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New Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Statistics from the ACS

On September 18, 2014, the US Census Bureau released the 2013 data from the American Community Survey (ACS). Considered to be the most comprehensive and reliable source of household data, the 2013 ACS 1-year estimates released data on over 40 topics. This bulletin highlights data related to income, poverty and health insurance for York County and the surrounding region.

Total Population

Per the 2013 ACS, the total population of York County is 438,956. This is an increase of almost 4,000 persons from 2010 (434,972).

The 2010 Census is the first in which Adams County exceeded 100,000 residents and Lancaster County exceeded 500,000 residents.

The total population of the PA counties adjacent to York County is approximately 1.14 million. To the south, the three MD counties have populations that sum to over 1.2 million.

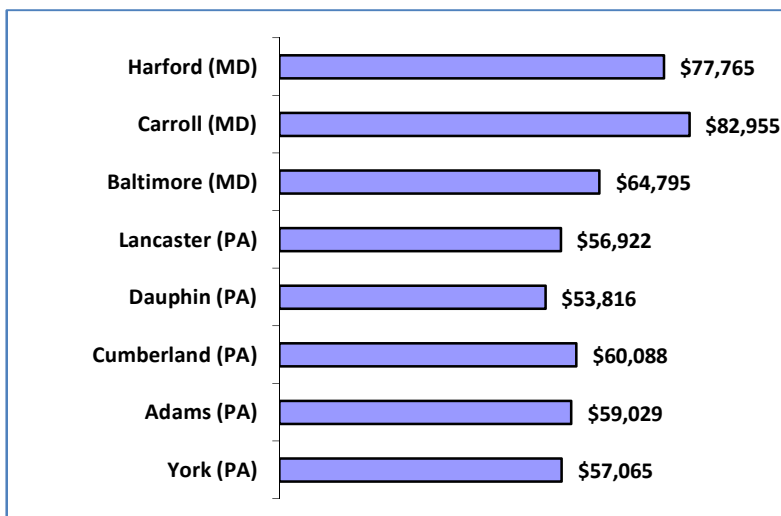
Total Population, 2013

York County	438,965
Adams County	101,546
Cumberland County	241,212
Dauphin County	270,937
Lancaster County	529,600
Baltimore County (MD)	823,015
Carroll County (MD)	167,564
Harford County (MD)	249,215

Source: 2013 ACS 1-year estimates

Median Household Income

The 2013 median household income in York County is \$57,065. As shown below, of York County and the adjacent counties, Carroll County (MD) has the highest median household income and Dauphin County (PA) has the lowest.



Source: 2013 ACS 1-year estimates

Income Inequality

The Gini index is a summary measure of income inequality, ranging from 0 (complete equality) to 1 (complete inequality) and is intended to represent the income distribution. Among the findings:

- York County's Gini index is 0.4231.
- Harford County (0.3941) and Adams County (0.3991) have the *lowest* Gini indices in the region.
- Baltimore County (0.4461) and Dauphin County (0.448) have the *highest* Gini indices in the region.
- Nationally speaking, the Gini index is 0.4811.
 - Alaska (0.4083) and Wyoming (0.4183) have the lowest indices
 - Washington DC (0.532) and New York (0.508) have the highest.
 - Pennsylvania has a Gini index of 0.4696 or 21st highest in the nation, including PR and DC.
 - The Gini index of 15 states (including PA) increased from 2012-2013.



Poverty

According to the 2013 ACS, 8.2% of the families in York County are living in poverty. The Families in Poverty, 2013 table looks at the issue of poverty regionally. It presents the data for York County and for the counties that are adjacent to York County.

Note that the county with the highest percentage of families is Dauphin County with 14.1%. Carroll and Harford Counties in MD have the lowest in the region with 7.2% and 7.3%, respectively.

Families in Poverty, 2013	
York County	8.2%
Adams County	8.9%
Cumberland County	8.5%
Dauphin County	14.1%
Lancaster County	10.4%
Baltimore County (MD)	9.6%
Carroll County (MD)	7.2%
Harford County (MD)	7.3%

Source: 2013 ACS 1-yr estimates

Health Insurance Coverage

The ACS has been collecting data on health insurance coverage since 2008. In 2013, the findings include:

- Nationally, approximately 13% of Americans are not covered by health insurance.
- 9.7% of Pennsylvanians are not insured.
- 9.4% of York County residents are not insured.
- Around the region, Lancaster County (13.7%) and Dauphin County (10.4%) have the highest rates of no health insurance.
- Of the adjacent counties, Harford County (MD) has the lowest incidence (5.4%).



For additional data and information on the 2013 ACS, please visit www.census.gov.