802, an increase of 4.3 percent. In the same timeframe (April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004), Pennsylvania has increased in population by 125,238 persons, or 1.0 percent. Pennsylvania ranks 24th nationally in numeric increase in population and 46th nationally in percent increase in population. Please note that the April 1, 2000 data reflects changes to the Census 2000 population from the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions.

Methodology

Estimates of the United States population were derived quarterly by updating the resident population enumerated in Census 2000 through the components of population change. The following formula was used: 2000 enumeration of the resident population + births to U.S. resident women – deaths to U.S. residents + net international migration + net movement of U.S. Armed Forces. The estimates of the U.S. resident population include persons resident in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. They exclude residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and residents of the outlying areas under U.S. sovereignty or jurisdiction. The definition of residence conforms to the criterion used in Census 2000, which defines a resident of a specified area as a person “usually resident” in that area. Estimates of the resident population exclude the United States Armed Forces overseas as well as civilian United States citizens whose usual place of residence is outside the U.S.

Table 1: U.S., States, Puerto Rico and Regions, Population Estimates: July 1, 2003 to July 1, 2004

Geographic Area	Population estimates		Change, 2003 to 2004		National rankings of regions and of states			
	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	Number	Percent	Population estimates		Change, 2003 to 2004	
					July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	Number	Percent
United States	293,655,404	290,788,976	2,866,428	1.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alabama	4,530,182	4,503,726	26,456	0.6	23	23	25	34
Alaska	655,435	648,280	7,155	1.1	47	47	43	17
Arizona	5,743,834	5,579,222	164,612	3.0	18	18	4	2
Arkansas	2,752,629	2,727,774	24,855	0.9	32	32	27	20
California	35,893,799	35,462,712	431,087	1.2	1	1	1	12
Colorado	4,601,403	4,547,633	53,770	1.2	22	22	13	14
Connecticut	3,503,604	3,486,960	16,644	0.5	29	29	33	39
Delaware	830,364	818,166	12,198	1.5	45	45	37	8
District of Columbia	553,523	557,620	-4,097	-0.7	50	50	51	51
Florida	17,397,161	16,999,181	397,980	2.3	4	4	2	3
Georgia	8,829,383	8,676,460	152,923	1.8	9	9	5	5
Hawaii	1,262,840	1,248,755	14,085	1.1	42	42	35	16
Idaho	1,393,262	1,367,034	26,228	1.9	39	39	26	4
Illinois	12,713,634	12,649,087	64,547	0.5	5	5	10	36
Indiana	6,237,569	6,199,571	37,998	0.6	14	14	16	33
Iowa	2,954,451	2,941,976	12,475	0.4	30	30	36	40
Kansas	2,735,502	2,724,786	10,716	0.4	33	33	39	42
Kentucky	4,145,922	4,118,189	27,733	0.7	26	26	24	28
Louisiana	4,515,770	4,493,665	22,105	0.5	24	24	29	37
Maine	1,317,253	1,309,205	8,048	0.6	40	40	42	32
Maryland	5,558,058	5,512,310	45,748	0.8	19	19	15	24
Massachusetts	6,416,505	6,420,357	-3,852	-0.1	13	13	50	50
Michigan	10,112,620	10,082,364	30,256	0.3	8	8	22	44
Minnesota	5,100,958	5,064,172	36,786	0.7	21	21	18	26
Mississippi	2,902,966	2,882,594	20,372	0.7	31	31	31	27
Missouri	5,754,618	5,719,204	35,414	0.6	17	17	20	31
Montana	926,865	918,157	8,708	0.9	44	44	41	19
Nebraska	1,747,214	1,737,475	9,739	0.6	38	38	40	35
Nevada	2,334,771	2,242,207	92,564	4.1	35	35	8	1
New Hampshire	1,299,500	1,288,705	10,795	0.8	41	41	38	23

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	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	Number	Percent	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	Number	Percent
New Jersey	8,698,879	8,642,412	56,467	0.7	10	10	11	29
New Mexico	1,903,289	1,878,562	24,727	1.3	36	36	28	10
New York	19,227,088	19,212,425	14,663	0.1	3	3	34	49
North Carolina	8,541,221	8,421,190	120,031	1.4	11	11	6	9
North Dakota	634,366	633,400	966	0.2	48	48	49	48
Ohio	11,459,011	11,437,680	21,331	0.2	7	7	30	47
Oklahoma	3,523,553	3,506,469	17,084	0.5	28	28	32	38
Oregon	3,594,586	3,564,330	30,256	0.8	27	27	22	22
Pennsylvania	12,406,292	12,370,761	35,531	0.3	6	6	19	45
Rhode Island	1,080,632	1,076,084	4,548	0.4	43	43	45	41
South Carolina	4,198,068	4,148,744	49,324	1.2	25	25	14	13
South Dakota	770,883	764,905	5,978	0.8	46	46	44	25
Tennessee	5,900,962	5,845,208	55,754	1.0	16	16	12	18
Texas	22,490,022	22,103,374	386,648	1.7	2	2	3	6
Utah	2,389,039	2,352,119	36,920	1.6	34	34	17	7
Vermont	621,394	619,343	2,051	0.3	49	49	48	43
Virginia	7,459,827	7,365,284	94,543	1.3	12	12	7	11
Washington	6,203,788	6,131,298	72,490	1.2	15	15	9	15
West Virginia	1,815,354	1,811,440	3,914	0.2	37	37	47	46
Wisconsin	5,509,026	5,474,290	34,736	0.6	20	20	21	30
Wyoming	506,529	502,111	4,418	0.9	51	51	46	21
Puerto Rico	3,894,855	3,877,881	16,974	0.4	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	54,571,147	54,426,252	144,895	0.3	4	4	4	4
Midwest	65,729,852	65,428,910	300,942	0.5	3	3	3	3
South	105,944,965	104,491,394	1,453,571	1.4	1	1	1	2
West	67,409,440	66,442,420	967,020	1.5	2	2	2	1

