

Immigration: Demographics, Trends, Problems

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Riches and Challenges

- Newcomers:
 - Immigrants
 - Refugees and Asylees
 - Temporary Workers
 - Migrant Workers



Riches

- Riches:
 - Human resources
 - Diversity
 - Food
 - Music
 - Arts and Culture



Challenges

- Same legal and socio-economic issues low income persons face
 - Employment issues
 - Housing
 - Economic Security
 - Public Benefits
 - Health
 - Education



Challenges

- Limited English Proficiency
- Ineffective Legal Protections
- Isolation
- Unfamiliarity with Area and Culture



Serving Limited English Proficient and Immigrant and Refugee Communities

- Access to services
- Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI
- Employment Law
- Economic Security and Low Income Clients
- Public Benefits
- Advocacy
- Ethical issues



Demographics

- Who
- Where come from
- Who: from Immigration law legal perspective
- Goal: understanding not only
 - substantive legal issues
 - immigration issues



Foreign-born Populations Areas of Origin

- Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Latin America
- Africa



PA Foreign-born population

Foreign-born population	PA Pop.	% Reg
Pennsylvania Total	508,291	100%
Asia:	182,967	36.0%
Europe:	182,667	35.9%
Americas:	115,057	22.6%
Africa:	25,413	5.0%

Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19



PA Foreign-born population

Asia

Foreign-born population	PA Pop.	% Reg
Pennsylvania Total	508,291	100%
Asia:	182,967	36.0%
Eastern Asia:	64,392	12.7%
South Eastern Asia:	53,842	10.6%
South Central Asia:	49,015	9.6%
Western Asia:	15,023	3.0%

Foreign-born population				
Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19				
	Region	% Reg		% Total
Total:	508,291			
Asia:	182,967	36.0%		
Eastern Asia:	64,392	12.7%		
China:			31,735	6.24%
Korea			26,703	5.25%
Japan			5,852	1.15%
Other Eastern Asia			102	0.02%
South Eastern Asia:	53,842	10.6%		
Vietnam			26,656	5.24%
Philippines			11,411	2.24%
Cambodia			6,656	1.31%
Thailand			2,828	0.56%
Laos			2,414	0.47%
Indonesia			1,655	0.33%
Malaysia			1,010	0.20%
Other South Eastern Asia			1,212	0.24%
South Central Asia:	49,015	9.6%		
India			37,541	7.39%
Pakistan			4,160	0.82%
Iran			3,034	0.60%
Bangladesh			1,888	0.37%
Afghanistan			620	0.12%
Other South Central Asia			1,772	0.35%
Western Asia:	15,023	3.0%		
Syria			2,919	0.57%
Israel			2,475	0.49%
Lebanon			2,303	0.45%
Turkey			2,237	0.44%
Iraq			1,209	0.24%
Jordan			698	0.14%
Armenia			319	0.06%
Other Western Asia			2,863	0.56%
Asia, n.e.c.	695	0.1%	695	0.14%



Asian Ancestry

■ Asian	219,813
■ Asian Indian	57,241
■ Chinese	50,650
■ Filipino	14,506
■ Japanese	6,984
■ Korean	31,612
■ Vietnamese	30,037

Asians in Greater Philadelphia

Asians of the Greater Philadelphia Area					
	Bucks	Chester	Delaware	Montg.	Phila.
Asian Population, 2000	13,627	8,468	18,103	30,191	67,654
Asian/Pacific Islander Population, 1990	8,446	4,070	10,002	15,995	43,522
Asian Percent Change, 1990 - 2000	61.3%	108.1%	81.0%	88.8%	55.4%
Population Percent Change, 1990 - 2000	10.4%	15.2%	0.6%	10.6%	-4.3%
Selected Age Groups for Asians					
Under 18 Years	3,806	2,314	4,877	7,897	16,131
18 - 64 Years	9,055	5,740	12,341	20,734	47,680
65 years and over	766	414	885	1,560	3,843
Median Age	33.5	31.8	31.0	32.2	28.3
Median Age (Total Pop)	37.7	36.9	37.4	38.2	34.2
Tenure by Race of Householder (Asian)					
Owner-occupied	2,279	1,508	2,787	5,107	9,283
Renter-occupied	1,687	1,187	2,508	4,227	11,887
Average Household Size	3.23	2.90	3.21	3.07	2.98
Average Family Size	3.55	3.31	3.62	3.48	3.80



PA Foreign-born population Europe

Foreign-born population	PA Pop.	% Reg
Pennsylvania Total	508,291	100%
Europe:	182,667	35.9%
Eastern Europe:	70,439	13.9%
Southern Europe:	42,428	8.3%
Western Europe:	36,868	7.3%
Northern Europe:	32,827	6.5%

