



Research Brief

The Commonwealth's Official Source for Population and Economic Statistics

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The PaSDC's 2016 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure

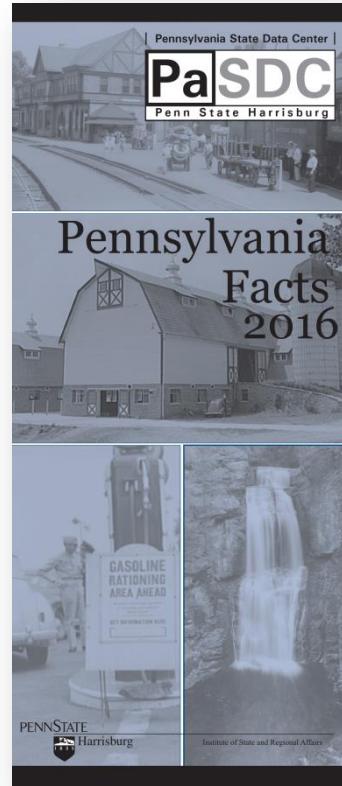
PENN STATE HARRISBURG – Did you know that sixteen of the commonwealth's sixty-seven counties have the same name as their county seat? Or that Pennsylvania ranks fourth nationally in the percentage of its population born in their state of current residence? These facts, and many more, are contained in the Pennsylvania State Data Center's 2016 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure.

Pennsylvania Facts offers a quick, fun and informative overview of Pennsylvania's demographics. It contains information on Population (Pennsylvania's 2014 population estimate was 12,787,209), Economic facts (the median household income in 2014 was \$53,234), Employment and Housing (the median home value of owner-occupied units was \$165,400), and dozens of other topics.

In addition to numbers, the Pennsylvania Facts Brochure also highlights the basic facts about Pennsylvania and its government: the official state drink is milk, the state animal is the Whitetail Deer, the state motto is "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence", the commonwealth has 18 congresspersons, 50 members of the State Senate and 203 members of the State House, making the commonwealth the second-largest legislature in the union.

Highlights from the 2016 Pennsylvania Facts Brochure:

- Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest state economy in the nation.
- More than a quarter (26.8 percent) of the state's housing units were built prior to 1940.
- Pennsylvania's Gross State Product in 2014 was \$662.8 billion.
- The Black alone, not Hispanic population is the largest minority group in the state (10.7 percent) in 2014.
- There are 67 counties and 2,561 municipalities in Pennsylvania.
- More than 1-in-10 Pennsylvanians aged 18 to 64 years lacked health insurance coverage in 2014.
- In 2014, there were 58,800 farms in the Keystone State, covering 7.72 million acres.



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The cover of the 2016 Pennsylvania Facts brochure contains a collage of historical images of Pennsylvania locations from the Library of Congress and other sources. Images include: a railroad depot in Connellsville, Fayette County, a large dairy barn in York County, a gas station along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Franklin County, Bushkill Falls in Pike County, and a row of Coal Company built homes in Cambria County.

Other Facts:

- The top five birth names for males in 2013 were: Liam, Mason, Michael, Jacob and Noah. The top five birth names for females in 2013 were: Emma, Sophia, Olivia, Ava and Isabella.
- In 2014, the average public school teacher salary in the state was \$64,072.
- The lowest geographic point is sea level (Delaware River). The highest is 3,213 feet (Mount Davis) Somerset County.
- Trucks accounted for 37.1 percent of all vehicle miles traveled on Pennsylvania Interstates in 2014.
- The average travel time to work for Pennsylvanians was 26.4 minutes.
- Nearly 7-in-10 (69.8 percent) public school 12th grade students during the 2013-14 school year indicated that they would attend college after graduation

Limited quantities of the 2016 Pennsylvania Facts brochure are available free of charge, upon request: email at: PaSDC@psu.edu to request yours today!

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Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census Summary File 1, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2014 Detailed State and County Population Estimates, 2014 American Community Survey; Bureau of Economic Analysis; Department of Agriculture; PA Departments of Community and Economic Development; Education; Transportation; and Labor and Industry; 2014 Pennsylvania Abstract; 2015 County Data Book Series

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