

2019 Detailed Population Estimates Released

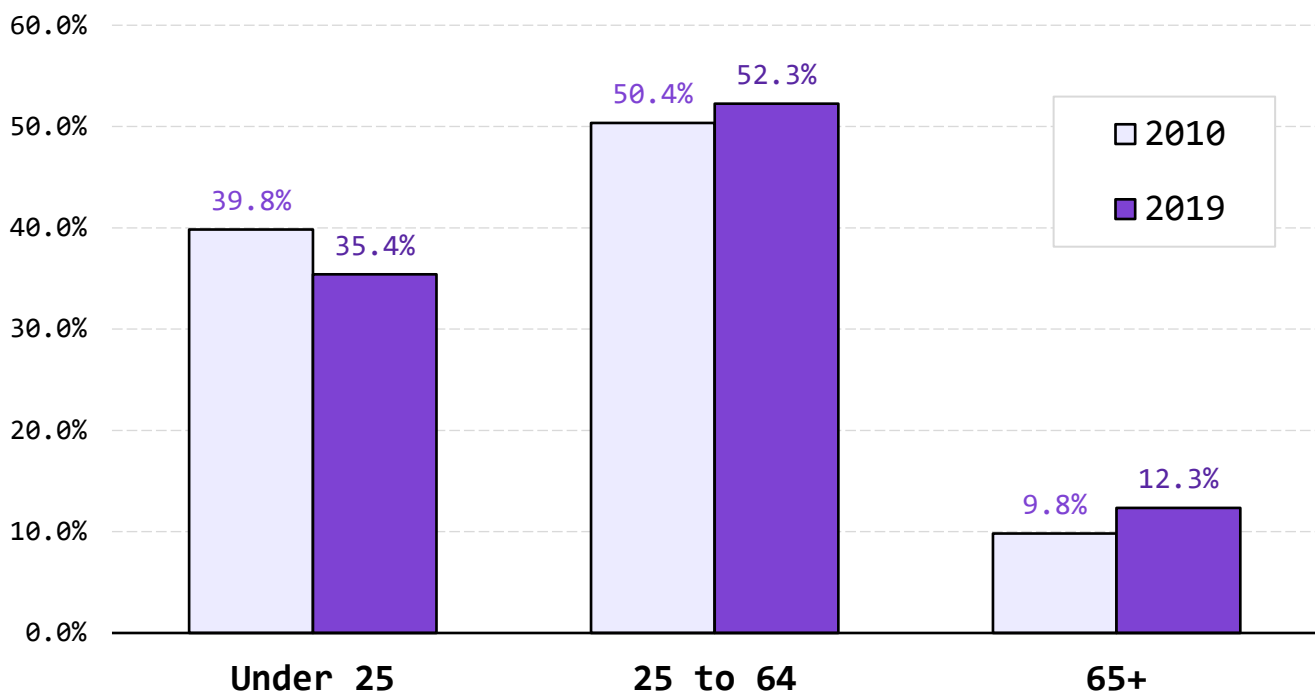
HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau today released the latest vintage of detailed population estimates for the nation, states, and counties. This data release provides estimates of the total resident population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin as of July 1, 2019. To recognize the historic celebration of Juneteenth in Pennsylvania, this brief explores trends in the Black or African American population.

Statewide Trends

The non-Hispanic Black or African American (NHBAA) population in Pennsylvania grew from 1,333,578 in 2010 to 1,394,630 in 2019, an increase of 4.6%. As a percentage of the total population of Pennsylvania, NHBAA individuals grew from 10.5% in 2010 to 10.9% by 2019.

Over this time, the NHBAA population aged [Figure 1]. NHBAA individuals under 25 years of age declined as a share of the total NHBAA population, while NHBAA individuals age 25 to 64 and 65 years or over increased as a share of the total NHBAA population.