Foreign-born population				
Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19				
	Region	% Reg		% Total
Total:	508,291			
Europe:	182,667	35.9%		
Eastern Europe:	70,439	13.9%		
Ukraine			16,897	3.32%
Russia			13,885	2.73%
Poland			11,916	2.34%
Romania			4,274	0.84%
Hungary			3,762	0.74%
Czechoslovakia (includes Czech Republic and Slovakia)			3,451	0.68%
Yugoslavia			3,328	0.65%
Bosnia and Herzegovina			2,880	0.57%
Belarus			1,472	0.29%
Other Eastern Europe			8,574	1.69%
Southern Europe:	42,428	8.3%		
Italy			30,559	6.01%
Greece			7,362	1.45%
Portugal			2,961	0.58%
Spain			1,422	0.28%
Other Southern Europe			124	0.02%
Western Europe:	36,868	7.3%		
Germany			25,685	5.05%
France			4,181	0.82%
Austria			2,714	0.53%
Netherlands			2,265	0.45%
Other Western Europe			2,023	0.40%
Northern Europe:	32,827	6.5%		
United Kingdom			23,171	4.56%
Ireland			6,687	1.32%
Other Northern Europe			1,824	0.36%
Sweden			1,145	0.23%
Europe, n.e.c.	105	0.0%	105	0.02%

PA Foreign-born population

Latin America

Foreign-born population		PA Pop.	% Reg
Pennsylvania Total		508,291	100%
Americas:		115,057	22.6%
	Latin America:	99,514	19.6%
	Caribbean:	41,168	8.1%
	Central America:	34,514	6.8%
	South America:	23,832	4.7%
	Northern America:	15,543	3.1%

Foreign-born population				
Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19				
	Region	% Reg		% Total
Total:	508,291			
Americas:	115,057	22.6%		
Latin America:		19.6%		
Caribbean:	41,168	8.1%		
Jamaica			12,390	2.44%
Dominican Republic			11,687	2.30%
Haiti			4,977	0.98%
Trinidad and Tobago			4,480	0.88%
Cuba			3,914	0.77%
Barbados			1,248	0.25%
Other Caribbean			2,472	0.49%
Central America:	34,514	6.8%		
Mexico			24,232	4.77%
Other Central America:	10,282	2.0%		
Guatemala			2,618	0.52%
Honduras			2,021	0.40%
El Salvador			1,964	0.39%
Panama			1,617	0.32%
Costa Rica			1,005	0.20%
Nicaragua			803	0.16%
Other Central America			254	0.05%
South America:	23,832	4.7%		
Colombia			6,531	1.28%
Brazil			3,264	0.64%
Peru			2,767	0.54%
Ecuador			2,562	0.50%
Argentina			2,409	0.47%
Guyana			1,737	0.34%
Venezuela			1,648	0.32%
Chile			1,406	0.28%
Bolivia			413	0.08%
Other South America			1,095	0.22%
Northern America:	15,543	3.1%		
Canada			15,200	2.99%
Other Northern America			343	0.07%



HISPANIC OR LATINO

Native and Foreign Born

Hispanic or Latino population:	United States	Pennsylvania
Total	35,238,481	392,121
Native	21,080,664	323,634
Native: Born outside the United States	1,666,690	99,957
Native: Born Puerto Rico	1,371,646	97,025
Native: Born U.S. Island Areas	14,984	316
Native: Born outside the United States of American parents	280,060	2,616
Foreign Born	14,157,817	68,487
Naturalized Citizen	3,939,732	23,220
Not a Citizen	10,218,085	45,267
Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data Data PCT63h		

HISPANIC OR LATINO

(includes other than foreign born)

Geographic Area: Pennsylvania	Number
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	394,088
Mexican	55,178
Puerto Rican	228,557
Cuban	10,363
Other Hispanic or Latino	99,990
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	12,186
Central American (excludes Mexican)	9,845
South American	18,268
(South American includes Colombian)	7,166
All other Hispanic or Latino	59,691

[QT-P9. Hispanic or Latino by Type: 2000](#)

[Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 \(SF 1\) 100-Percent Data](#)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrix PCT11.

