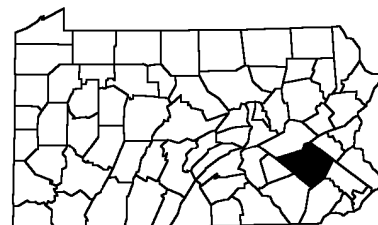


Berks County

Health Profile 2000



• DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

% Population Change 1990 to 1998	5.8	% Population with Income Below Poverty Level (1995)	8.7
Median Age of the Population (1998)	36.9	Per Capita Personal Income (1997)	\$26,051
% Population Aged 65 and Over (1998)	15.6	% Labor Force Unemployed (Annual Average 1999)	4.1
% Population Urban (1990)	62.0	% Population Eligible for Medical Assistance (12/99)	9.0

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1998)

Age	Total	Male	Female	Age	Total	Male	Female
All Ages	355,956	172,916	183,040	35-44	53,185	26,556	26,629
Under 5	23,361	12,028	11,333	45-54	45,298	22,462	22,836
5-14	47,760	24,328	23,432	55-64	33,787	16,136	17,651
15-24	48,461	24,196	24,265	65-74	28,688	12,804	15,884
25-34	48,468	24,512	23,956	75+	26,948	9,894	17,054

• NATALITY AND REPORTED PREGNANCIES* (1998 Residents)

Crude Birth Rate Per 1,000 Population	12.6	% Low Birth Weight	All Races 7.3	White 7.2	Hispanic (of any race) 10.1
Average Annual General Fertility Rate (1996-98)	59.2	% Receiving No Prenatal Care in First Trimester	27.1	26.1	48.8
		% Births to Mothers Under 18	4.4	4.2	12.5

Age of Woman	Reported Pregnancies	Outcome			Age of Woman	Reported Pregnancies	Outcome		
		Live Births	Fetal Deaths	Induced Abortions			Live Births	Fetal Deaths	Induced Abortions
All Ages	5,314	4,491	46	777	18-19	421	312	2	107
Under 15	19	13	0	6	20-29	2,786	2,327	23	436
15-17	242	185	4	53	30 and Over	1,846	1,654	17	175

Age of Woman	Birth Rate	Reported Pregnancy Rate	Age of Woman	Birth Rate	Reported Pregnancy Rate
15-44	60.0**	71.0	18-19	55.7	75.2
Under 15	1.1	1.6	20-29	101.8	121.9
15-17	25.6	33.5	30-49	32.2	36.0

*Live births, non-induced fetal deaths of 16+ weeks gestation, and induced abortions performed in-state. **General fertility rate. Note: All rates per 1,000.

• MORBIDITY (Residents)

Incidence and Average Annual Rate (per 100,000 population) for Selected Notifiable Diseases (1996-98)

	Number	Rate		Number	Rate		Number	Rate
AIDS	126	11.9	Chlamydia	1,275	120.0	Lyme Disease**	173	16.4
Syphilis	*	*	Giardiasis**	82	7.8	Rabies (Animals)**	35	N/A
Measles	0	-	Gonorrhea	499	47.0	Salmonellosis**	239	22.6
Tuberculosis	33	3.1	Hepatitis: Type A***	27	2.6	Shigellosis**	72	6.8
Campylobacteriosis**	205	19.4	Hepatitis: Type B***	25	2.4			

* Less than 5 cases

**1995-97 data

***1994-96 data

Cancer Incidence and Average Annual Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates* for Major Sites by Sex (1995-97)

	Male		Female			Male		Female	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate		Number	Rate	Number	Rate
All Sites**	2,979	471.6	2,882	371.6	Urinary Bladder	217	33.7	79	8.3
Female Breast	-	-	892	122.6	Rectum/Anus/Rectosigmoid	138	22.0	134	15.1
Trachea/Bronchus/Lung/Pleura	487	76.5	322	39.5	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas	97	15.5	110	13.0
Prostate	923	146.8	-	-	Corpus Uteri	-	-	176	24.0
Colon	290	44.3	288	32.3	Melanoma of the Skin	110	18.1	100	14.3

*Per 100,000 1970 U.S. standard million population. **Excludes in situ cervix uteri cases which were included in profiles prior to 1999.

MORTALITY (1998 Residents)

			All Races	White	Hispanic (any race)
Number of Resident Deaths	3,681	Number of Infant Deaths (< 1 Year of Age)	32	27	11
Crude Death Rate per 1,000	10.3	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	7.1	6.5	14.5
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000	4.6	Average Annual Infant Death Rate (1996-98)	8.4	7.9	11.6

Selected Major Causes of Death, Number and Average Annual Age-Adjusted Death Rate* (1996-98)

Cause	Number	Rate	Cause	Number	Rate
Heart Disease	3,628	131.7	Pneumonia/Influenza	508	13.5
Cancer	2,523	121.9	Diabetes	268	11.7
Stroke	785	24.5	Septicemia	155	5.6
C.O.P.D.**	461	17.0	Nephritis/Nephrosis	146	5.1
Unintentional Injuries	394	27.4	Suicide	167	14.2

* per 100,000 1940 U.S. standard million population

** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Leading Causes of Death, Number by Age Group (1998)

Under 5 Years of Age		5-24 Years of Age		25-44 Years of Age		45-64 Years of Age		65 Years and Older	
Perinatal Conditions	22	Unintentional Injury	27	Cancer	27	Cancer	189	Heart Disease	1,071
Unintentional Injury	3	Homicide	6	Unintentional Injury	25	Heart Disease	144	Cancer	600
Pneumonia/Influenza	2	Suicide	4	Heart Disease	24	Stroke	17	Stroke	233
Homicide	2	Cancer	2	Suicide	20	Diabetes Mellitus	16	Pneumonia/Influenza	173
Birth Defects	2			HIV Infection	16	Suicide	15	C.O.P.D.**	133
TOTAL	39	TOTAL	43	TOTAL	166	TOTAL	480	TOTAL	2,953

HOSPITALS (7/97-6/98)

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
4	2	1	1	0	0

General Hospitals

Beds Set Up and Staffed	785	Beds per 1,000 Population	2.2	Average Inpatient Occupancy Rate	65.6
Admissions	36,933	Admissions per 1,000 Population	103.8	Average Semi-Private Daily Room Rate	\$340

NURSING HOMES (1998)

	Total Number	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Nursing Homes	17	17	13
Licensed/Approved Beds	2,792	1,143	2,639

Total Licensed/Approved Beds per 1,000 Population Age 65 and Older	50.2
Average Occupancy Rate	93.2
Average Length of Stay (Number of Days)	330.7

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate	\$154
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DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT (State-Supported) (7/98-6/99)

Total Resident Admissions	Primary Diagnosis			Percent Admitted Only Once During 7/98-6/99
	Drug Abuse	Alcohol Abuse	Other*	
4,021	2,500	1,484	37	57.0

* Includes family members receiving counseling.

Licensed Facilities 30	Inpatient Non-Hospital	16	Partial Hospitalization	4
	Inpatient Hospital	1	Outpatient	18
	Correctional Institution	0		

Note: Each licensed facility may provide more than one type of service.



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