

State and County Detailed Population Estimates

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2024 Detailed Nation, State, and County Population Estimates, the final set of detailed population estimates for this vintage. The July 1, 2024, 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 2020 to 2024 [Figure 1]. The fastest growing cohorts were among Pennsylvania's senior (65+) population, especially ages 75 to 79 (+18.2%) and 80 to 84 (+12.6%). Outside of its older population, Pennsylvania also experienced notable growth in the middle-aged (35 to 39: +6.4% and 40 to 44: +8.2%) and its young adult (15 to 19: +3.1% and 20 to 24: +3.2%) population.

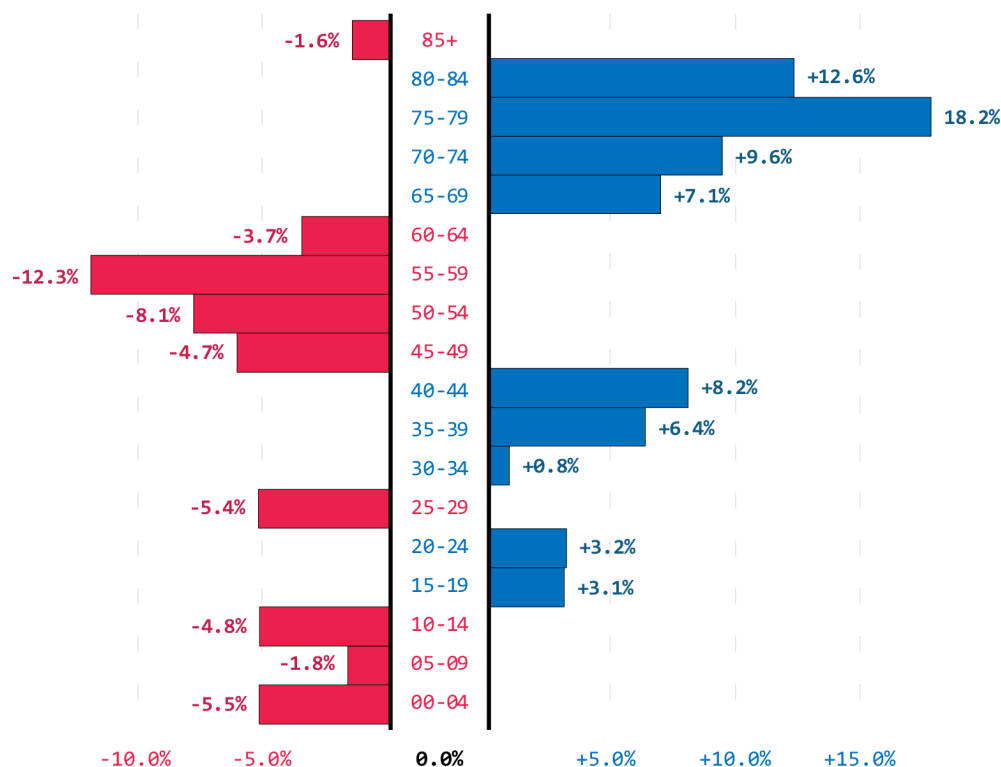


Figure 1. Percent change in Pennsylvania's population by age cohort from 2020 to 2024.

Overall, the population under 25 years of age slightly decreased by more than 33,000 persons (-0.9%), while the population 25 to 64 years of age decreased just over 146,000 persons (-2.2%). The population over 65 years of age added nearly 255,000 persons and increased by 10.6%. In 2024, 20 percent of the population in Pennsylvania was 65 years of age or older. For every 10 individuals under age 25 lost in Pennsylvania since 2020, the state gained 77 persons aged 65 or older.

Trends in Pennsylvania's Population by Race & Ethnicity

Pennsylvania's population of color continued to grow from 2020 to 2024 [Table 1]. The non-Hispanic White population experienced the most substantial loss at over 223,500 persons (-2.3%).

For every 10 non-Hispanic White persons lost in Pennsylvania from 2020 to 2024, the state gained roughly 13 persons of color. The most substantial growth occurred in the Hispanic or Latino (+17.7%), non-Hispanic Asian (+16.0%), and non-Hispanic multiracial (+12.3%) populations.

Table 1. Pennsylvania's population by race/ethnicity* in 2020 and 2024 and numeric and percentage change.

Race/Ethnicity	Population		Change	
	2020	2024	Numeric	Percent
<i>White</i>	9,794,102	9,570,573	-223,529	-2.3%
<i>Black</i>	1,412,645	1,418,582	+5,937	+0.4%
<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	1,049,319	1,234,581	+185,262	+17.7%
<i>Asian</i>	492,117	570,919	+78,802	+16.0%
<i>Multiracial</i>	231,988	260,615	+28,627	+12.3%
<i>Other</i>	22,738	23,481	+743	+3.3%
<i>Total</i>	13,002,909	13,078,751	+75,842	+0.6%

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

Non-Hispanic White individuals accounted for 75.3 percent of Pennsylvania's population in 2020, decreasing to 73.2 percent by 2024. This decline corresponded with growth in the state's population of color, which increased from 24.7 percent to 26.8 percent over the same period. The gain was due to significant increases in the Hispanic or Latino population (of any race), the non-Hispanic Asian population, and the non-Hispanic multiracial population.

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 details 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 2024 estimates series. For more information, please see the [Population Estimates Methodology Statement](#).

This is the last release of the vintage 2024 population estimates. Previous estimates for vintage 2024 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 2025 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 2025 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, Other, or Multiracial refer to the non-Hispanic population for those races alone. Other consists of Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native. Multiracial individuals refer to those who identify as Two or More races. Hispanic or Latino individuals may be of any race. The population of color refers to individuals other than non-Hispanic White. All references to 2020 refer to the 2020 Estimates Base. All calculations of change compare the 2024 estimate (July 1, 2024) to the 2020 Estimates Base.

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

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