Latinos in Greater Philadelphia

Latinos of the Greater Philadelphia Area					
	Bucks	Chester	Delaware	Montg.	Phila.
Latino Population, 2000	14,005	16,126	8,368	15,300	128,928
Latino Population, 1990	8,895	8,565	5,998	8,357	89,193
Latino Percent Change, 1990 - 2000	57.4%	88.3%	39.5%	83.1%	44.5%
Population Percent Change, 1990 - 2000	10.4%	15.2%	0.6%	10.6%	-4.3%
Selected Age Groups					
Under 18 Years	4,750	5,532	2,875	4,979	48,568
18 - 64 Years	8,702	10,182	5,078	9,708	74,727
65 years and over	553	412	415	613	5,633
Median Age	26.7	24.7	24.5	26.5	24.6
Median Age (Total Pop)	37.7	36.9	37.4	38.2	34.2
Population in occupied Latino households					
Owner-occupied	6,115	5,360	3,249	5,797	66,241
Renter-occupied	6,218	8,031	3,201	6,751	55,567
Average Household Size	3.17	3.74	2.86	3.08	3.21
Average Family Size	3.47	3.96	3.40	3.48	3.68



PA Foreign-born population Africa

Foreign-born population	PA Pop.	% Reg
Pennsylvania Total	508,291	100%
Africa:	25,413	5.0%
Western Africa:	9,356	1.8%
Northern Africa:	5,559	1.1%
Eastern Africa:	5,232	1.0%
Southern Africa:	1,844	0.4%
Middle Africa	886	0.2%

Foreign-born population				
Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19				
	Region	% Reg		% Total
Total:	508,291			
Africa:	25,413	5.0%		
Western Africa:	9,356	1.8%		
Nigeria			2,934	0.58%
Ghana			1,160	0.23%
Sierra Leone			877	0.17%
Other Western Africa			4,385	0.86%
Northern Africa:	5,559	1.1%		
Egypt			3,475	0.68%
Other Northern Africa			2,084	0.41%
Eastern Africa:	5,232	1.0%		
Ethiopia			1,257	0.25%
Other Eastern Africa (<i>include Somalia</i>)			3,975	0.78%
Southern Africa:	1,844	0.4%		
South Africa			1,575	0.31%
Other Southern Africa			269	0.05%
Middle Africa	886	0.2%	886	0.17%
Africa, n.e.c.	2,536	0.5%	2,536	0.50%

Foreign-born population				
Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19				
	Region	% Reg		% Total
Total:	508,291			
Oceania:				
Australia and New Zealand	1,908	0.4%		
Australia			1,412	0.28%
Other Australian and New Zealand Subregion			496	0.10%
Melanesia	103	0.0%	103	0.02%
Micronesia	51	0.0%	51	0.01%
Polynesia	116	0.0%	116	0.02%
Oceania, n.e.c.	0	0.0%	0	
Born at sea				
	9	0.0%	9	0.00%
Total		100%	508,291	

Place Of Birth by Citizenship Status – Census 2000

	United States	Pennsylvania
Total:	281,421,906	12,281,054
Native:	250,314,017	11,772,763
Born in state of residence	168,729,388	9,544,251
Born outside the United States:	3,527,551	152,268
Puerto Rico	1,439,674	100,525
U.S. Island Areas	166,960	2,271
Born abroad of American parent(s)	1,920,917	49,472
Foreign born:	31,107,889	508,291
Naturalized citizen	12,542,626	257,339
Not a citizen	18,565,263	250,952

PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Table P21. - Universe: Total population

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3)



PA Foreign-born population

Year of Entry For the Foreign-Born Population	
Table P22. - Universe: Foreign -born population	
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3)	
	Pennsylvania
Total:	508,291
1995 to March 2000	126,577
1990 to 1994	82,546
Sub-Total 1990-2000	209,123
1985 to 1989	62,140
1980 to 1984	50,031
1975 to 1979	35,849
1970 to 1974	30,976
1965 to 1969	25,732
Before 1965	94,440



PA Non-Citizen Foreign Born

	United States	Pennsylvania
Legal Permanent Residents April 1996 {Note 1}	10,525,000	160,000
Immigrants Admitted By State Of Intended Residence Fiscal Years 1997-2002 {Note 2}		
1997	798,378	14,553
1998	654,451	11,942
1999	646,568	13,514
2000	849,807	18,148
2001	1,064,318	21,441
2002	1,063,732	19,473
Total Admitted FY1997 - FY2002	5,077,254	99,071
INS Estimate Undocumented Population Year 2000 {Note 3}	7,000,000	49,000
Total	22,602,254	308,071

See Accompanying Notes for Sources. No offset naturalizations



PA Non-Citizen Foreign Born

Accompanying Notes As to Sources of Estimates of Pennsylvania Non-Citizen Foreign Born

Note 1: Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), "State Population Estimates: Legal Permanent Residents and Aliens Eligible to Apply for Naturalization — (November 1996). Available on Internet at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/shared/aboutus/stati>

