



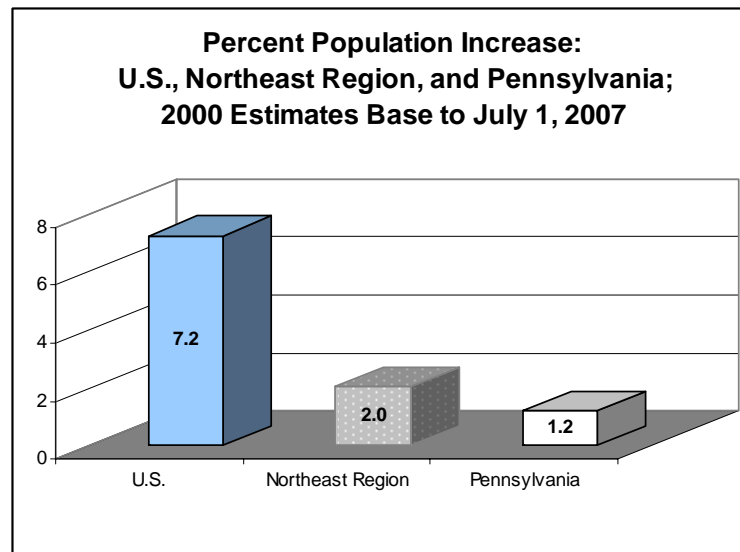
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Population Estimates Show Pennsylvania Continues Slow Growth; International Migration Most Significant Source of Change

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – International migration is the biggest source of population growth in Pennsylvania, according to 2007 national and state population estimates and estimated components of change released recently by the U.S. Census Bureau. Pennsylvania's estimated population grew to 12,432,792 between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007, a growth rate of 0.2 percent. Pennsylvania ranked 24th in numeric change in population between 2006 and 2007 and 41st in percent change in population.



Pennsylvania remains the 6th largest state in the nation behind California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois. The data shows that the nation's population grew by 1.0 percent (2.8 million people) between 2006 and 2007. The United States estimated population as of July 1, 2007 is 301,621,157.

Pennsylvania's slower growth from 2006 to 2007 mirrors that of the region: the Northeast was last in both numeric increase (90,454) and percent increase (0.2 percent) of the four regions the Census Bureau classifies (U.S. regions also include the South, West and Midwest).

The U.S. and Pennsylvania Since Census 2000

Since April 1, 2000 (Estimates Base), Pennsylvania has increased in population by 151,738 persons, or 1.2 percent. Pennsylvania ranks 28th nationally in numeric increase in population and 46th nationally in percent increase in population since 2000.

Components of Population Change

Census Bureau population estimates are based on an update of Decennial Census base counts, incorporating components of population change, including births and deaths as well as domestic and international migration.

