

Chester County at a Glance

Based on most recent Census data

Last updated: September 2018

	2012		2017		5 Year Change	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total	Change	% Change
Population ^a						
Total Chester County Population	506,575	-	519,293	-	12,718	2.5%
Under 20 Years Old	137,512	27.1%	132,556	25.5%	(4,956)	-3.6%
20-44	152,860	30.2%	156,928	30.2%	4,068	2.7%
45-64	146,922	29.0%	148,052	28.5%	1,130	0.8%
65 and Older	69,281	13.7%	81,757	15.7%	12,476	18.0%
Total Households	184,574	-	189,506	-	4,932	2.7%
Race and Ethnicity ^b						
Asian (Alone)	20,696	4.1%	29,680	5.7%	8,984	43.4%
Black or African American (Alone)	29,531	5.8%	29,921	5.8%	390	1.3%
White (Alone)	439,939	86.8%	443,075	85.3%	3,136	0.7%
Other ^c	5,979	0.8%	6,768	1.5%	789	13.2%
Two or More Races	10,430	2.1%	9,849	1.9%	(581)	-5.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34,471	6.8%	39,229	7.6%	4,758	13.8%
Foreign-born population ^d						
Foreign-born population ^d	44,785	8.8%	51,818	10.0%	7,033	15.7%
Language other than English spoken at home (5 years & over)	57,431	12.0%	64,583	13.2%	7,152	12.5%
Commuting Patterns ^e						
Take public transportation to work	7,464	2.9%	7,236	2.7%	(228)	-3.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.3	-	27.9	-	1.2	5.1%
Income ^f						
Median Household Income	\$82,442	-	\$96,656	-	\$14,214	17.2%
Median Family Income	\$108,903	-	\$128,002	-	\$19,099	17.5%
Families and People Below the Poverty Level ^g						
All families ^h	6,581	5.1%	4,816	3.6%	(1,765)	-26.8%
People under 18 years	10,360	8.5%	7,610	6.4%	(2,750)	-26.5%
People 18 to 64 years	24,286	7.7%	20,392	6.4%	(3,894)	-16.0%
People 65 years and over	3,949	5.7%	4,824	5.9%	875	22.2%
Education ⁱ						
Educational Attainment (Ages 25+)	338,468	-	353,899	-	15,431	4.6%
No high school diploma	23,830	7.0%	23,651	6.7%	(179)	-0.8%
High school/equivalency	79,171	23.4%	78,569	22.2%	(602)	-0.8%
Some college, no degree	48,583	14.4%	45,025	12.7%	(3,558)	-7.3%
Associate's degree	21,048	6.2%	21,625	6.1%	577	2.7%
Bachelor's degree	101,219	29.9%	109,477	30.9%	8,258	8.2%
Graduate or professional degree	64,617	19.1%	75,552	21.3%	10,935	16.9%

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Housing Units^j						
Total Housing Units	193,868	-	200,237	-	6,369	3.3%
Occupied housing units	184,574	95.2%	189,506	94.6%	4,932	2.7%
Vacant housing units	9,294	4.8%	10,731	5.4%	1,437	15.5%
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.4	1.6%	0.8	1.6%	-	-
Rental vacancy rate	6.0	4.7%	5.3	5.3%	-	-
Median home value	\$322,900	-	\$355,000	-	\$32,100	9.9%
Median rent	\$1,141	-	\$1,250	-	\$109	9.6%
Housing Tenure^k						
Owner occupied housing units	140,493	76.1%	142,912	75.4%	2,419	1.7%
Renter occupied housing units	44,081	23.9%	46,594	24.6%	2,513	5.7%
Renters paying 30% or more of household income toward housing costs ^l	19,757	48.4%	19,587	44.2%	(170)	-0.9%

Sources: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates, 2012 and 2017

Notes:

a. DP05 Demographic and Housing Estimates

b. DP05 Demographic and Housing Estimates

c. Includes American Indian & Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, and those identifying as "Some other race"

d. DP02 Social Characteristics

e. DPO3 Economic Characteristics

f. DPO3 Economic Characteristics; Monetary values not adjusted for inflation

g. DP03 Economic Characteristics

h. Based on estimates of 129,045 (2012 ACS) and 133,783 (2017 ACS) family households in Chester County

i. DP02 Social Characteristics

j. DP04 Housing Characteristics

k. DP04 Housing Characteristics

l. Excludes occupied units where gross rent as a percentage of household income cannot be computed

For questions or additional information regarding this data, contact the Senior Demographer with the Chester County Planning Commission at 610-344-6285.