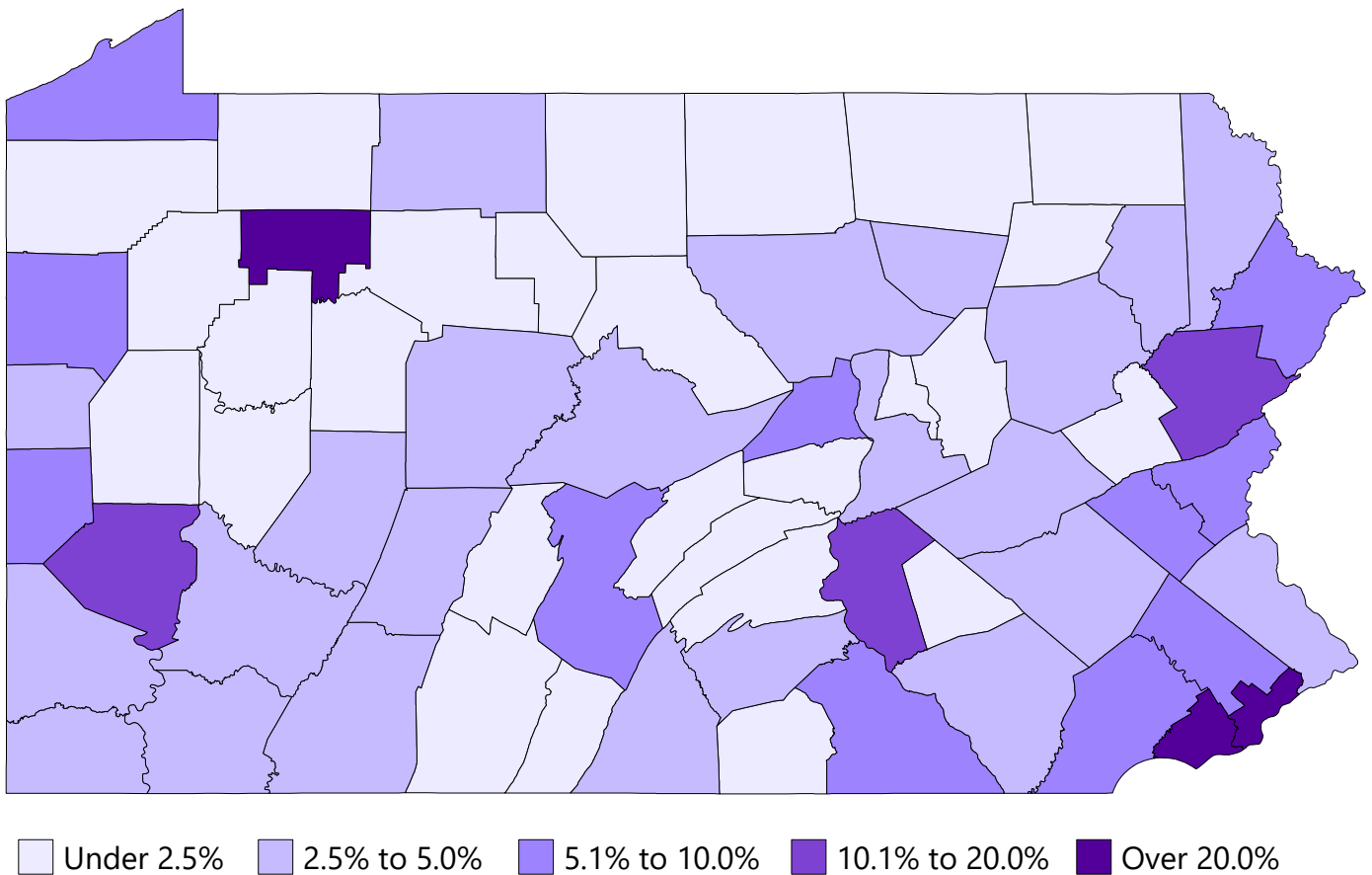
Figure 1. Age distribution of Pennsylvania’s NHBAA population in 2019.



County Trends

Philadelphia still had the largest NHBAA population by size and share of the total population in 2019, at 642,162 (40.5%). Other counties where NHBAA individuals accounted for at least 10.0% of the total population in 2019 included Delaware (22.0%), Forest (20.6%), Dauphin (17.4%), Monroe (13.7%), and Allegheny (13.2%).

