

GROWTH TRENDS

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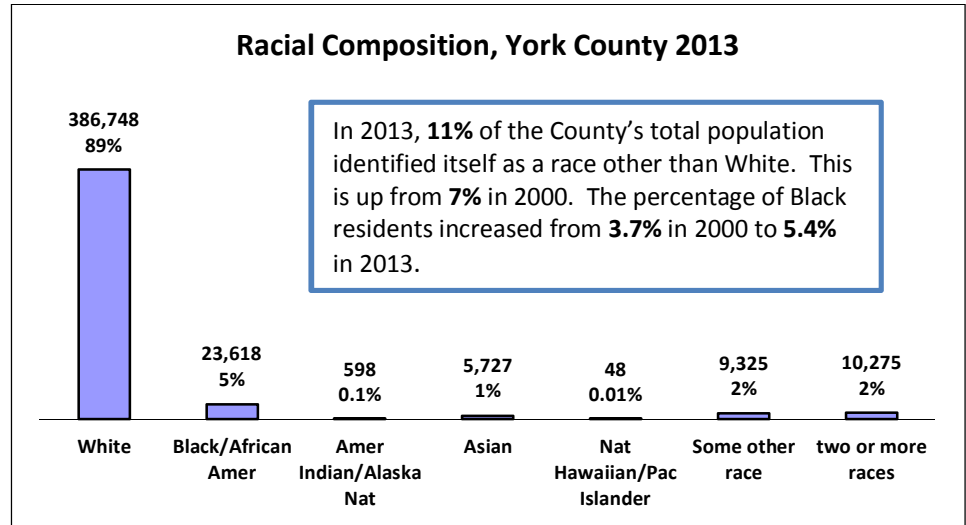
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• Facts for February •

While February is the shortest month of the year, there are many interesting facts contained within it.

Black History Month is an annual observance in February. It was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976, during the Nation's Bicentennial.

This chart shows the County's racial composition. For more information, visit www.census.gov.



Super Bowl Sunday is February 1, 2015. Millions will tune in to watch Super Bowl XLIX between the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks, perhaps on a television purchased at one of the 64 electronics and appliance stores in York County. And no Super Bowl party is complete with a variety of snacks, purchased at one of the 75 grocery stores in York County (2012 County Business Patterns). Maybe your hot wings have come from some of the 2.6 million chickens raised in the County annually? And who could forget that York County is the snack food capital of the United States, with 13 snack food manufacturers employing 2,819 persons! Five of those manufacturers are part of the Made in York County Factory Tour <http://www.yorkpa.org/factory-tours/tour/>.

There are 68 current players in the NFL that come from Pennsylvania <http://www.maxpreps.com/news/rSLy8F6gPk-lyE4n6ek77A/2012-nfl-players-from-pennsylvania.htm>.

According to ProFootball Reference.com, since 1920 there have been 14 NFL players who hailed from York County. This includes current players Will Beatty of the New York Giants and John Kuhn of the Green Bay Packers.



According to the PA Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), there are 16 high schools with football programs in York County www.gametimepa.com/football. There are currently ten clubs affiliated with the York County Youth Football Association.

Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2. Pennsylvania is home to Punxsutawney Phil, who has been forecasting since 1887. Octorara Orphie has been making his predictions in Lancaster County since 1908. York County's own groundhogs, Dover Doug, Poor Richard and Susquehanna Sherman offer their predictions, too.



But did you know that the average groundhog is about 20 inches long and weighs between 12-15 pounds? Groundhogs are true hibernators, meaning their body functions slow and energy is preserved during a very deep "sleep." Per the Pennsylvania State Game Commission 2014-2015 Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits, there is no closed season for woodchucks (groundhogs), except on Sundays and during the regular firearms deer season. There is no limit. <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=576240&mode=2>

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. A popular Valentine treat is candy. According to the 2012 US Economic Census, there are 143 "sugar and confectionary product manufacturing" establishments in PA. These candy manufacturers employ 8,827 persons statewide. In York County, there are 6 such establishments.



There are 16 florists in and around the White Rose City, as well as 3 flower, nursery stock, and florist merchant wholesalers in York County. While there are no greeting card publishers in York County, you may mail your Valentine cards at any of the 39 post offices located within York County. <http://www.uspspostoffices.com/pa/county/york>

Valentine's Day dinners can be enjoyed at one of the 624 restaurants and other eating places in York County (2012 County Business Patterns).

"Be Mine"

The median age for the first marriage for men in Pennsylvania is 29.6 years for women is 27.9 years. The District of Columbia has the highest median age for first marriage for both men (30.5) and women (30.7). Utah has the lowest median with 25.7 years for men and 23.7 for women.

In 2013, there were 192,572 married persons in York County. This is 54% of the total population over the age of 15, as reported by the US Census Bureau. In York County, marriage licenses can be obtained from the York County Clerk of Orphans' Court <https://yorkcountypa.gov/courts-criminal-justice/court-courtrelated-offices/2012-03-05-10-55-29/marriage-licenses.html>



Presidents' Day is observed on February 16, 2015. George Washington and the Second Continental Congress convened in York at the Colonial Courthouse in 1777. It was then when the Articles of the Confederation were written.

Abraham Lincoln traveled on the Northern Central Railroad into York, stopping at Hanover Junction, on his way to dedicate the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg in November 1863.