

## 2024 County Total Population Estimates Released

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau released today estimates of the total population as of July 1, 2024 at the county level. Population estimates are calculated using administrative records to estimate components of population change such as births, deaths, and migration.

### Key Trends in 2024 Population Estimates Data

Pennsylvania experienced an overall population increase of just over 75,800 (+0.6%) between 2020 and 2024. Pike County (+6.5%) followed by Cumberland County (+6.2%) were the fastest-growing counties in Pennsylvania when looking at percent change from 2020 to 2024.

Five other counties had populations that grew by 3.0 percent or more, including Chester (+4.9%), Adams (+3.9%), York (+3.2%), Northampton (+3.2%), and Lehigh (+3.0%). Seven other counties had populations that increased by 2.0 percent or more.

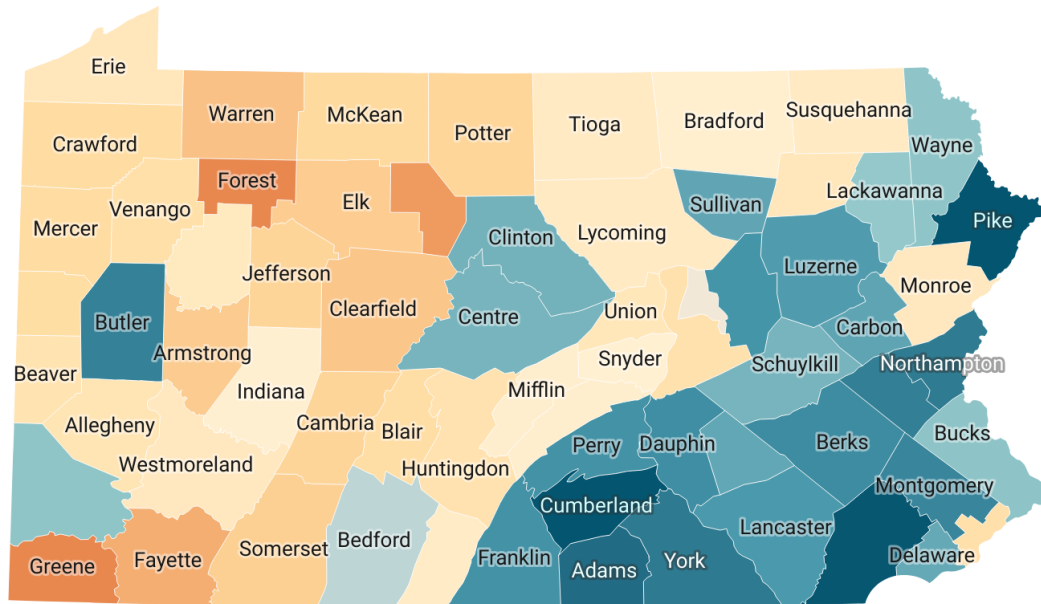
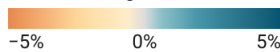
The greatest percent decrease from 2020 to 2024 occurred in Greene County (-5.5%), followed by Forest (-5.4), Cameron (-4.4%), Fayette (-3.8%), Warren (-3.2%), and Clearfield (-3.0%). Eleven other counties had populations that declined by 2.0 percent or more.

### Population Change for Pennsylvania Counties, 2020-2024

Change in Population Estimate Base to July 1, 2024 Population Estimate

**STATEWIDE:** +75,842 (+0.6%)

Percent Change



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### Population Change for Pennsylvania Counties

Twenty-eight counties increased in population between 2020 and 2024 with the largest numeric increase in Chester County (+26, 327). Seven other counties added at least 10,000 individuals since 2020, including Montgomery (+22,777), Cumberland (+16,048), York (+14,791), Lehigh (+11,103), Lancaster (+10,312), Berks (+10,267), and Northampton (+10,032) counties.

Of the 39 counties that declined in population between 2020 and 2024, eleven counties lost more than 2,000 individuals, including Philadelphia (-29,878), Allegheny (-18,769), Fayette (-4,882) Westmoreland (-3,713), Cambria (-3,355), Erie (-3,299), Beaver (-2,680), Blair (-2,552), Mercer (-2,516), Clearfield (-2,426), and Somerset (-2,003) counties.

