



**Berks County, Pennsylvania Community Profile**  
*Demographic, Educational, and Industrial Breakdown*

This publication is based on information from the U.S. Census Bureau and has not been analyzed for trends or impacts. Rather, the data shown here is to be used for community discussion, development, and planning.

**Table 1. Sex and Age Profile, 2010 Census**

Sex and age are the two most utilized demographic identifiers. Table 1 is a simple break down of the number of people in each given age cohort, and the representative percentage of that cohort. The male and female populations are shown in the bottom, with their representative percentages. Median ages have no percentage since they are an average.

Subject	Number	Percent
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Total population	411,442	100.0
Under 5 years	25,288	6.1
5 to 9 years	26,960	6.6
10 to 14 years	27,828	6.8
15 to 19 years	31,785	7.7
20 to 24 years	27,355	6.6
25 to 29 years	23,284	5.7
30 to 34 years	22,873	5.6
35 to 39 years	25,180	6.1
40 to 44 years	28,723	7.0
45 to 49 years	32,065	7.8
50 to 54 years	30,641	7.4
55 to 59 years	26,671	6.5
60 to 64 years	23,231	5.6
65 to 69 years	16,705	4.1
70 to 74 years	12,871	3.1
75 to 79 years	11,339	2.8
80 to 84 years	9,450	2.3
85 years and over	9,193	2.2
Median age (years)	39.1	( X )
Male population	201,864	49.1
Median age (years)	38.0	( X )
Female population	209,578	50.9
Median age (years)	40.2	( X )



**Table 2. Race Profile, 2010 Census**

Race breakdown of the community identifies individuals as one, two, or more races, with individuals of more than one race able to show their racial breakdown (for greater detail, visit the website in citation)

RACE		
Total population	411,442	100.0
One Race	401,190	97.5
White	342,148	83.2
Black or African American	20,143	4.9
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,285	0.3
Asian	5,385	1.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	128	0.0
Some Other Race	32,101	7.8
Two or More Races	10,252	2.5
White; American Indian and Alaska Native [3]	930	0.2
White; Asian [3]	961	0.2
White; Black or African American [3]	3,303	0.8
White; Some Other Race [3]	2,588	0.6

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**Table 3. Hispanic or Latino Breakdown, 2010 Census**

Hispanic or Latino community members have further distinction within the census information due to the diversity within the Hispanic and Latino communities.

<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b>		
Total population	411,442	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	67,355	16.4
Mexican	10,890	2.6
Puerto Rican	36,333	8.8
Cuban	772	0.2
Other Hispanic or Latino [5]	19,360	4.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	344,087	83.6

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**Table 4. Living Relationships, 2010 Census**

Living relationships refer to how the population in a community lives amongst each other. These groups are divided amongst those in households, those that are institutionalized, and those that are non-institutionalized. Those institutionalized refer to those that are in an institution of sorts, such as a prison or old age home. Non-institutionalized population refers to those that are neither in a household nor in an institution.

RELATIONSHIP		
Total population	411,442	100.0
In households	399,419	97.1
Householder	154,356	37.5
Spouse [6]	80,417	19.5
Child	12,236	3.0
Unmarried partner	12,023	2.9
In group quarters	4,176	1.0
Institutionalized population	2,073	0.5
Male	2,103	0.5
Female	7,847	1.9
Noninstitutionalized population	3,602	0.9
Male	4,245	1.0
Female	2.59	( X )
Average household size	3.08	( X )
Average family size [7]	411,442	100.0

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**Table 5. Housing Occupancy, 2010 Census**

Housing occupancy refers to the number of people in given types of housing as well as the state of the housing unit on the market.

<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	164,827	100.0
Occupied housing units	154,356	93.6
Vacant housing units	10,471	6.4
For rent	3,557	2.2
Rented, not occupied	198	0.1
For sale only	1,941	1.2
Sold, not occupied	446	0.3
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	724	0.4
All other vacants	3,605	2.2

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**Table 6. Housing Tenure, 2010 Census**

Housing tenure refers to the breakdown of housing units by those who own their housing units and those who rent.

