

State and County Detailed Population Estimates

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau has released the 2020 Detailed Nation, State, and County Population Estimates, the final set of detailed population estimates for this decade. The July 1, 2020 data provide estimates at the nation, state, and county level for population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin.

Trends in Pennsylvania’s Population by Age

Pennsylvania’s older population cohorts continued to grow from 2010 to 2020 [Figure 1]. The population age 65 to 69 and age 70 to 74 were the fastest growing cohorts (40.1% and 46.9%, respectively). Outside of its older population, Pennsylvania also experienced notable growth in its young adult population in the age 25 to 29 and age 30 to 34 cohorts (7.9% and 18.3%, respectively).

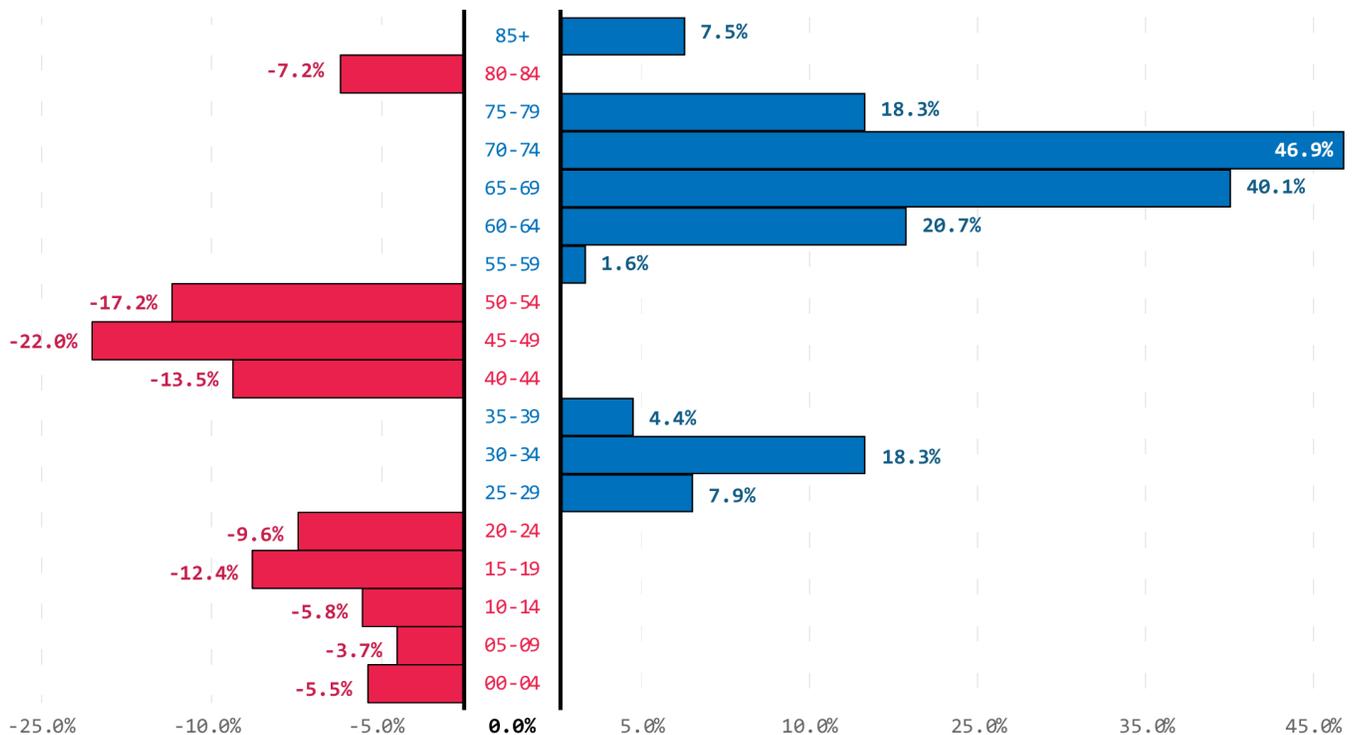


Figure 1. Percent change in Pennsylvania's population by age cohort from 2010 to 2020.

Overall, the population under 25 years of age decreased by more than 310,000 persons (-7.7%), while the population 25 to 64 years of age decreased by just over 97,000 (-1.5%). The population over 65 years of age added over 488,000 persons and increased by 24.9%. In 2020, just under 20 percent of the population in Pennsylvania was 65 years of age or older. For every 10 individuals under 25 years of age lost in Pennsylvania since 2010, the state gained 16 persons aged 65 or older.

Trends in Pennsylvania's Population by Race & Ethnicity

Pennsylvania's population of color continued to grow from 2010 to 2018 [Table 1]. The non-Hispanic White population experienced the most substantial loss at almost 485,000 persons (-4.8%). For every 10 non-Hispanic White persons lost in Pennsylvania from 2010 to 2020, the state gained roughly 12 persons of color. The most substantial growth occurred in the Hispanic or Latino population of any race (43.5%) and the non-Hispanic Asian population (37.4%).

Table 1. Pennsylvania's population by race/ethnicity* in 2010 and 2020 and numeric and percent change.

Race/Ethnicity	Population		Change	
	2010	2020	Numeric	Percent
<i>White</i>	10,109,256	9,624,260	-484,996	-4.8%
<i>Black</i>	1,333,574	1,391,696	58,122	4.4%
<i>Hispanic</i>	719,696	1,032,627	312,931	43.5%
<i>Asian</i>	351,465	482,931	131,466	37.4%
<i>Two or More</i>	168,817	228,962	60,145	35.6%
<i>Other</i>	20,083	22,778	2,695	13.4%
<i>Total</i>	12,702,891	12,783,254	80,363	0.6%

*See the end of the report for notes and definitions.

Non-Hispanic White individuals accounted for almost 80.0 percent of Pennsylvania's population in 2010, but by 2020 they accounted for just over 75.0%. The gain in the state's population of color was largely due to the Hispanic or Latino population (of any race) which increased from 5.7 percent of the total population in 2010 to 8.1 percent in 2020 as well as the non-Hispanic Asian population which increased from 2.8 percent of the total population in 2010 to 3.8 percent in 2020.

Notes & Definitions: All mentions of White, Black or African American, Asian, or Two or More Races refer to the non-Hispanic population for those races alone. Hispanic or Latino individuals may be of any race. The population of color refers to individuals other than non-Hispanic White. All references to 2010 refer to the 2010 Estimates Base. All calculations of change compare the 2020 estimate (July 1, 2020) to the 2010 Estimates Base.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program.

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