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About the 2013 PCCD Victim Services Needs Assessment

The Office of Victims' Services of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency engaged a research team at Penn State Harrisburg to conduct the 2013 Needs Assessment of Pennsylvania's Victim Community. The primary goal of this initiative, was to begin to develop a comprehensive understanding of unmet needs and service gaps through the perspectives of both service providers and victims. By documenting this information, this project aimed to increase the stature of victims' needs and contribute to understanding how victims can access core services. The activities undertaken by the Institute of State and Regional Affairs are documented individually in specific stand-alone reports (listed below) and culminate in a *Summary Report of Findings (Volume VII)*.

The individual reports include:

- Volume I: In-Depth Interviews of Agency Directors**
- Volume II: Focus Groups of Victim Populations**
- Volume III: Administrative Web survey**
- Volume IV: Statewide Telephone and Web Survey**
- Volume V: Demographic Background Research**
- Volume VI: Crime Victim Needs: Insights from Research**
- Volume VII: Summary Report of Findings**

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Executive Summary

As part of the specific research related tasks for the 2013 Victim Services Needs Assessment, Penn State Harrisburg was asked to develop state and county level demographic profiles using secondary data sources. This includes the review of existing demographic and socio-economic characteristics, crime trend data and victim data from the latest information available. Sources for crime and victim statistics include but are not limited to The Pennsylvania State Police Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR), Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's (PCCD) Office of Victims' Services. The source for demographic and socio-economic characteristics is the U.S. Census Bureau: the 2010 Decennial census and the 2007-2011 American Community Survey (ACS).

The Pennsylvania State Police Uniform Crime Reporting System reports all arrests and offenses by type of crime in Pennsylvania. Data included in the profile includes the number of Crime Index offenses by type of offense for 2011. Crime Index offenses are crimes that are considered by law enforcement to be the most serious crimes that readily come to the attention of police and occur with a frequency great enough to be reported as a separate classification. Crime Index offenses include both violent and property offenses and are used nationally as a basis for comparison of criminal activity. The violent index offenses include: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Domestic Violence is not a criminal offense in Pennsylvania's crimes code. Therefore, domestic violence is not listed as an offense in the Index Offenses. However, incidents of domestic violence may be reflected in the index offenses of Murder and Aggravated Assault. The property index offenses include: burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Crime Index Offenses totaled 87,335 in Pennsylvania in 2011. Approximately 72 percent (62,935) related to property crimes and the remaining 28 percent (24,400) related to violent crimes. Of the property offenses, the largest percentage was larceny-theft offenses (78.4 percent). Of violent offenses, the largest percentage was aggravated assault (66.9 percent).

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape provided information on the number of forensic rape examinations as well as service numbers for the Sexual Violence Programs. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape contracts with 50 rape crisis centers to provide sexual assault services in all 67 counties of Pennsylvania. Several of these centers provide services to more than one county. Dual

centers serve victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, while comprehensive centers serve victims of other violent crimes, such as homicide, robbery, and DUI. Funding from PCAR is restricted to sexual assault services. In Pennsylvania, the number of forensic rape examinations have increased over the past three years from 2,901 in 2010 to 3,230 in 2012. Overall, PCAR served 31,215 new clients in 2011. PCAR provided a total of 165,731 service hours and answered 68,379 hotline calls.

The statewide network of 60 local shelter and counseling programs provided comprehensive domestic violence services in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth through a contract administered by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV). PCADV reported services provided to 89,560 individuals in Pennsylvania in 2011-2012. This included 438,822 counseling hours, 249,326 shelter days and 130,654 hotline calls.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Office of Victim Services provided information on the victim compensation claims by types of crimes, clients provided procedural services by type of crime and services provided through VOCA funding.