Table 2: Cumulative Estimates of Population Change for the U.S., States and Puerto Rico and State Rankings: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004

Geographic Area	Population estimates		Change, 2000 to 2004		National ranking of states			
					Population estimates		Change, 2000 to 2004	
	July 1, 2004	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base	Number	Percent	July 1, 2004	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base	Number	Percent
United States	293,655,404	281,424,602	12,230,802	4.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Alabama	4,530,182	4,447,351	82,831	1.9	23	23	30	40
Alaska	655,435	626,931	28,504	4.5	47	48	43	19
Arizona	5,743,834	5,130,632	613,202	12.0	18	20	5	2
Arkansas	2,752,629	2,673,398	79,231	3.0	32	33	31	26
California	35,893,799	33,871,653	2,022,146	6.0	1	1	1	10
Colorado	4,601,403	4,302,015	299,388	7.0	22	24	10	8
Connecticut	3,503,604	3,405,602	98,002	2.9	29	29	28	27
Delaware	830,364	783,600	46,764	6.0	45	45	38	11

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District of Columbia	553,523	572,059	-18,536	-3.2	50	50	51	51
Florida	17,397,161	15,982,824	1,414,337	8.8	4	4	3	3
Georgia	8,829,383	8,186,816	642,567	7.8	9	10	4	5
Hawaii	1,262,840	1,211,537	51,303	4.2	42	42	36	20
Idaho	1,393,262	1,293,956	99,306	7.7	39	39	27	6
Illinois	12,713,634	12,419,647	293,987	2.4	5	5	11	34
Indiana	6,237,569	6,080,517	157,052	2.6	14	14	21	31
Iowa	2,954,451	2,926,382	28,069	1.0	30	30	44	47
Kansas	2,735,502	2,688,824	46,678	1.7	33	32	39	42
Kentucky	4,145,922	4,042,285	103,637	2.6	26	25	26	33
Louisiana	4,515,770	4,468,958	46,812	1.0	24	22	37	45
Maine	1,317,253	1,274,923	42,330	3.3	40	40	40	24
Maryland	5,558,058	5,296,506	261,552	4.9	19	19	13	16
Massachusetts	6,416,505	6,349,105	67,400	1.1	13	13	33	44
Michigan	10,112,620	9,938,480	174,140	1.8	8	8	18	41
Minnesota	5,100,958	4,919,492	181,466	3.7	21	21	17	22
Mississippi	2,902,966	2,844,656	58,310	2.0	31	31	35	39
Missouri	5,754,618	5,596,683	157,935	2.8	17	17	20	28
Montana	926,865	902,195	24,670	2.7	44	44	45	29
Nebraska	1,747,214	1,711,265	35,949	2.1	38	38	41	37
Nevada	2,334,771	1,998,257	336,514	16.8	35	35	8	1
New Hampshire	1,299,500	1,235,786	63,714	5.2	41	41	34	14
New Jersey	8,698,879	8,414,347	284,532	3.4	10	9	12	23
New Mexico	1,903,289	1,819,046	84,243	4.6	36	36	29	18
New York	19,227,088	18,976,821	250,267	1.3	3	3	14	43
North Carolina	8,541,221	8,046,491	494,730	6.1	11	11	6	9
North Dakota	634,366	642,204	-7,838	-1.2	48	47	50	50
Ohio	11,459,011	11,353,145	105,866	0.9	7	7	25	48
Oklahoma	3,523,553	3,450,654	72,899	2.1	28	27	32	36
Oregon	3,594,586	3,421,436	173,150	5.1	27	28	19	15
Pennsylvania	12,406,292	12,281,054	125,238	1.0	6	6	24	46

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Rhode Island	1,080,632	1,048,319	32,313	3.1	43	43	42	25
South Carolina	4,198,068	4,011,816	186,252	4.6	25	26	16	17
South Dakota	770,883	754,840	16,043	2.1	46	46	46	35
Tennessee	5,900,962	5,689,262	211,700	3.7	16	16	15	21
Texas	22,490,022	20,851,790	1,638,232	7.9	2	2	2	4
Utah	2,389,039	2,233,198	155,841	7.0	34	34	22	7
Vermont	621,394	608,827	12,567	2.1	49	49	48	38
Virginia	7,459,827	7,079,030	380,797	5.4	12	12	7	12
Washington	6,203,788	5,894,140	309,648	5.3	15	15	9	13
West Virginia	1,815,354	1,808,350	7,004	0.4	37	37	49	49
Wisconsin	5,509,026	5,363,715	145,311	2.7	20	18	23	30
Wyoming	506,529	493,782	12,747	2.6	51	51	47	32
Puerto Rico	3,894,855	3,808,603	86,252	2.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

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