### Components of Population Change

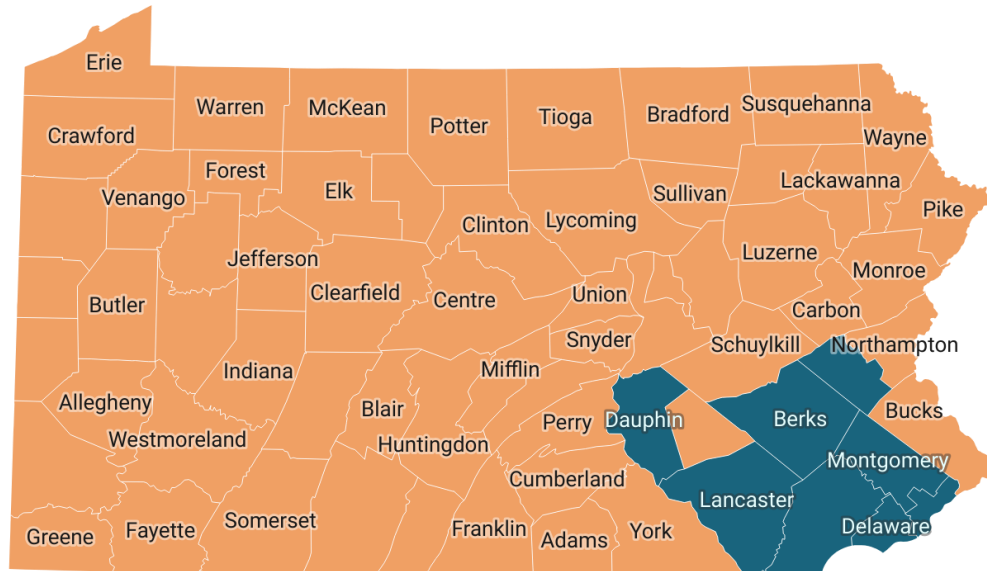
Across the state, deaths outpaced births for a natural decrease of approximately 77,550. Only eight of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties had natural increases where births outpaced deaths: Philadelphia (+13,896), Lancaster (+4,913), Chester (+4,787), Delaware (+2,541), Dauphin (+991), Montgomery (+601), Lehigh (+493), and Berks (+215).

### Components of Change: Natural Change, 2020-2024

STATEWIDE: Natural Change (-77, 549) = Births (551,644) - Deaths (629,193)

**Natural Change**

■ Natural Decrease (More Deaths) ■ Natural Increase (More Births)



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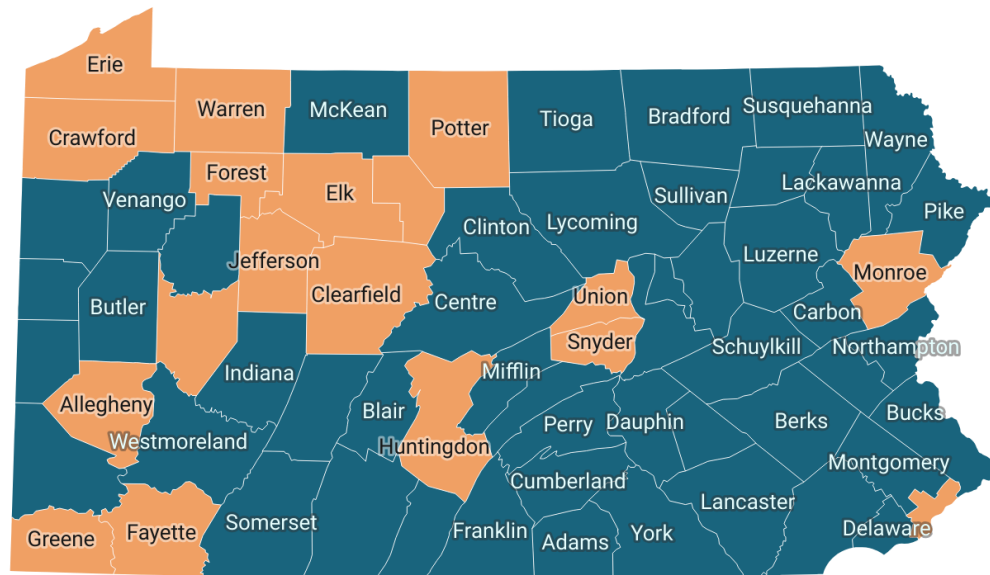
Statewide, nearly 50,000 residents left the state while nearly 200,000 international migrants moved into the state for a net migration of just under 150,000. Forty-nine counties experienced a positive net migration, among which 12 owed their growth solely to international migration, mirroring the statewide trend.

## Components of Change: Net Migration, 2020-2024

**STATEWIDE:** Net Migration (+149,870) = Domestic (-49,031) + International (198,901)

### Net Migration

Net Negative (More Out-Migration)   Net Positive (More In-Migration)



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## More Information

The Population Estimates Program uses current data on births, deaths, and migration to calculate population change since the most recent decennial census and produce a time series of estimates of population, demographic components of change and housing units.

The annual time series of estimates begins with the most recent decennial census date and extends to the vintage year. Comparisons across vintages are not recommended. All previously published estimates (i.e., old vintages) are superseded and archived at: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/>. Information on the timing of specific population and housing unit estimates products is available at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/about/schedule.html>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Division, 2024 County Population Estimates.

Map links: [\[Population Change\]](#), [\[Natural Change\]](#), [\[Net Migration\]](#)

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