Created by Act 139 of 1976, the **Victims Compensation Assistance Program** is committed to helping victims and their families through the emotional and physical aftermath of a crime by easing the financial burden imposed upon them. Victims will always be treated with dignity, compassion and respect as they are assisted through the victims' compensation process. Total Victim Compensation Claims declined 8.4 percent from 2010 to 2012. While there was an overall decline, an examination of claims by type of crime shows increases in claims for Murder, DUI Crash and Stolen Cash. Declines were seen for Rape, Robbery and Assault during the same time period.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are used by victim service programs to provide "direct services" to victims of crime and their significant others. Specifically, VOCA funds services to meet the physical and emotional needs of crime victims and to help them stabilize their lives in the aftermath of trauma (ex: crisis intervention, shelter, counseling and therapy, and other emergency services that are intended to restore the victim's sense of security). In 2012, there were 150,231 clients served in Pennsylvania with approximately 46 percent being domestic violence victims. The largest percentage of services provided in 2012 was "In Person Information and Referrals" (12.5 percent), followed by "Criminal Justice Support and Advocacy" (11.8 percent).

Rights and Services Act (RASA) and Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funds support provision of procedural services to victims of crime of both juvenile and adult offenders. Specifically, RASA funds services to victims of juvenile and adult offenders with victim rights notification and

procedural services such as early outreach, courtroom orientation and accompaniment, assistance with compensation claims, case status information and assistance with victim impact statements. The chart for 2012 details the clients provided procedural services under each funding source by type of crime. Overall, 184,033 clients were served with RASA funds and 21,062 clients served using VOJO funds. The largest percentage of clients served was for Other Crimes (40.7 percent) and Assault (20.3 percent). Other crimes may include one of the following types of crimes, but is not limited to theft, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, embezzlement, receiving stolen property or criminal mischief. Domestic Violence is not a criminal offense in Pennsylvania's crimes code. Therefore, domestic violence is not listed as an offense in the Index Offenses. However, incidents of domestic violence may be reflected in the index offenses of Murder and Aggravated Assault.

The U.S. Decennial Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. Demographic information included in the profile shows the percent of people by age for both the 2000 and the 2010 Decennial Census. Number of people by race/ethnicity and percent change from 2000 to 2010 is also included in the profile. Overall, for Pennsylvania, the profile shows that Pennsylvania is getting older with the percent of people over the age of 40 increasing to over 50 percent of the total population. The commonwealth is also becoming more diverse with an increase of approximately 33.1 percent in the number of minorities. The largest change was seen in the hispanic population with a 82.6 percent increase.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a monthly survey conducted by the Census Bureau to replace the census long form or socio-economic data in 2010. The 2005-2009 file was the first release of data for all geographic areas that provided the data at the county level. The profiles contain information from the 2007-2011 ACS 5 year file. The ACS data will be available each year so demographics can be updated on an annual basis. The socio-economic information on the profile includes: poverty status by age for all people, poverty status of families with children, unemployment rate by age, nativity of total population, linguistic isolation by age and grandparents as caregivers. For Pennsylvania the profile shows:

- 12.6 percent of all people are below poverty while 17.7 percent of children (under 18 years) are below poverty.
- Poverty status of families with children, show that 38.4 percent of female, no husband families are below poverty. This is compared to 5.0 percent of married couple families with children.

- The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania is 7.9 percent with the largest rate for persons ages 16 to 24 (17.3 percent).
- 78.7 percent of Pennsylvanians were born in the commonwealth.
- Approximately 4.5 percent of the population age 5 years and over speak Spanish.
- Of grandparents who live with grandchildren, 38.3 percent are responsible for their care.

This secondary data provides information necessary to craft a comprehensive needs assessment of the victims' community in Pennsylvania. The profile can be used to generate objectives, identifying metrics for future improvement and overall strategic planning.

APPENDIX A- STATE AND COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES

A sample of the Pennsylvania profile is attached. County profiles are included in a separate file.

A note about the chart titled “Clients Provided Procedural Services by Type of Crime, 2012”:

The chart is a dual axis chart which allows viewing of multiple data items with a different universe or scale on the same graph. The Y-axis on the left pertains to the percent of VOJO and RASA funding for clients provided procedural services, the Y-axis on the right shows the percent of clients provided procedural services (green line) for each offense listed.

For example, for the chart on the Pennsylvania profile (below) shows that for clients provided procedural services who were Assaulted, approximately 90% of funding was from RASA and the remaining 10% was from VOJO funds (stacked bar). It also shows that approximately 55% of assault victims were provided procedural services (green line). Another example using DUI Crash category is that almost 100% of clients provided procedural services were funded with RASA and about 20% of DUI Crash Victims were provided procedural services.