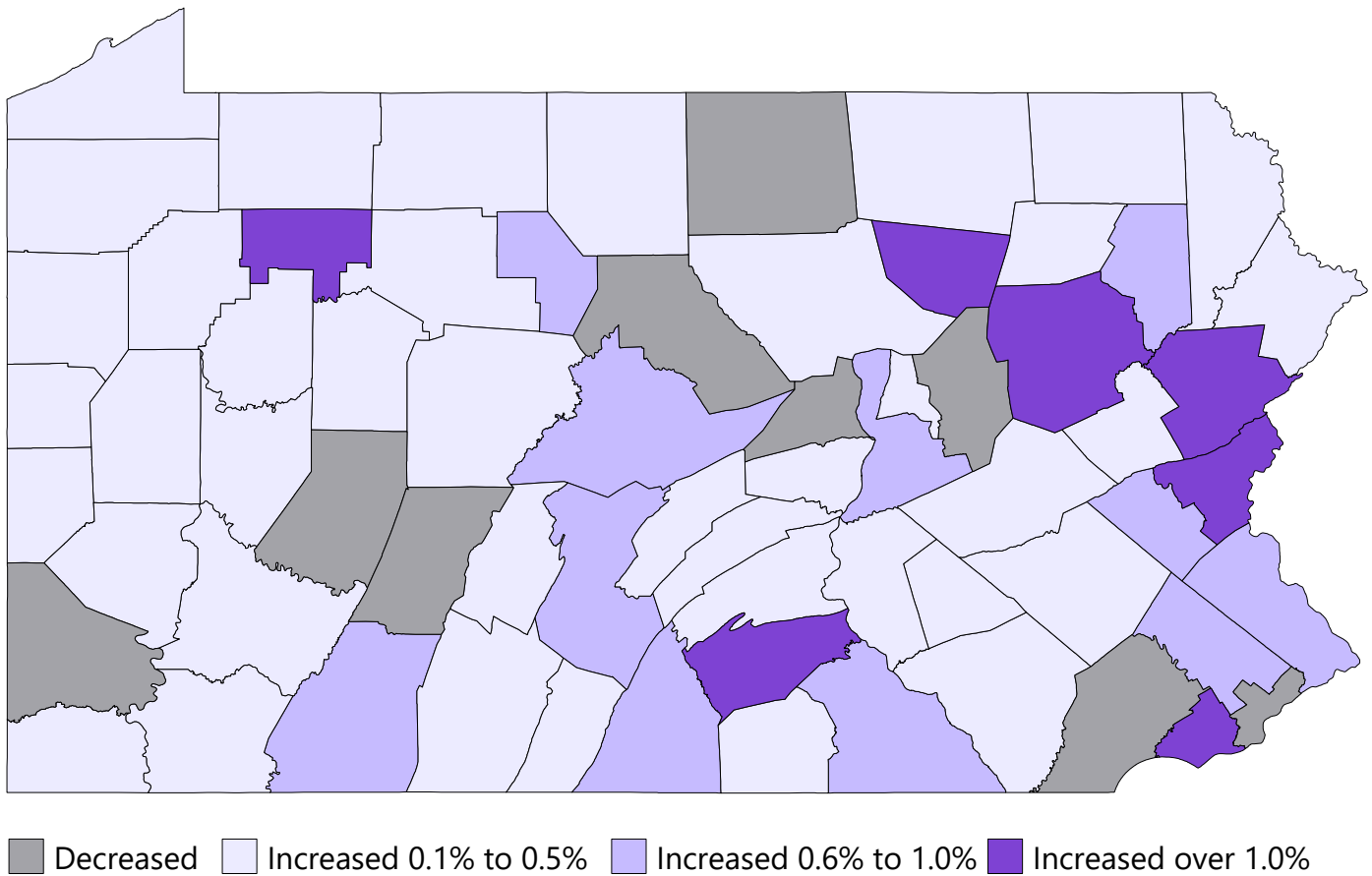
Figure 2. NHBAA individuals as a percentage of total population by county in 2019.



Twelve counties had NHBAA populations that accounted for less than 1.0% of their total population. Among them, the smallest included Elk, Jefferson, and Warren, all with NHBAA individuals representing just 0.5% of their total populations.

Seven counties in Pennsylvania saw increases in the percentage of their total populations that was NHBAA from 2010 to 2019 of one percentage point or more [Figure 3]. Forest (2.7) and Delaware (2.6) stood out among them as the highest increases, followed by Monroe (1.5), Luzerne (1.2), Northampton (1.2), Cumberland (1.1), and Sullivan (1.1).

Figure 3. Change in NHBAA individuals as a percentage of total population by county in 2019.



Nine counties experienced decreases in the percentage of their population that was NHBAA from 2010 to 2019. Among them, Philadelphia saw the largest decrease, down 1.8 percentage points to 40.5% in 2019. Philadelphia was followed by Union (0.4) and Chester (0.3) with other minor decreases (<0.1) in Tioga, Columbia, Cambria, Clinton, Washington, and Indiana.

Juneteenth Reading & Resources

[Governor Wolf Declares “Juneteenth National Freedom Day” in Pennsylvania](#)

[U.S. Census Bureau’s Juneteenth Resources](#)

[Penn State University Library’s Juneteenth Resources](#)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Division, 2019 Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race & Hispanic Origin.

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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