

State and County Detailed Population Estimates

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau has released the 2021 Detailed Nation, State, and County Population Estimates, the final set of detailed population estimates for this vintage. The July 1, 2021 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 2021 [Figure 1]. The population age 65 to 69 and age 70 to 74 were the fastest growing cohorts (45.5% and 54.8%, respectively). Outside of its older population, Pennsylvania also experienced notable growth in its young adult population in the age 25 to 29 cohort (5.3%), the age 30 to 34 cohort (20.4%) and the age 35 to 39 cohorts (8.8%)

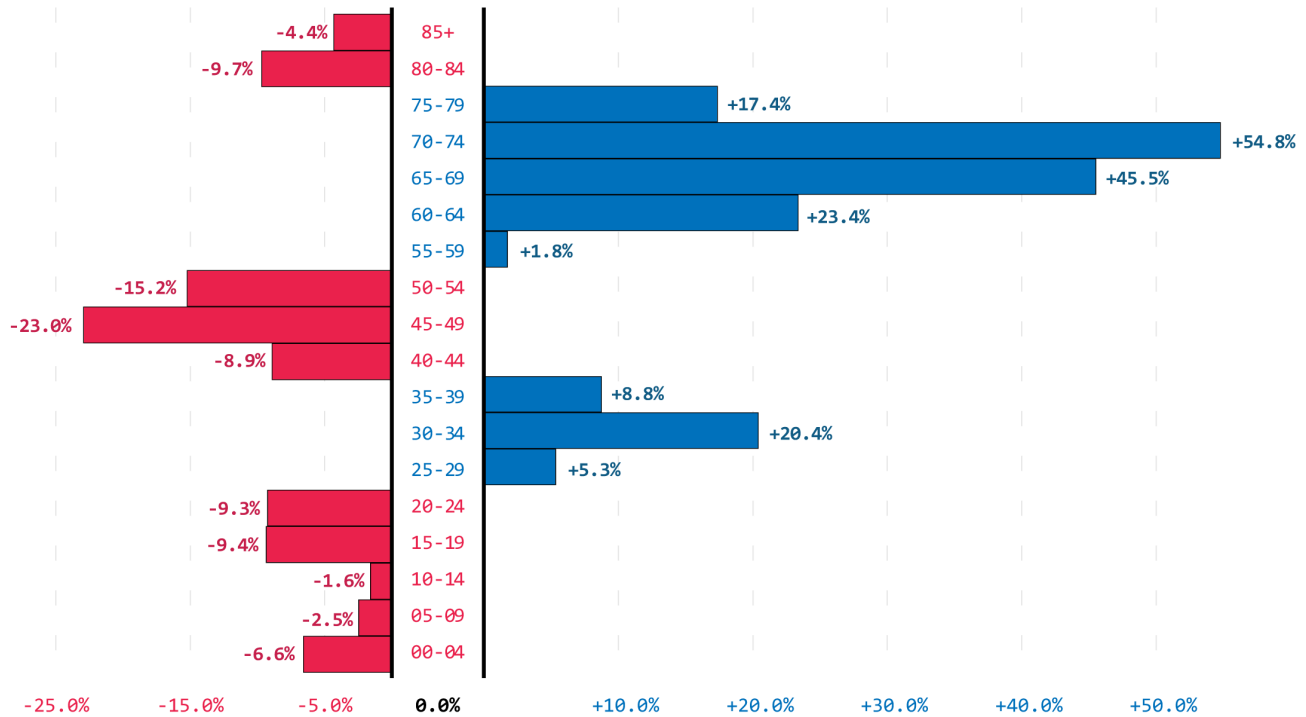


Figure 1. Percent change in Pennsylvania's population by age cohort from 2010 to 2021.

Overall, the population under 25 years of age decreased by more than 245,000 persons (-6.1%), while the population 25 to 64 years of age remained stable with a slight increase of 1,890 persons (0.3%). The population over 65 years of age added over 500,000 persons and increased by 25.8%. 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 21 persons aged 65 or older.

Trends in Pennsylvania's Population by Race & Ethnicity

Pennsylvania's population of color continued to grow from 2010 to 2021 [Table 1]. The non-Hispanic White population experienced the most substantial loss at over 400,000 persons (-4.0%). For every 10 non-Hispanic White persons lost in Pennsylvania from 2010 to 2020, the state gained roughly 16 persons of color. The most substantial growth occurred in the Hispanic or Latino population of any race (50.7%) and the non-Hispanic Asian population (42.2%).

Table 1. Pennsylvania's population by race/ethnicity* in 2010 and 2021 and numeric and percent change.

Race/Ethnicity	Population		Change	
	2010	2021	Numeric	Percent
<i>White</i>	10,109,256	9,701,126	-408,130	-4.0%
<i>Black</i>	1,333,574	1,416,684	83,110	6.2%
<i>Hispanic</i>	719,696	1,084,634	364,938	50.7%
<i>Asian</i>	351,465	499,717	148,252	42.2%
<i>Two or More</i>	168,817	238,808	69,991	41.5%
<i>Other</i>	20,083	23,087	3,004	15.0%
<i>Total</i>	12,702,891	12,964,056	261,165	2.1%

*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 2021 they accounted for just under 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 8.4 percent in 2021 as well as the non-Hispanic Asian population which increased from 2.8 percent of the total population in 2010 to 3.9 percent in 2021.

The race data in these estimates may not be consistent with 2020 Census data. The race categories from each census are reconciled with those race categories that appear in the data from administrative records, which are used to produce population estimates. Due to this, race detail found in the estimates may not match what is found in the decennial census. Additionally, due to methodological changes, the estimates are developed from a base population that combines estimates from Vintage 2020 and 2020 Demographic Analysis with total population from the 2020 Census; no race or Hispanic origin data from the 2020 Census were used in the development of the Vintage 2021 estimates series. For more information, please see the [Population Estimates Methodology Statement](#).

This is the last release of the vintage 2021 population estimates. Previous estimates for vintage 2021 included national, state, county, metro/micro area, city and town total population and components of change and are available on the [Population Estimates page](#).

In December, the Census Bureau will release 2022 Population Estimates by components of change and the population ages 18 and over for the nation, states and Puerto Rico. The full release schedule for 2022 is available [online](#). With each new release of annual estimates, the entire time series of estimates is revised for all years back to the date of the last census. All previously published estimates (e.g., old vintages) are superseded and archived on the [FTP2 site](#).

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 2021 estimate (July 1, 2020) to the 2010 Estimates Base as detailed age data from the 2020 Census has not yet been released.

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

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