<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
Occupied housing units	154,356	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	110,653	71.7
Renter-occupied housing units	43,703	28.3

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**Table 7. Educational attainment by age cohort, 2012 American Community Survey**  
 Educational attainment breaks the community down by both age and the highest level of education they have completed. These estimates are taken at the time of the census, and thus have the ability to alter quickly overtime.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Total Estimate</b>	<b>Male Estimate</b>	<b>Female Estimate</b>
Population 18 to 24 years	42,728	21,445	21,283
Less than high school graduate	15.3%	20.2%	10.4%
High school graduate (equivalency)	36.7%	38.5%	34.8%
Some college or associate's degree	42.2%	37.2%	47.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.8%	4.2%	7.5%
Population 25 years and over	274,513	132,052	142,461
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	6.2%	7.0%	5.5%
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	9.6%	9.8%	9.4%
High school graduate (equivalency)	38.9%	39.5%	38.3%
Some college, no degree	15.9%	14.5%	17.1%
Associate's degree	7.4%	6.2%	8.5%
Bachelor's degree	14.1%	15.3%	13.0%
Graduate or professional degree	8.0%	7.7%	8.3%

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**Table 8. Employment by industry, 2012 American Community Survey**

The population breakdown by industry separates all those in the working population, 16 years and above, into the industry they currently work in. The Census Bureau uses a consistent methodology to determine the industry classifications into which employees are assigned across the country. Those that are unable to release information due to disclosure complications are due to the low numbers of industries in that sector, and potential for breaching privacy.

Subject	Total	Male	Female	Median earnings (dollars)
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	195,657	52.3%	47.7%	32,051
Management, business, science, and arts occupations:	60,991	44.2%	55.8%	52,087
Management, business, and financial occupations:	22,845	56.2%	43.8%	59,228
Management occupations	16,152	61.3%	38.7%	60,940
Business and financial operations occupations	6,693	43.7%	56.3%	50,727
Computer, engineering, and science occupations:	8,089	79.3%	20.7%	62,470
Computer and mathematical occupations	3,031	68.8%	31.2%	56,688
Architecture and engineering occupations	3,778	87.6%	12.4%	64,036
Life, physical, and social science occupations	1,280	79.8%	20.2%	69,026
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations:	18,042	29.7%	70.3%	45,646
Community and social services occupations	2,663	25.3%	74.7%	43,241
Legal occupations	1,347	47.1%	52.9%	61,267
Education, training, and library occupations	11,502	25.6%	74.4%	47,829
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	2,530	44.0%	56.0%	30,962
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations:	12,015	19.5%	80.5%	50,602
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners and other technical	7,312	25.1%	74.9%	61,166





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Health technologists and technicians	4,703	10.8%	89.2%	33,612
Service occupations:	33,597	42.8%	57.2%	15,757
Healthcare support occupations	6,140	16.3%	83.7%	21,673
Protective service occupations:	2,985	83.1%	16.9%	47,450
Fire fighting and prevention, and other protective service workers including supervisors	1,890	78.2%	21.8%	22,241
Law enforcement workers including supervisors	1,095	91.7%	8.3%	62,144
Food preparation and serving related occupations	10,514	31.9%	68.1%	9,770
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8,263	74.2%	25.8%	17,408
Personal care and service occupations	5,695	24.9%	75.1%	15,342
Sales and office occupations:	49,263	36.7%	63.3%	27,425
Sales and related occupations	22,063	53.2%	46.8%	26,461
Office and administrative support occupations	27,200	23.4%	76.6%	27,623
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations:	18,235	94.7%	5.3%	36,784
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2,547	78.1%	21.9%	21,092
Construction and extraction occupations	8,413	99.8%	0.2%	35,872
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	7,275	94.6%	5.4%	46,735
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	33,571	76.5%	23.5%	31,925
Production occupations	18,310	71.1%	28.9%	33,453
Transportation occupations	7,463	89.5%	10.5%	32,602
Material moving occupations	7,798	76.7%	23.3%	28,284
PERCENT IMPUTED				
Occupation	5.6%	(X)	(X)	(X)
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	195,657	52.3%	47.7%	32,051

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