

GROWTH TRENDS

Current, interesting and useful data from the YCPC

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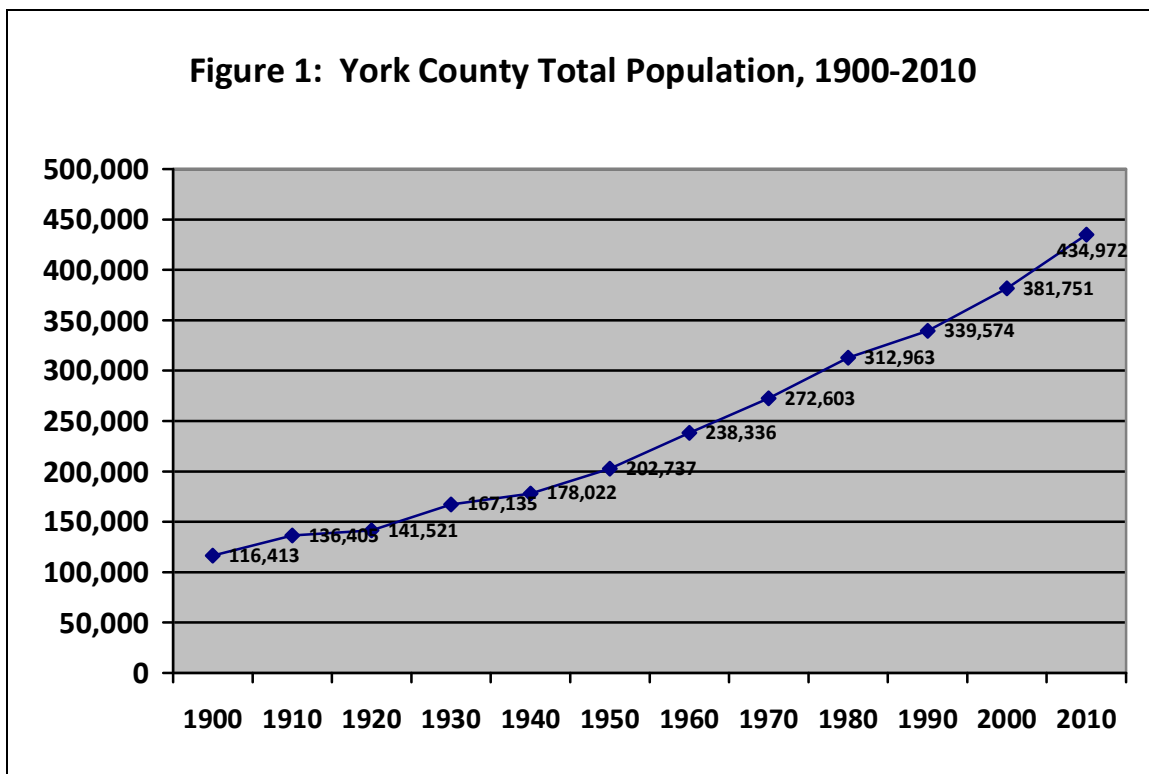
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Total Population

Did you know that 438,965 people live in York County? Annually, the US Census Bureau releases population estimates and every ten (10) years, the decennial Census collects an actual population count. And each March, population estimates are released.

York County's Population Trend

In York County, 18,828 persons moved into the County (2007-2011) and 16,538 moved out of the County. Figure 1 shows York County's total population from 1900 to 2010.



Source: US Census Bureau

The total population varies from decade to decade, with the average growth per decade at around 13%. The greatest increase in the population was 1920-1930 (18%) and the smallest increase was 1910-1920 (4%).

Regional Population

It is interesting to put York County's total population growth into the context of the Region. For this purpose, the region is defined as the counties that are directly contiguous with York County, both in Pennsylvania and in Maryland. Table 1 presents population data from 1990, 2000 and 2010, as well as calculates the percent change over the 20-year period.

Table 1: Regional Population, 1990-2010				
County	1990	2000	2010	% change 1990-2010
York County (PA)	339,574	381,751	434,972	28%
Adams County (PA)	78,274	91,292	101,407	30%
Cumberland County (PA)	195,257	213,674	235,406	21%
Dauphin County (PA)	237,813	251,798	268,100	13%
Lancaster County (PA)	422,822	470,658	519,445	23%
Baltimore County (MD)	692,134	754,292	805,029	16%
Carroll County (MD)	123,372	150,897	167,134	35%
Harford County (MD)	182,132	218,590	244,826	34%

Source: US Census Bureau

As shown, the adjacent county with the highest population increase over the last 20 years is Carroll County, MD, with 35% increase 1990-2010. Closely behind is Harford County, MD (34%).

Adams County had the largest increase in the PA part of the region with a 30% increase. Adams County also surpassed 100,000 residents in the 2010 Census. Dauphin County showed the smallest increase in the region over the 20-year period.

Population Estimates

On March 27, 2014, the UC Census Bureau released the 2013 County Population Estimates. Table 2 below shows the total population estimates for York County and its neighbors.

Table 2: 2013 County Population Estimates			
County	2013 Estimate	# change since 2000	% change since 2000
York County (PA)	438,965	3,993	0.9%
Adams County (PA)	101,546	139	0.1%
Cumberland County (PA)	241,212	5,804	2.5%
Dauphin County (PA)	270,937	2837	1.1%
Lancaster County (PA)	529,600	10,152	2.0%
Baltimore County (MD)	823,015	18,066	2.2%
Carroll County (MD)	167,564	430	0.3%
Harford County (MD)	249,215	4,389	1.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

As shown, Cumberland County (PA) had the highest rate of growth since the 2010 decennial census. Baltimore County is just behind with 2.2%. Adams County has the smallest amount of growth at 0.1%.

For complete information regarding 2013 County Population Estimates, please visit the US Census Bureau website at : <http://www.census.gov/popest/data/counties/totals/2013/index.html> .