Note 2: Department of Homeland Security Office of Immigration Statistics, 2002 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, October 2003. Chapter Three, Page 48 Table 13. Immigrants Admitted By State Of Intended Residence Fiscal Years 1994-2002

Note 3: Office of Policy and Planning U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Estimates of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population Residing in the United States: 1990 to 2000, January 2003



PA Foreign-born population

PA Counties with more than 3,000 Foreign Born Persons			
Philadelphia	137,205	Dauphin	10,214
Montgomery	52,152	York	8,280
Allegheny	48,266	Monroe	8,066
Delaware	36,635	Centre	7,829
Bucks	35,442	Erie	7,706
Chester	23,770	Cumberland	6,923
Lehigh	19,331	Luzerne	6,171
Berks	16,032	Westmoreland	5,277
Lancaster	15,037	Lackawanna	4,833
Northampton	12,227	Adams	3,130

Foreign-born population Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19 20 Highest Counties

Rank		Total	% State	% Asia	Eastern Asia	South Central Asia	South Eastern Asia	Western Asia	Eastern Asia	% Europe	Northern Europe	Western Europe	Southern Europe	Eastern Europe
	Pennsylvania	508,291	100%		64,392	49,015	53,842	15,023	5,232		32,827	36,868	42,428	70,439
	% State			36.00%	12.67%	9.64%	10.59%	2.96%	1.03%	35.94%	6.46%	7.25%	8.35%	13.86%
1	Philadelphia	137,205	26.99%	38.46%	16,552	10,216	22,718	2,959	1,179	30.26%	3,930	4,460	8,953	24,163
2	Montgomery	52,152	10.26%	46.40%	11,591	6,496	4,662	1,415	420	32.82%	3,814	3,867	4,625	4,805
3	Allegheny	48,266	9.50%	38.03%	6,790	6,915	2,687	1,939	540	44.98%	3,492	4,038	6,667	7,508
4	Delaware	36,635	7.21%	42.06%	5,473	4,800	3,708	1,409	902	33.21%	3,914	1,869	3,881	2,504
5	Bucks	35,442	6.97%	32.99%	3,361	4,962	2,424	909	210	46.65%	2,871	3,234	2,189	8,239
6	Chester	23,770	4.68%	29.92%	2,756	2,388	1,537	394	237	32.02%	2,561	2,154	1,200	1,695
7	Lehigh	19,331	3.80%	39.16%	1,755	1,776	1,691	2,327	235	25.21%	954	1,411	910	1,592
8	Berks	16,032	3.15%	18.26%	915	769	1,166	71	28	28.87%	748	1,312	1,125	1,443
9	Lancaster	15,037	2.96%	35.51%	1,326	747	3,070	155	260	31.39%	991	1,173	744	1,789
10	Northampton	12,227	2.41%	29.97%	1,136	1,056	771	702	132	36.84%	647	1,133	1,628	1,093
11	Dauphin	10,214	2.01%	41.93%	1,075	1,000	1,995	206	344	23.53%	369	459	421	1,154
12	York	8,280	1.63%	29.60%	1,118	324	962	47	81	32.81%	538	830	625	715
13	Monroe	8,066	1.59%	12.21%	342	350	240	53	26	48.45%	734	996	811	1,367
14	Centre	7,829	1.54%	59.76%	2,542	1,405	449	283	73	23.96%	461	504	174	737
15	Erie	7,706	1.52%	24.01%	459	436	470	479	75	55.44%	349	668	587	2,668
16	Cumberland	6,923	1.36%	44.85%	1,078	850	787	390	47	37.11%	466	616	364	1,123
17	Luzerne	6,171	1.21%	23.97%	497	471	329	181	35	49.34%	441	569	735	1,294
18	Westmoreland	5,277	1.04%	28.29%	777	332	220	147	21	54.16%	615	560	914	769
19	Lackawanna	4,833	0.95%	31.84%	318	561	536	122	50	43.97%	383	356	650	736
20	Adams	3,130	0.62%	17.70%	217	154	178	5	6	21.15%	164	239	83	176

Foreign-born population Census 2000 Pennsylvania Summary File 3 PCT19 20 Highest Counties

