

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

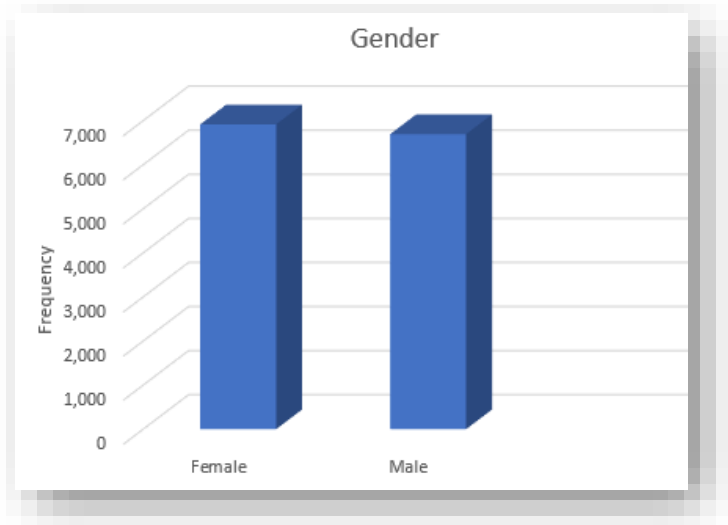
**DEATHS REGISTERED:** 13,608

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 December 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.<sup>1</sup> Death records included in this report include laboratory confirmed COVID-19 deaths and clinically confirmed COVID-19 deaths.<sup>2</sup>

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	6,915
Male	6,693



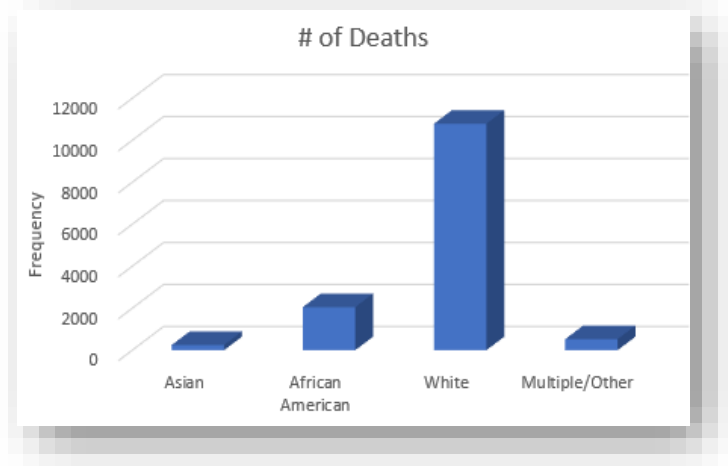
<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech\\_notes.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech_notes.htm)

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

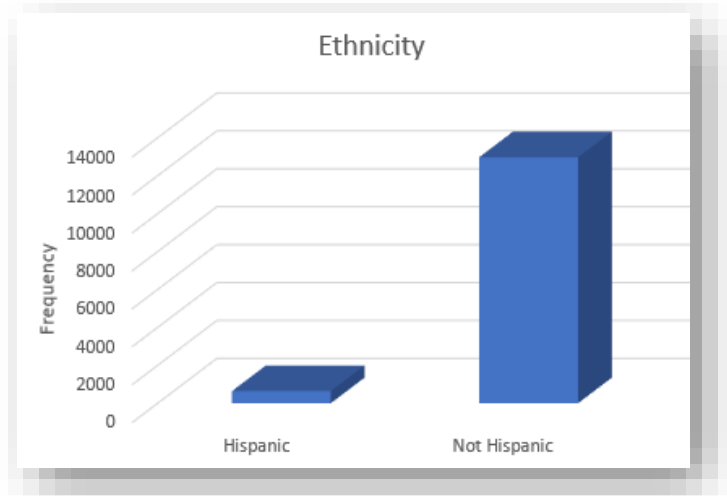
**RACE**

<b>Race</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>
Asian	245
African American	2,051
White	10,788
Multiple/Other	524



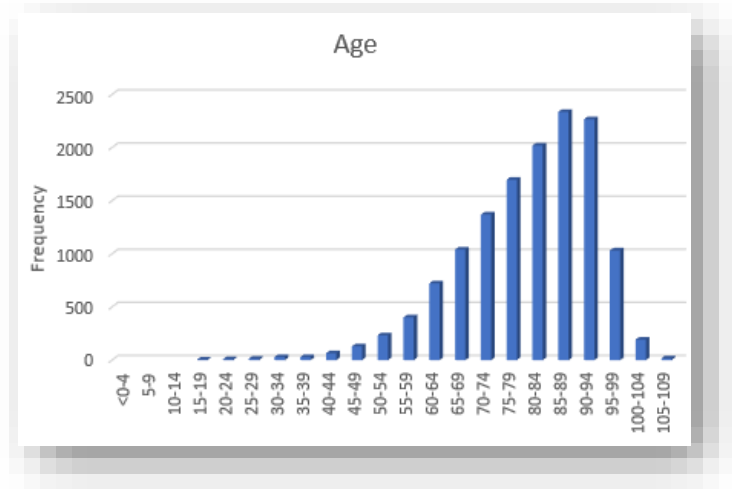
**ETHNICITY**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>
Hispanic	637
Not Hispanic	12,971



**AGE**

Age	# of Deaths
<0-4	*
5-9	*
10-14	*
15-19	5
20-24	9
25-29	13
30-34	29
35-39	29
40-44	64
45-49	129
50-54	233
55-59	402
60-64	722
65-69	1041
70-74	1370
75-79	1698
80-84	2020
85-89	2336
90-94	2267
95-99	1032
100-104	193
105-109	16

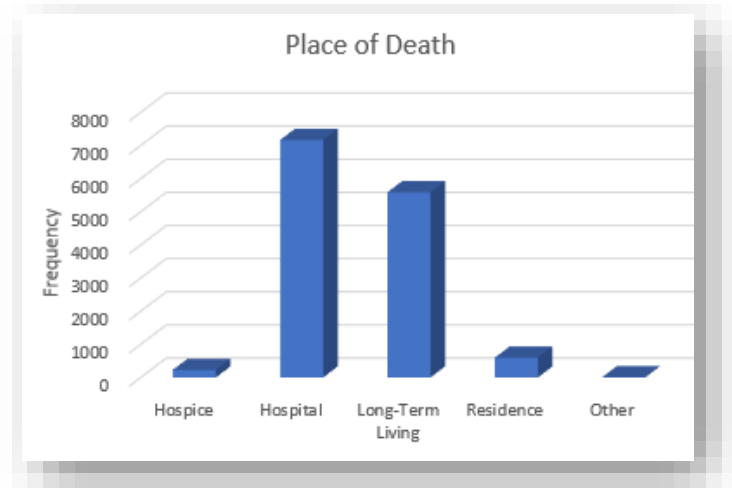


\*Counts less than 5 are suppressed.

**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	233
Hospital	7,169
Long-Term Living	5,593
Residence	601
Other	12



## **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.

<b>Comorbidities Grouped by Classification</b>	
Cancer	655
Cardio: Congestive Heart Failure	937
Coronary Artery Disease	1,019
Hypertension	2,308
Immuno: HIV	18
Organ Transplant	28
Kidney: Chronic	914
End-Stage Renal	252
Liver: Chronic	15
Cirrhosis	73
Metabolic: Diabetes	1,603
Obesity	313
Neuro: Dementia	2,671
Parkinson's	313
Respiratory: Asthma	103
COPD	1,032
Sleep Apnea	107

<b>Comorbidities in Descending Order</b>	
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