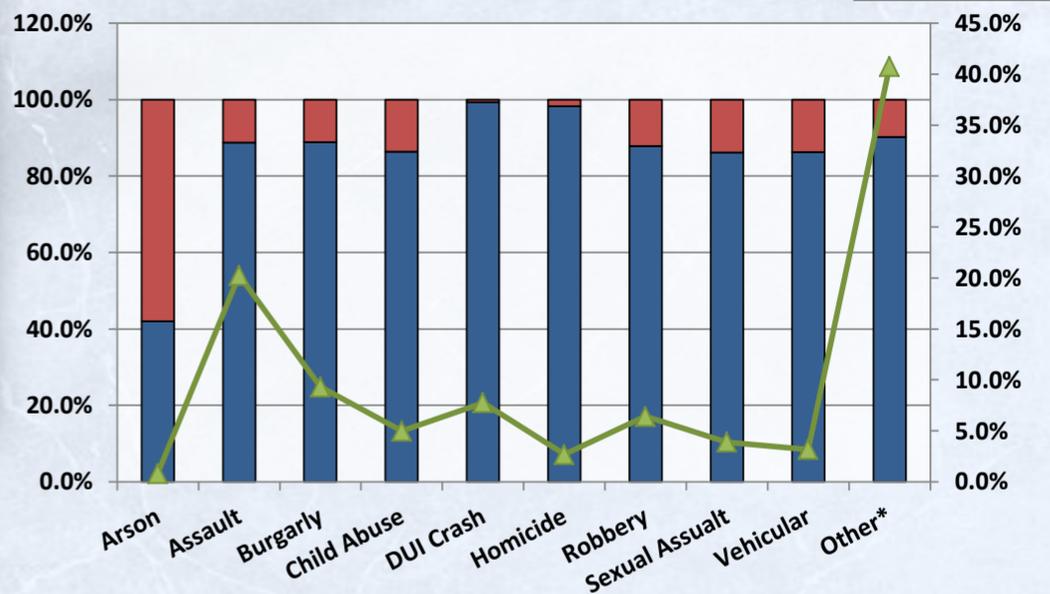
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Victim Compensation Claims by Type of Crime, 2010 to 2012²

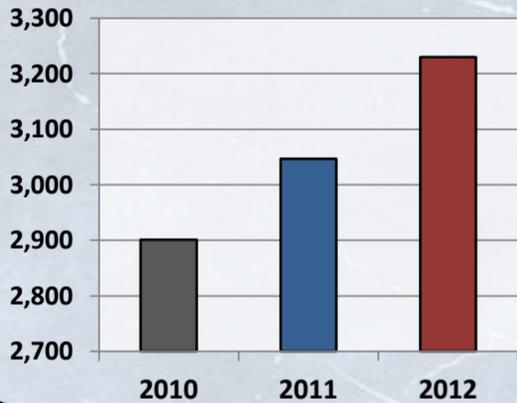
Subject	2010	2011	2012	Change 2010 to 2012
Total Claims	6,262	5,902	5,734	-8.4%
Murder	696	746	776	11.5%
DV Murder	48	65	62	29.2%
Rape	523	597	496	-5.2%
DV Sexual Assault	41	37	33	-19.5%
Robbery	545	511	538	-1.3%
Assault	3,321	2,764	2,604	-21.6%
DV Assault	389	402	394	1.3%
DUI Crash	152	126	156	2.6%
Stolen Cash	471	483	554	17.6%
Other	554	675	610	10.1%