Rank		% Latin America	Carribeean	Mexico	Other Central America	South America	Canada Other No.Am	% Africa	Middle Africa	Northern Africa	Southern Africa	Western Africa	Oceania
	Pennsylvania		41,168	24,232	10,282	23,832	15,543		886	5,559	1,844	9,356	2,178
	% State	19.58%	8.10%	4.77%	2.02%	4.69%	3.06%	5.00%	0.17%	1.09%	0.36%	1.84%	0.43%
1	Philadelphia	23.39%	19,716	2,679	3,159	6,545	1,398	6.69%	309	1,602	286	4,315	250
2	Montgomery	13.61%	2,547	2,150	655	1,747	1,613	3.34%	21	517	221	498	381
3	Allegheny	8.67%	1,292	673	419	1,800	1,732	4.17%	110	496	210	533	272
4	Delaware	11.42%	2,420	370	294	1,101	973	10.23%	119	538	376	1,574	147
5	Bucks	12.41%	1,151	1,063	631	1,552	1,044	4.70%	75	307	89	742	109
6	Chester	29.89%	728	5,269	195	912	889	3.69%	16	294	65	227	177
7	Lehigh	29.54%	2,483	574	837	1,817	520	3.03%	16	269	0	46	71
8	Berks	45.90%	2,526	3,481	609	742	444	3.53%	0	97	23	326	109
9	Lancaster	24.65%	1,490	722	433	1,062	684	3.54%	15	123	42	72	54
10	Northampton	25.81%	702	929	546	979	396	4.02%	54	167	55	75	14
11	Dauphin	21.90%	745	701	273	518	255	9.88%	58	194	132	231	27
12	York	27.64%	673	912	223	481	513	3.14%	0	40	61	75	50
13	Monroe	31.58%	1,223	71	256	997	282	4.22%	1	169	0	135	4
14	Centre	7.14%	118	87	46	308	356	3.88%	7	153	24	39	55
15	Erie	11.32%	172	366	86	248	440	3.02%	16	57	45	6	39
16	Cumberland	9.75%	166	91	192	226	318	2.95%	0	21	41	85	49
17	Luzerne	18.70%	590	328	59	177	244	3.48%	57	39	32	34	34
18	Westmoreland	8.47%	157	149	24	117	339	1.17%	0	9	28	2	78
19	Lackawanna	14.63%	100	290	129	188	280	2.98%	0	68	4	18	38
20	Adams	56.93%	59	1,603	62	58	80	1.41%	0	19	19	0	8

Refugee - Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. People with no nationality must generally be outside their country of last habitual residence to qualify as a refugee. Refugees are subject to ceilings by geographic area set annually by the President in consultation with Congress and are eligible to adjust to lawful permanent resident status after one year of continuous presence in the United States.

TABLE 22. REFUGEE-STATUS APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND COUNTRY OF CHARGEABILITY FISCAL YEAR 2001

Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year
All countries	103,499	66,198
Europe	41,112	32,686
Bosnia-Herzegovina	15,814	14,854
Ukraine	11,367	7,376
Russia	5,623	3,924
Moldova	2,209	1,576
Croatia	1,004	1,171
Belarus	1,490	979
Uzbekistan	1,065	816
Armenia	749	685
Azerbaijan	379	331
Kazakhstan	437	287
Kyrgyzstan	320	209

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Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year
All countries	103,499	66,198
Africa	38,305	18,441
Sudan	7,782	6,003
Somalia	14,244	5,978
Liberia	6,068	2,189
Ethiopia	4,773	1,697
Sierra Leone	3,579	1,249
South Africa	554	485
Congo, Democratic Republic	315	240

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Geographic area and country of chargeability	Applications filed during year	Applications approved during year
All countries	103,499	66,198
Asia	16,606	12,268
Iran	8,533	6,003
Afghanistan	4,076	3,505
Iraq	3,570	2,458
Vietnam	330	244
Caribbean	7,434	2,767
Cuba	7,434	2,767

Asylee - An alien in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. For persons with no nationality, the country of nationality is considered to be the country in which the alien last habitually resided. Asylees are eligible to adjust to lawful permanent resident status after one year of continuous presence in the United States. These immigrants are limited to 10,000 adjustments per fiscal year.



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- The Census 2000 estimates that 368,257 persons in Pennsylvania speak English less than "very well."
 - 140,502 Spanish-speaking persons are estimated to speak English less than "very well"
 - 76,183 Asian and Pacific Islander language speakers are estimated to speak English less than "very well."