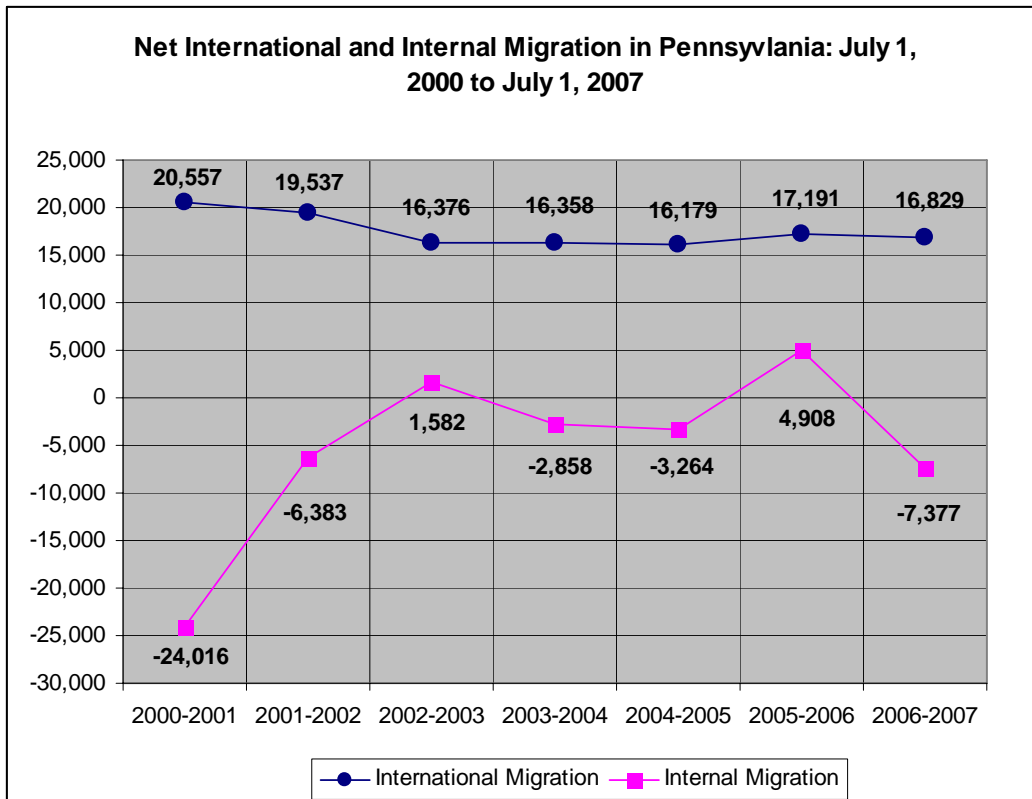
Natural Increase

Between 2006 and 2007, there were 146,776 births and 128,100 deaths in Pennsylvania, resulting in a net natural increase of 18,676 persons. During this period, the commonwealth was tied for the second-lowest annual rate of total natural increase (1.5 per 1,000), along with Maine. Pennsylvania also had the fifth-lowest birth rate (11.8 per 1,000) and the second-highest mortality rate (10.3 per 1,000). Since 2000, Pennsylvania's population grew by 114,795 through natural increases, with 1,050,424 births and 935,629 deaths.

The high mortality and low natural increase in Pennsylvania's population is consistent with trends seen in the region. The Northeast had the smallest natural increase of the four regions classified by the Census Bureau and the highest mortality. Since 2000, the Northeast region has added just 1,085,844 people, contrasting with the South, the fastest-growing region, which added 10,218,933 people during the same time.

Migration

In recent years, migration has fueled much of Pennsylvania's population growth, particularly international migration. That trend has continued in 2007; 9,542 people were added to Pennsylvania's population from migration. International migration resulted in an increase of 16,829 people. Internal (domestic) migration showed in more people moving out of Pennsylvania than in, with net internal migration totaling -7,377. Since 2000, 83,889 more people moved into Pennsylvania than out, with net international migration totaling 128,305 and internal migration totaling -44,416.



Estimates of Population Change for the United States, and States: July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007

Geographic Area	Population Estimates		Change, 2006 to 2007		National Ranking of Regions and States			
	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	Number	Percent	Population Estimates		Change, 2006 to 2007	
					July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	Number	Percent
United States	301,621,157	298,754,819	2,866,338	1.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Northeast	54,680,626	54,590,172	90,454	0.2	4	4	4	4
Midwest	66,388,795	66,128,483	260,312	0.4	3	3	3	3
South	110,454,786	108,894,582	1,560,204	1.4	1	1	1	1
West	70,096,950	69,141,582	955,368	1.4	2	2	2	2
Alabama	4,627,851	4,590,240	37,611	0.8	23	23	21	27
Alaska	683,478	677,450	6,028	0.9	47	47	41	23
Arizona	6,338,755	6,165,689	173,066	2.8	16	16	6	2
Arkansas	2,834,797	2,809,111	25,686	0.9	32	32	27	22
California	36,553,215	36,249,872	303,343	0.8	1	1	2	25
Colorado	4,861,515	4,766,248	95,267	2.0	22	22	7	8
Connecticut	3,502,309	3,495,753	6,556	0.2	29	29	40	44
Delaware	864,764	852,747	12,017	1.4	45	45	35	14
District of Columbia	588,292	585,459	2,833	0.5	50	50	46	36
Florida	18,251,243	18,057,508	193,735	1.1	4	4	4	19
Georgia	9,544,750	9,342,080	202,670	2.2	9	9	3	5
Hawaii	1,283,388	1,278,635	4,753	0.4	42	42	42	37
Idaho	1,499,402	1,463,878	35,524	2.4	39	39	23	4
Illinois	12,852,548	12,777,042	75,506	0.6	5	5	11	33
Indiana	6,345,289	6,302,646	42,643	0.7	15	15	18	31
Iowa	2,988,046	2,972,566	15,480	0.5	30	30	33	34
Kansas	2,775,997	2,755,817	20,180	0.7	33	33	28	28
Kentucky	4,241,474	4,204,444	37,030	0.9	26	26	22	24
Louisiana	4,293,204	4,243,288	49,916	1.2	25	25	16	16
Maine	1,317,207	1,314,910	2,297	0.2	40	40	47	46
Maryland	5,618,344	5,602,017	16,327	0.3	19	19	31	40
Massachusetts	6,449,755	6,434,389	15,366	0.2	14	13	34	42
Michigan	10,071,822	10,102,322	-30,500	-0.3	8	8	51	50
Minnesota	5,197,621	5,154,586	43,035	0.8	21	21	17	26
Mississippi	2,918,785	2,899,112	19,673	0.7	31	31	30	30
Missouri	5,878,415	5,837,639	40,776	0.7	18	18	19	29
Montana	957,861	946,795	11,066	1.2	44	44	36	17
Nebraska	1,774,571	1,763,765	10,806	0.6	38	38	37	32
Nevada	2,565,382	2,492,427	72,955	2.9	35	35	12	1
New Hampshire	1,315,828	1,311,821	4,007	0.3	41	41	43	39
New Jersey	8,685,920	8,666,075	19,845	0.2	11	11	29	43
New Mexico	1,969,915	1,942,302	27,613	1.4	36	36	26	13
New York	19,297,729	19,281,988	15,741	0.1	3	3	32	47
North Carolina	9,061,032	8,869,442	191,590	2.2	10	10	5	6

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North Dakota	639,715	637,460	2,255	0.4	48	48	48	38
Ohio	11,466,917	11,463,513	3,404	-	7	7	44	49
Oklahoma	3,617,316	3,577,536	39,780	1.1	28	28	20	18
Oregon	3,747,455	3,691,084	56,371	1.5	27	27	15	11
Pennsylvania	12,432,792	12,402,817	29,975	0.2	6	6	24	41
Rhode Island	1,057,832	1,061,641	-3,809	-0.4	43	43	50	51
South Carolina	4,407,709	4,330,108	77,601	1.8	24	24	10	10
South Dakota	796,214	788,467	7,747	1.0	46	46	39	20
Tennessee	6,156,719	6,074,913	81,806	1.3	17	17	9	15
Texas	23,904,380	23,407,629	496,751	2.1	2	2	1	7
Utah	2,645,330	2,579,535	65,795	2.6	34	34	14	3
Vermont	621,254	620,778	476	0.1	49	49	49	48
Virginia	7,712,091	7,640,249	71,842	0.9	12	12	13	21
Washington	6,468,424	6,374,910	93,514	1.5	13	14	8	12
West Virginia	1,812,035	1,808,699	3,336	0.2	37	37	45	45
Wisconsin	5,601,640	5,572,660	28,980	0.5	20	20	25	35
Wyoming	522,830	512,757	10,073	2.0	51	51	38	9

Additional tables and maps may be viewed on the PaSDC website at:

http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/PA_Stats/estimates_and_projections/estimates.html

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

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