Clients Provided Procedural Services by Type of Crime, 2012²

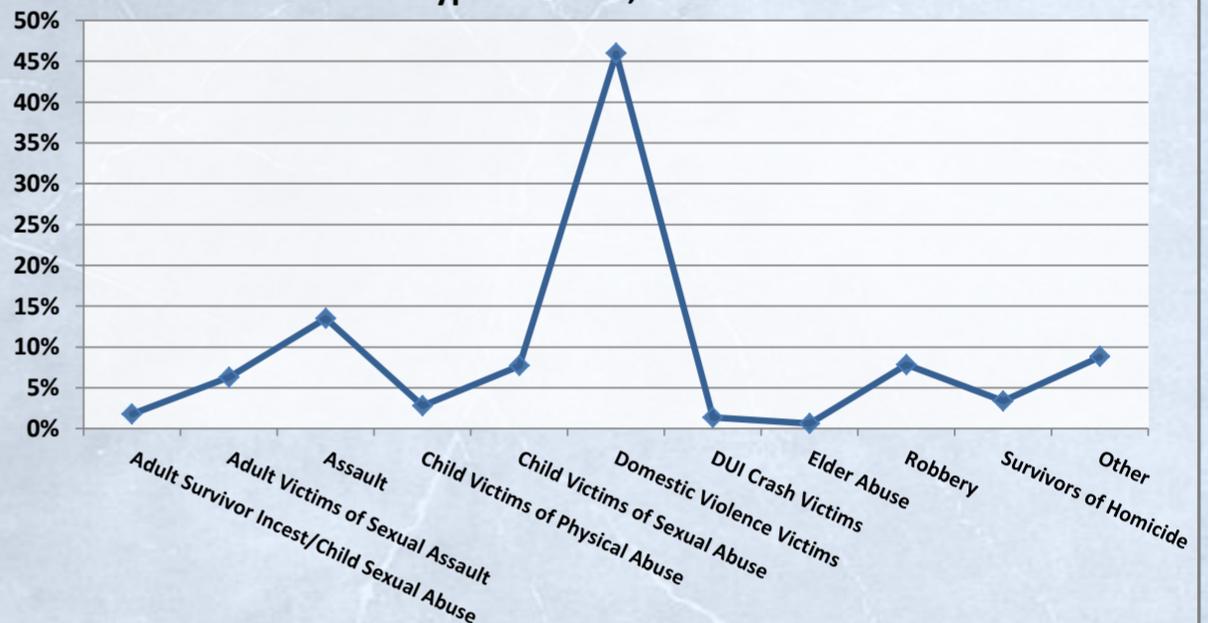


*Other Crimes - may include one of the following types of crimes, but is not limited to: theft, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, embezzlement, receiving stolen property or criminal mischief.
 * Domestic Violence offenses appear in multiple categories

Forensic Rape Examinations³



Clients Provided VOCA-funded Direct Services by Type of Crime, 2012²



*Other - may include one of the following types of crimes, but is not limited to: white collar crimes, arson, burglary, harassment, kidnapping, stalking or terrorist threats.

Index Offenses: 2011¹

Subject	Total	Percent
Index Offense	87,335	-
Violent Crime	24,400	100.0%
Murder	448	1.8%
Rape	993	4.1%
Robbery	6,646	27.2%
Agg Assault	16,313	66.9%
Property Crimes	62,935	100.0%
Burglary	10,317	16.4%
Larceny Theft	49,350	78.4%
MVT	2,693	4.3%
Arson	575	0.9%

* Domestic Violence offenses appear in multiple categories

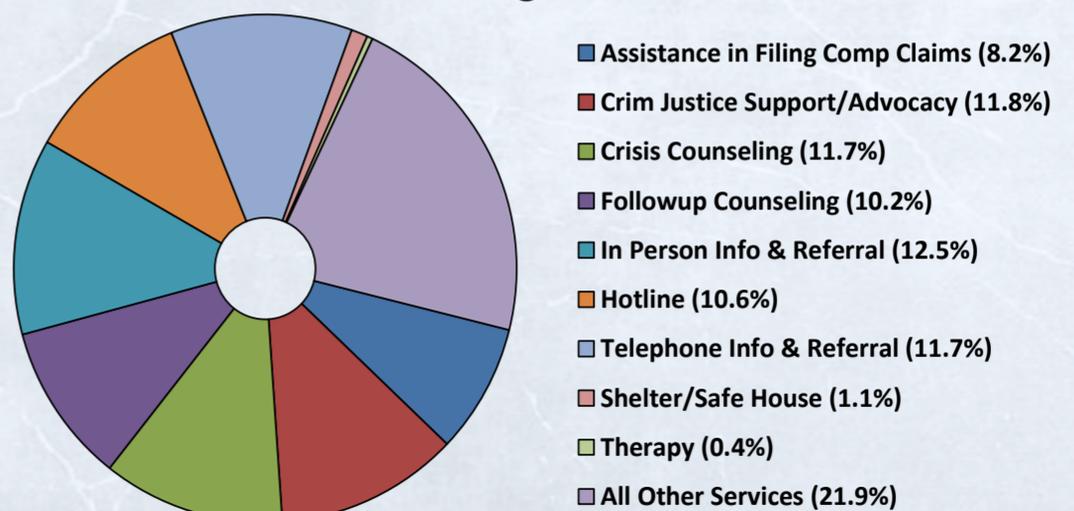
Domestic Violence Programs, 2011-12⁴

Type Service	Totals
# of People Served	89,560
Hours of Service	438,822
Shelter Days	249,326
Hotline Calls	130,654