Rank	#	Geographic Area:	Population 5 years and over	Speak only English	Speak Other Than English	Speak English less than "very well"	Speak Spanish at Home	Spanish: Speak English less than "very well"	Speak Other Indo-European languages	Indo-European: Speak English less than "very well"	Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	Asian languages: Speak English less than "very well"	Speak All other languages	Other languages: Speak English less than "very well"
0		Pennsylvania	11,555,538	10,583,054	972,484	368,257	356,754	140,502	428,122	138,542	143,955	76,183	43,653	13,030
	#	% Total Statewide	100.00%	91.58%	8.40%	3.20%	3.09%	1.22%	3.70%	1.20%	1.25%	0.66%	0.38%	0.11%
1	51	Philadelphia	1,419,977	1,168,463	251,514	113,672	110,498	45,884	79,181	33,447	49,926	30,339	11,909	4,002
2	2	Allegheny	1,210,720	1,131,112	79,608	24,579	15,708	4,802	46,052	13,008	12,797	5,546	5,051	1,223
3	46	Montgomery	702,662	635,062	67,600	23,886	14,182	5,227	30,107	7,992	19,373	9,832	3,938	835
4	36	Lancaster	438,090	380,622	57,468	23,748	21,741	8,942	30,267	11,839	4,652	2,734	808	233
5	23	Delaware	516,387	468,531	47,856	17,762	8,751	3,095	24,048	7,407	11,709	6,248	3,348	1,012
6	6	Berks	350,815	306,373	44,442	17,666	28,387	12,729	13,117	3,495	2,437	1,300	501	142
7	9	Bucks	559,308	510,814	48,494	17,126	12,857	4,706	26,751	8,814	7,153	3,103	1,733	503
8	39	Lehigh	293,518	248,723	44,795	16,542	24,602	9,769	12,035	3,144	4,043	1,902	4,115	1,727
9	15	Chester	404,444	369,030	35,414	13,405	14,794	7,322	13,857	3,665	5,307	2,090	1,456	328
10	48	Northampton	251,979	224,386	27,593	9,479	13,867	5,576	10,004	2,482	2,201	1,059	1,521	362
11	22	Dauphin	236,801	216,635	20,166	8,116	9,325	3,722	6,399	2,003	3,237	1,982	1,205	409
12	67	York	358,615	339,443	19,172	7,458	10,498	4,460	6,134	1,776	2,147	1,109	393	113
13	25	Erie	263,678	248,148	15,530	5,462	5,481	1,734	8,218	2,875	1,119	507	712	346
14	40	Luzerne	303,358	287,778	15,580	4,723	4,196	1,664	10,034	2,533	758	367	592	159
15	21	Cumberland	202,010	190,515	11,495	4,358	2,908	1,073	6,217	2,197	1,945	909	425	179
16	14	Centre	129,506	118,308	11,198	4,176	2,317	590	4,767	1,664	3,635	1,759	479	163
17	65	Westmoreland	350,893	337,767	13,126	3,977	3,503	1,275	7,857	1,963	1,313	632	453	107
18	35	Lackawanna	202,210	190,894	11,316	3,554	3,156	1,085	6,955	1,924	800	434	405	111
19	45	Monroe	130,412	117,415	12,997	3,285	6,235	1,266	5,567	1,580	579	299	616	140
20	38	Lebanon	112,993	103,954	9,039	3,278	4,698	1,928	3,472	989	733	313	136	48
21	28	Franklin	121,121	115,639	5,482	2,279	2,479	1,195	2,457	823	439	227	107	34
22	1	Adams	85,917	81,234	4,683	2,255	3,077	1,714	1,154	380	402	161	50	0
23	43	Mercer	113,496	108,034	5,462	2,005	1,269	400	3,580	1,360	401	202	212	43
24	4	Beaver	171,594	164,183	7,411	2,003	1,860	496	4,979	1,284	260	140	312	83
25	54	Schuylkill	143,026	136,615	6,411	1,921	1,737	795	4,290	973	287	143	97	10
26	63	Washington	191,658	184,746	6,912	1,917	1,689	465	4,486	1,233	438	164	299	55
27	20	Crawford	85,025	80,421	4,604	1,800	664	275	3,680	1,473	184	37	76	15
28	11	Cambria	144,857	138,860	5,997	1,786	1,983	733	3,204	737	486	251	324	65
29	32	Indiana	85,184	81,121	4,063	1,682	840	297	2,624	1,128	356	200	243	57
30	44	Mifflin	43,591	40,430	3,161	1,528	343	76	2,763	1,424	55	28	0	0
31	37	Lawrence	89,361	84,856	4,505	1,416	870	257	3,334	1,066	115	56	186	37
32	60	Union	39,637	35,508	4,129	1,261	1,460	452	2,245	633	325	161	99	15

