

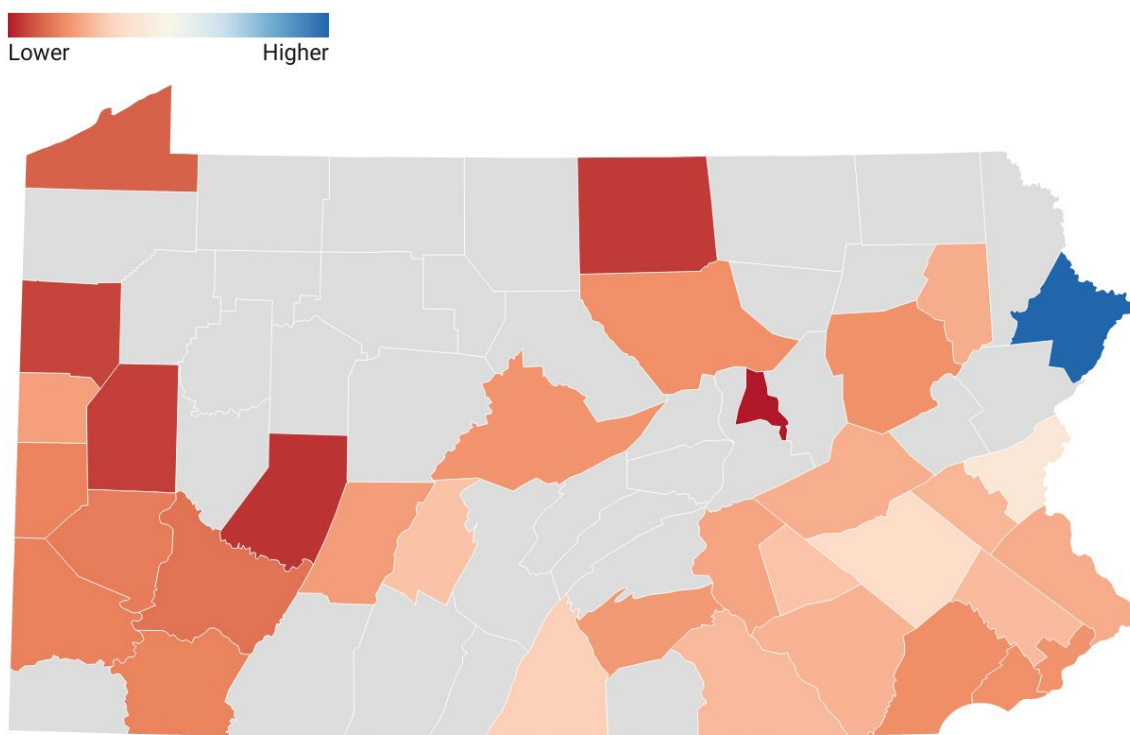
Black History Month in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau’s latest Population Estimates show that the U.S. Black of African American alone or in combination reached 49.6 million in 2021, accounting for 14.9 percent of the nation’s total population. Pennsylvania had more than 1 million residents who identified as Black of African American alone or in combination in 2021.

While Pennsylvania’s overall population decreased slightly (less than 1%) from 2020 to 2021, the number of residents who identify as Black of African American alone or in combination increased by 11,000 (less than 1%). As of 2021, Black of African American alone or in combination residents accounted for 12.7 percent of Pennsylvania’s population. The counties with the highest percentage of residents who identify Black of African American alone or in combination are Philadelphia (43.0%), Delaware (24.1%), Dauphin (20.7%), Monroe (15.8%), and Allegheny (15.0%).

Comparison of Black and White Median Household Income

According to data from the latest American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year estimates, statewide the median household income (MHHI) was \$67,587 compared to \$42,431 for Black or African American households and \$71,844 for White households.



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For individual county values, click on [this link](#) to see an interactive version of the graphic.

When comparing Black MHHI to White MHHI, statewide Black MHHI was significantly lower. It was also significantly lower in 33 counties. Pike county was the only county where Black MHHI was significantly higher. There were 12 counties that had no significant difference between Black and White households. The remainder of the counties did not have data.

Pennsylvania Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity

Median Household Income varies by race in Pennsylvania. In White and Asian households, the MHHI was higher than the state average. Median Household Income was lower than the state average in Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander households (\$28,300 less), households of some other race (\$26,300 less), Black or African American households (\$25,200 less), American Indian or Alaska Native households (\$19,100 less), and Hispanic or Latino households (\$18,300 less).

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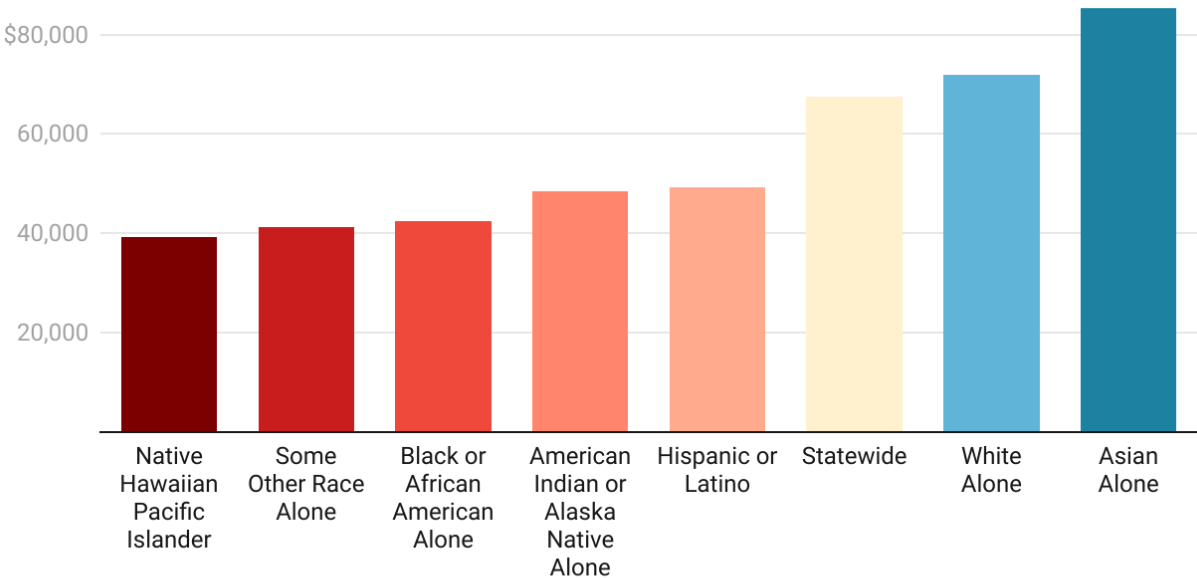


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Explore the 2021 Population Estimates and the American Community Survey 5-Year estimates through the U.S. Census Bureau’s data dissemination platform at data.census.gov.

Notes & Sources:

U.S. Census Bureau. Vintage 2021 Population Estimates.

U.S. Census Bureau. 2017-2021. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth’s official source for 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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