Sexual Violence Programs, 2011-12³

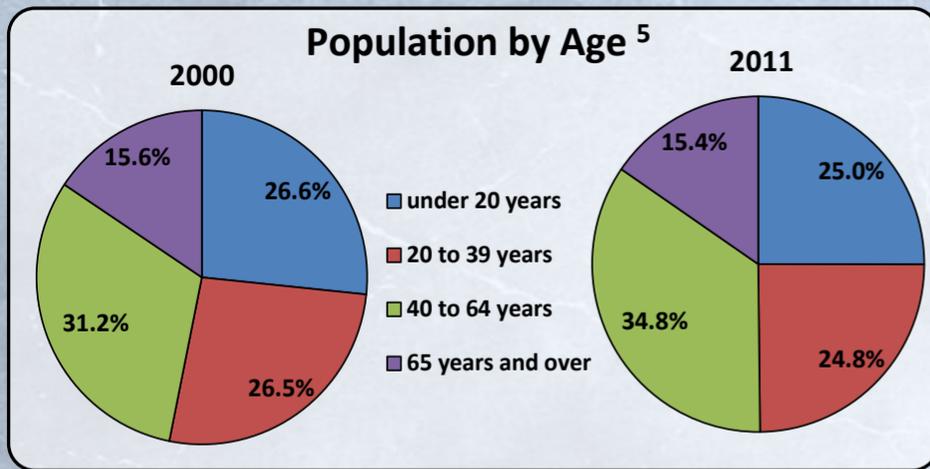
Type Service	Totals
# of People Served	31,215
Hours of Service	165,731
Hotline Calls	68,379

