

WEEKLY REPORT FOR DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO COVID-19 ISSUED SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

DEATHS REGISTERED: 7,934

This report is based on COVID-19 deaths that occurred in Pennsylvania. This information has been extracted from death records registered with the Department's Vital Records Program as of 11:59 pm on September 17, 2020. Please see [State Registrar Notice \(SRN\) 2020-13](#) for detailed information regarding the reporting of these deaths. These deaths meet the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics guidance.¹ Death records included in this report include laboratory confirmed COVID-19 deaths and clinically confirmed COVID-19 deaths.²

This death data information is considered provisional information. Due to the time associated with reporting deaths, recent death data is incomplete and only reflected in the figures below if the death record is complete. Death data will continue to be updated as additional COVID-19 deaths are registered and amended with the Vital Records Program.

GENDER

Gender	# of Deaths
Female	4,079
Male	3,855



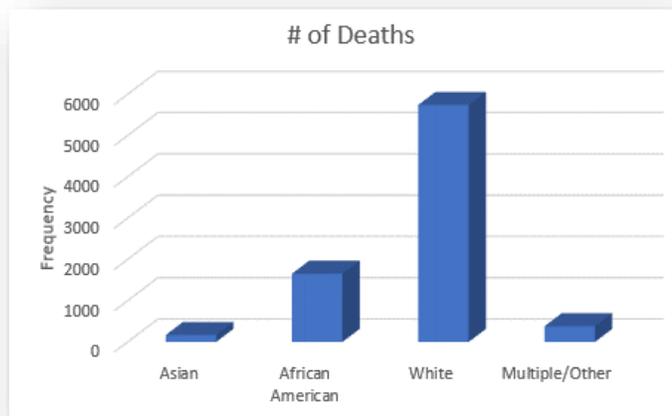
¹ https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech_notes.htm

Coronavirus disease deaths are identified when coronavirus disease 2019 or COVID-19 are reported as a cause that contributed to death on the death record. These can include laboratory confirmed cases, as well as cases without laboratory confirmation.

² This report only includes deaths among individuals who may have tested positive for COVID-19 if the death record meets the criteria listed in footnote 1 above.

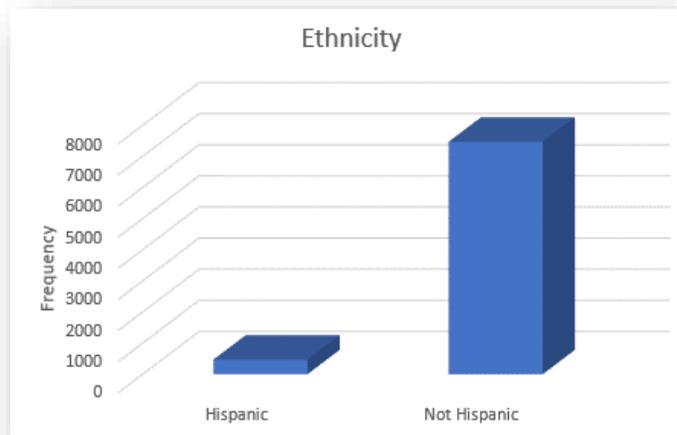
RACE

Race	# of Deaths
Asian	166
African American	1,651
White	5,738
Multiple/Other	379



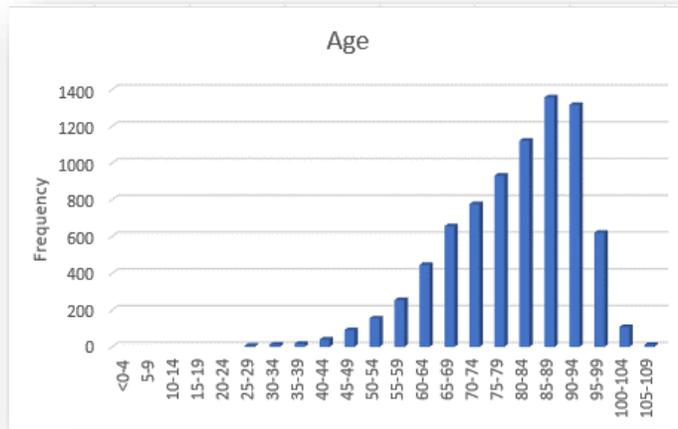
ETHNICITY

Ethnicity	# of Deaths
Hispanic	468
Not Hispanic	7,466



AGE

Age	# of Deaths
<0-4	*
5-9	*
10-14	*
15-19	*
20-24	*
25-29	7
30-34	13
35-39	17
40-44	40
45-49	91
50-54	155
55-59	255
60-64	446
65-69	656
70-74	777
75-79	931
80-84	1,122
85-89	1,357
90-94	1,316
95-99	621
100-104	108
105-109	11



*Counts less than 5 are suppressed.

PLACE OF DEATH

Based on national standards, the place of death is categorized as shown above. The place of death of the decedent is reported by the medical certifier, such as a physician, CRNP, or coroner, based on the physical location where the death occurred.

Place of Death	# of Deaths
Hospice	175
Hospital	4,077
Long-Term Living	3,397
Residence	282
Other	3



COMORBIDITIES

Due to the novel nature of COVID-19, this is a list of comorbidities currently being tracked in Pennsylvania. This subset of comorbidities should not be interpreted as a list of conditions that caused an individual to be more susceptible to the disease. Since an individual may have multiple comorbidities, this count is not mutually exclusive. For instance, a decedent with hypertension and diabetes will be counted in both comorbidity types.

At the time of this reporting, approximately 37% of death records did not include comorbidity data. While medical certifiers are encouraged to include comorbidities that significantly contributed to the death, medical certifiers often underreport comorbidity data.

Comorbidities Grouped by Classification	
Cancer	363
Cardio: Congestive Heart Failure	535
Coronary Artery Disease	605
Hypertension	1,531
Immuno: HIV	14
Organ Transplant	15
Kidney: Chronic	510
End-Stage Renal	174
Liver: Chronic	8
Cirrhosis	37
Metabolic: Diabetes	967
Obesity	168
Neuro: Dementia	1,668
Parkinson's	189
Respiratory: Asthma	63
COPD	629
Sleep Apnea	65

Comorbidities in Descending Order	
Neuro: Dementia	1,668
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