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33	55	Snyder	35,421	32,593	2,828	1,197	516	120	2,235	1,060	54	17	23	0
34	41	Lycoming	113,461	109,699	3,762	1,188	1,458	416	1,861	541	293	155	150	76
35	49	Northumberland	89,719	85,743	3,976	1,166	1,338	402	2,316	641	234	105	88	18
36	52	Pike	43,628	39,862	3,766	1,152	1,692	454	1,783	596	212	82	79	20
37	26	Fayette	140,254	135,923	4,331	1,147	1,287	444	2,590	523	253	144	201	36
38	10	Butler	162,972	157,969	5,003	1,143	1,545	415	2,715	499	582	206	161	23
39	56	Somerset	75,700	72,834	2,866	1,132	748	243	1,882	762	126	91	110	36
40	7	Blair	121,866	118,116	3,750	1,080	1,049	321	2,233	639	363	111	105	9
41	13	Carbon	55,750	52,564	3,186	927	778	276	2,155	599	99	13	154	39
42	64	Wayne	45,043	42,585	2,458	813	758	259	1,534	466	139	88	27	0
43	18	Clinton	35,849	34,166	1,683	648	421	143	1,161	449	78	46	23	10
44	19	Columbia	61,028	59,087	1,941	641	641	238	1,068	308	141	53	91	42
45	17	Clearfield	78,881	76,882	1,999	589	581	192	1,177	300	214	86	27	11
46	34	Juniata	21,301	19,984	1,317	546	344	165	910	344	60	37	3	0
47	61	Venango	54,307	52,687	1,620	512	570	219	945	258	53	27	52	8
48	3	Armstrong	68,513	66,809	1,704	510	546	204	934	233	140	44	84	29
49	8	Bradford	58,944	57,316	1,628	504	525	170	982	295	87	33	34	6
50	62	Warren	41,426	40,078	1,348	471	337	120	898	304	106	45	7	2
51	33	Jefferson	43,396	41,999	1,397	439	364	116	944	282	74	31	15	10
52	5	Bedford	46,945	45,788	1,157	430	356	110	727	274	59	46	15	0
53	50	Perry	40,955	39,491	1,464	421	475	146	889	227	83	48	17	0
54	42	McKean	43,338	41,816	1,522	412	623	213	737	135	95	44	67	20
55	30	Greene	38,564	37,120	1,444	408	841	252	521	127	47	23	35	6
56	31	Huntingdon	43,120	41,759	1,361	390	638	184	597	141	104	63	22	2
57	59	Tioga	39,139	37,951	1,188	359	415	123	668	211	49	22	56	3
58	24	Elk	33,086	31,885	1,201	344	362	132	644	133	181	78	14	1
59	47	Montour	17,220	16,133	1,087	333	230	41	692	203	100	63	65	26
60	16	Clarion	39,484	38,438	1,046	325	292	85	621	189	94	39	39	12
61	58	Susquehanna	39,822	38,613	1,209	297	300	95	827	177	67	23	15	2
62	66	Wyoming	26,470	25,749	721	222	312	77	335	110	52	32	22	3
63	53	Potter	16,974	16,366	608	207	169	49	326	98	90	44	23	16
64	29	Fulton	13,370	13,139	231	95	105	39	112	46	11	7	3	3
65	57	Sullivan	6,285	6,102	183	60	61	17	116	37	1	1	5	5
66	27	Forest	4,765	4,617	148	23	54	11	76	10	2	2	16	0
67	12	Cameron	5,699	5,571	128	21	48	7	76	14	0	0	4	0

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Subject: Population 5 Years and Over

By Language Spoken At Home and Ability To Speak English

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 4 (SF 4)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 4,
Matrices PCT38, PCT40, PCT41, and PCT42.

Notes:

Counties highlighted in yellow have more than 1,000 persons who speak English less than "very well".

Counties highlighted in blue have more than 100 persons who speak English less than "very well"

Census data is likely to significantly underestimate limited English proficiency populations.

See for example, Philadelphia Inquirer, Dec. 07, 2002:

Census 2000 undercount and its disproportional impact on minority communities.

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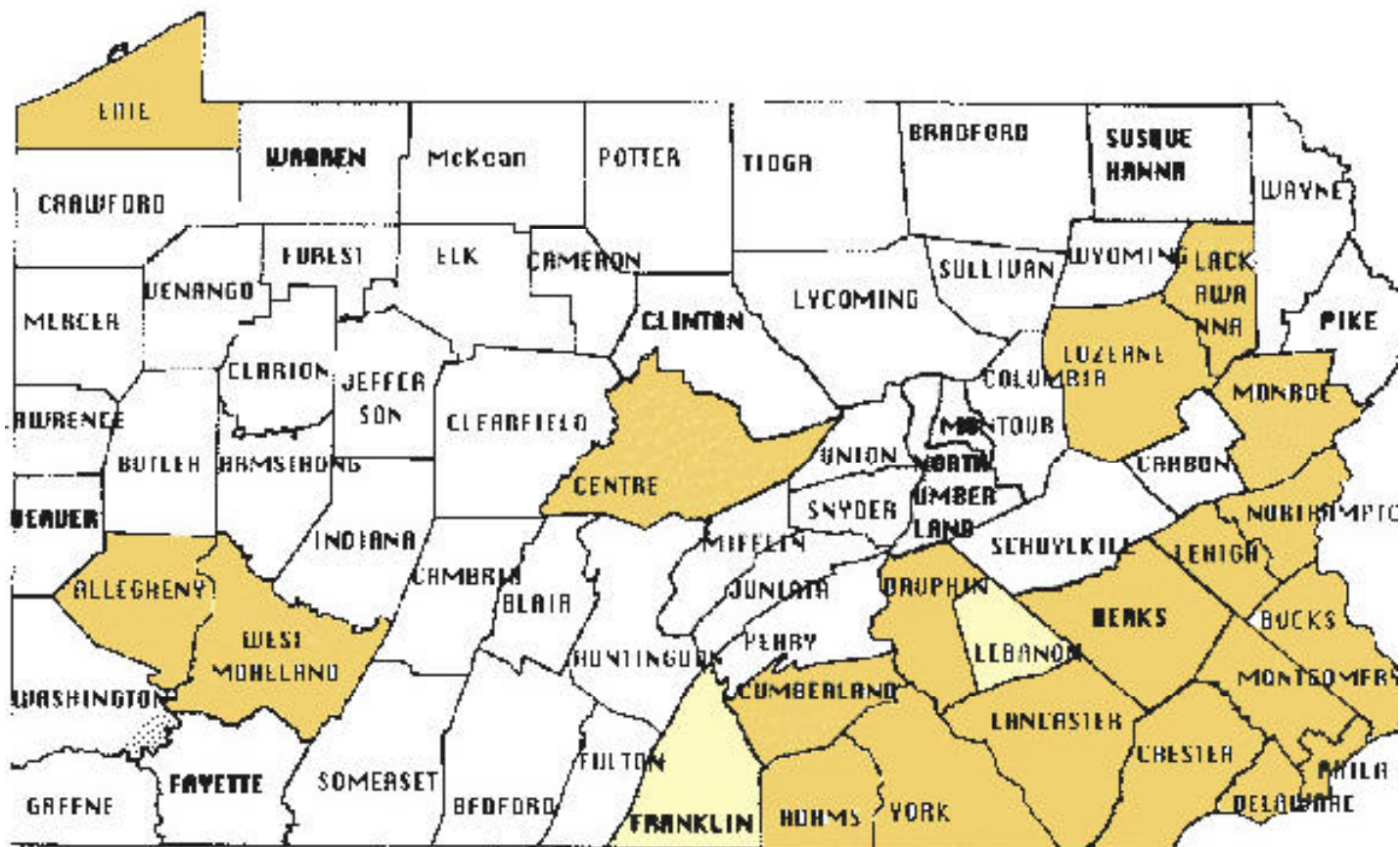
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PA Counties with more than 3,000 Foreign Born Persons			
Philadelphia	137,205	Dauphin	10,214
Montgomery	52,152	York	8,280
Allegheny	48,266	Monroe	8,066
Delaware	36,635	Centre	7,829
Bucks	35,442	Erie	7,706
Chester	23,770	Cumberland	6,923
Lehigh	19,331	Luzerne	6,171
Berks	16,032	Westmoreland	5,277
Lancaster	15,037	Lackawanna	4,833
Northampton	12,227	Adams	3,130

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Speak English Less than "very well"			
Philadelphia	113,672	York	7,458
Allegheny	24,579	Erie	5,462
Montgomery	23,886	Luzerne	4,723
Lancaster	23,748	Cumberland	4,358
Delaware	17,762	Centre	4,176
Berks	17,666	Westmoreland	3,977
Bucks	17,126	Lackawanna	3,554
Lehigh	16,542	Monroe	3,285
Chester	13,405	Lebanon	3,278
Northampton	9,479	Franklin	2,279
Dauphin	8,116	Adams	2,255

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 - Phone: 215-733-0878 or 800-729-1607 Mon.-Fri. 10:30AM-5 PM
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- Spanish interpretation services are available. Interpretation services are also available for other languages, but please call in advance if possible.



Where You Can Find Help – Immigration Problems

If you need to obtain a private immigration lawyer contact:

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association, Lawyer Referral Service**

- **Telephone:** 1-202-216-2438

- **Internet:** www.aila.org



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- If you cannot afford an immigration lawyer because you are unemployed or have limited income:

HIAS and Council Migration Service

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2100 Arch Street, 3rd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

- Phone: (215) 832-0900
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- Phone: (215) 893-8400
- Fax: (215) 735-9718



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- Fax: (215) 854-7020



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