Services Provided Through VOCA Funding 2012²



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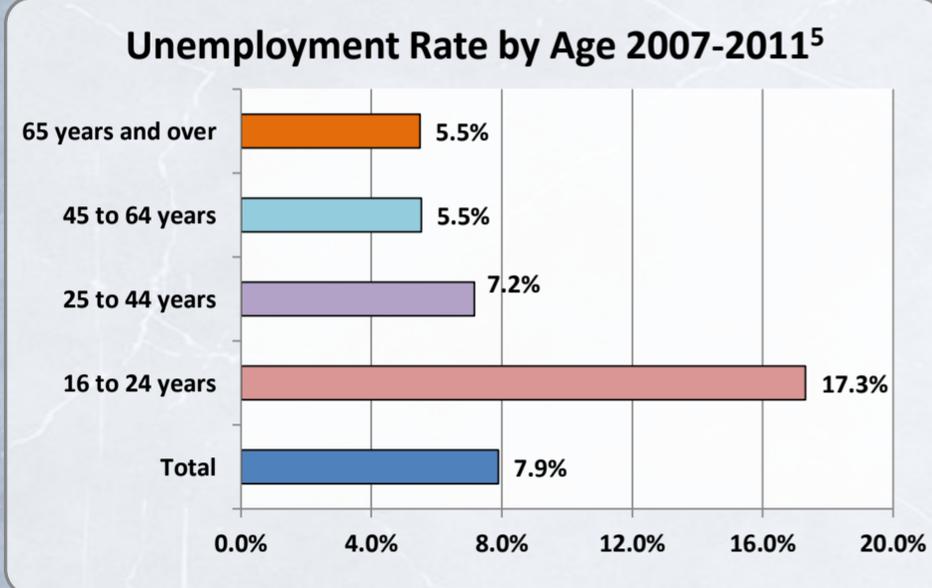
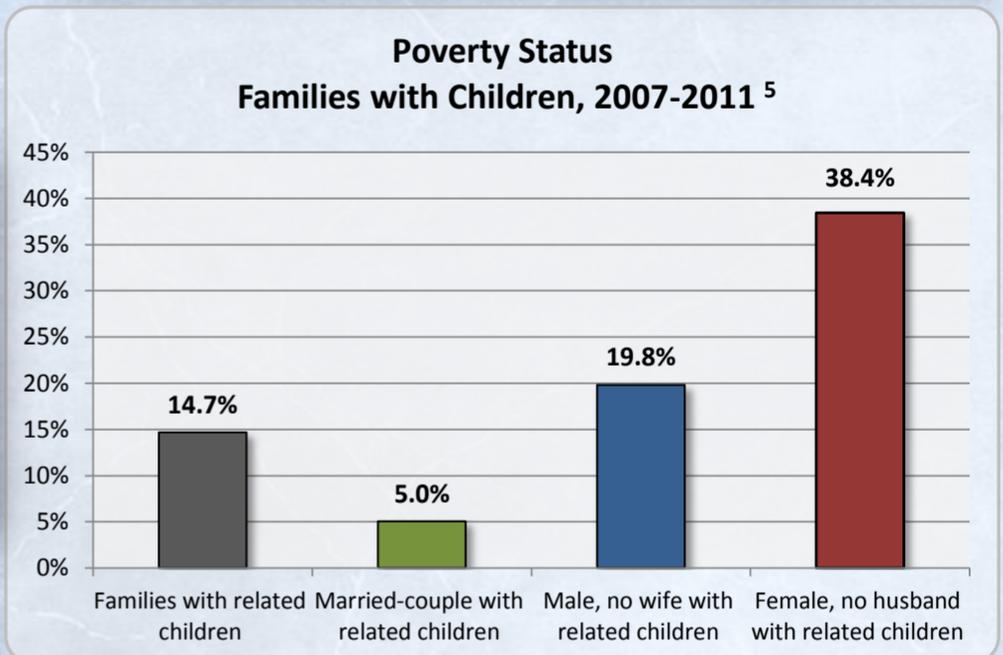


Race and Ethnicity, 2000 to 2010 ⁵

Subject	2000	2010	Change 2000 to 2010	
			Number	Percent
Total Population	12,281,054	12,702,379	421,325	3.4%
White Alone	10,484,203	10,406,288	-77,915	-0.7%
Black Alone	1,224,612	1,377,689	153,077	12.5%
Other Races	572,239	918,402	346,163	60.5%
Hispanic	394,088	719,660	325,572	82.6%

Poverty Status, 2007-2011 ⁵

Subject	Population for whom Poverty is Determined	Below Poverty Level	
		Number	Percent
All people	12,246,520	1,548,869	12.6%
under 18 years	2,757,475	488,855	17.7%
18 and over	9,489,045	1,060,014	11.2%
65 years and over	1,862,302	156,749	8.4%
Male	5,942,567	669,793	11.3%
Female	6,303,953	879,076	13.9%



Nativity, 2007-2011 ⁵

Subject	Number	Percent
Total Population	12,660,739	-
Native	11,937,313	100.0%
Born within State of Residence	9,400,284	78.7%
Born outside State of Residence	2,346,495	19.7%
Born outside United States	190,534	1.6%
Foreign Born	723,426	100.0%
Naturalized U.S. Citizen	362,007	50.0%
Not a U.S. Citizen	361,419	50.0%

Linguistic Isolation, 2007-2011 ⁵

Subject	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	4,952,566	100.0%
Speak English only	4,391,489	88.7%
Speak Spanish:	223,741	4.5%
Speak English "very well"	176,751	3.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	46,990	0.9%

Grandparents as Caregivers: 2007-2011 ⁵

Subject	Number	Percent
Total	220,377	-
Grandparent responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years:	84,145	38.2%
Householder or spouse with no parent of grandchildren present:	29,283	13.3%
30 to 59 years	16,829	7.6%
60 years and over	12,454	5.7%
Other grandparents:	54,862	24.9%
30 to 59 years	40,406	18.3%
60 years and over	14,456	6.6%
Grandparent not responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years:	136,232	61.8%
30 to 59 years	62,859	28.5%
60 years and over	73,373	33.3%

¹ PA State Police - Uniform Crime Report

² Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

³ Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

⁴ Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau