

## WEEKLY REPORT FOR DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO COVID-19 ISSUED DECEMBER 24, 2020

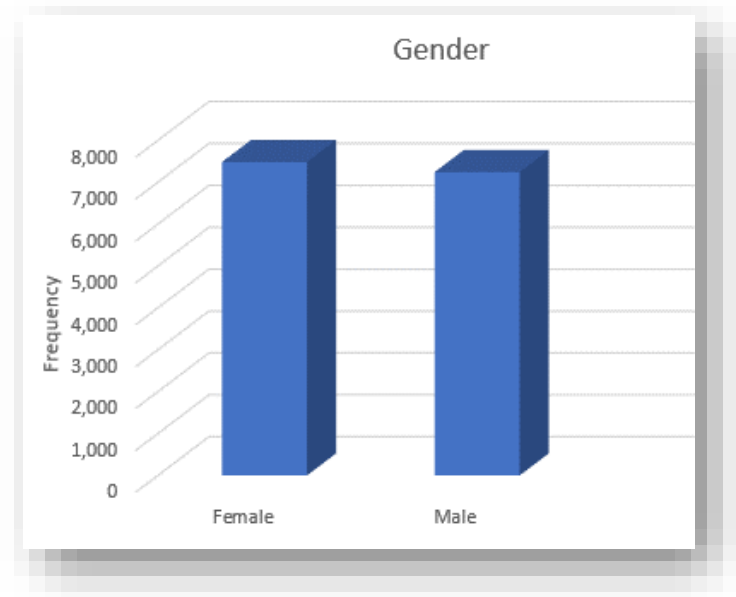
**DEATHS REGISTERED:** 14,718

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 23, 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	7,479
Male	7,239



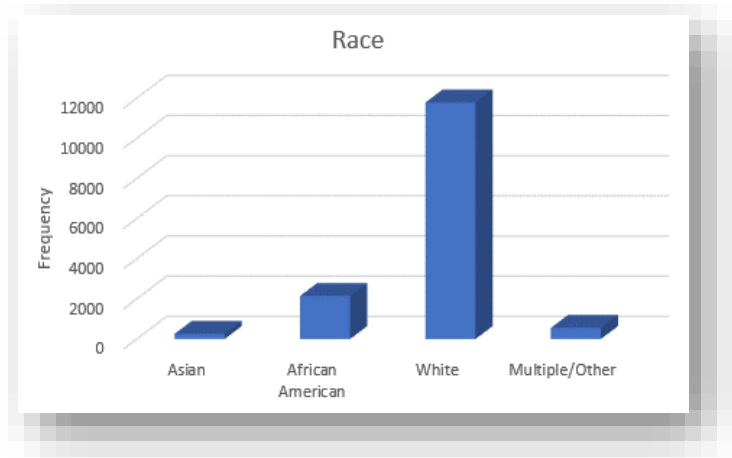
<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech\\_notes.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech_notes.htm)

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.

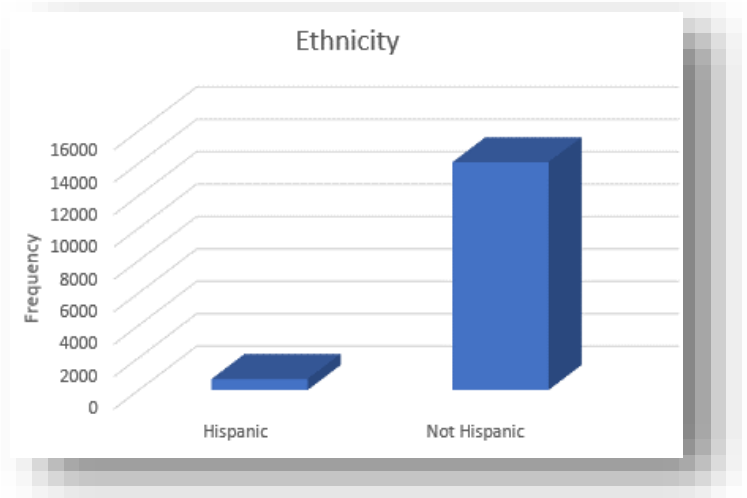
## RACE

Race	# of Deaths
Asian	253
African American	2,139
White	11,775
Multiple/Other	551



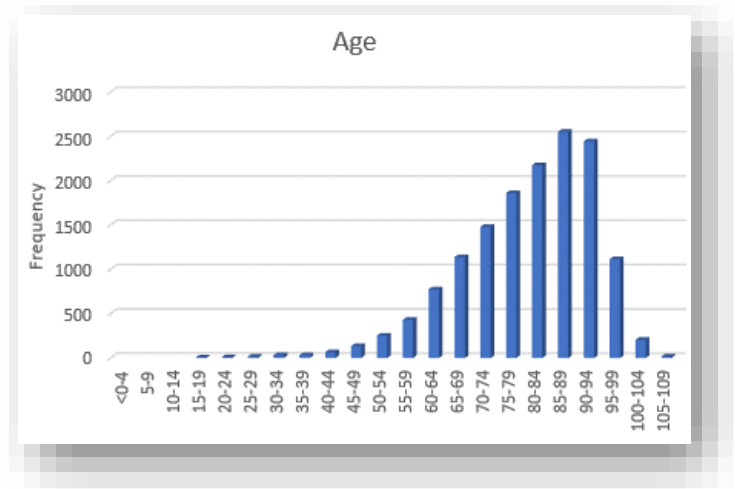
## ETHNICITY

Ethnicity	# of Deaths
Hispanic	672
Not Hispanic	14,046



**AGE**

Age	# of Deaths
<0-4	*
5-9	*
10-14	*
15-19	5
20-24	9
25-29	14
30-34	31
35-39	31
40-44	65
45-49	133
50-54	251
55-59	431
60-64	773
65-69	1,136
70-74	1,478
75-79	1,860
80-84	2,174
85-89	2,550
90-94	2,442
95-99	1,113
100-104	205
105-109	17

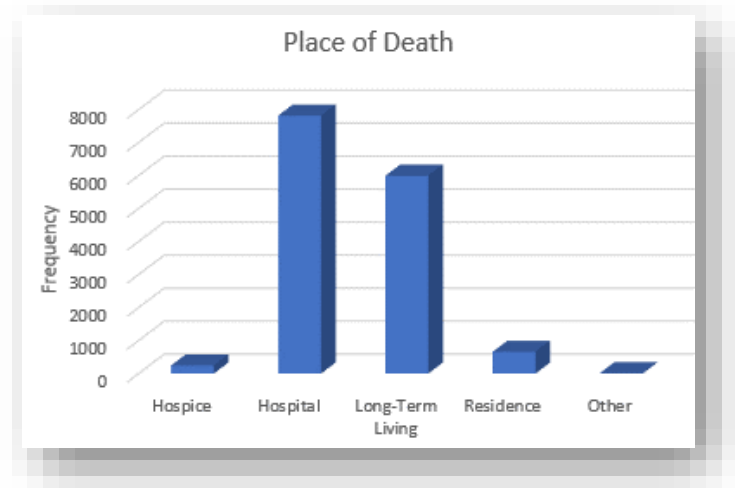


\*Counts less than 5 are suppressed.

**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	242
Hospital	7,814
Long-Term Living	5,993
Residence	657
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	717
Cardio: Congestive Heart Failure	1,002
Coronary Artery Disease	1,103
Hypertension	2,458
Immuno: HIV	19
Organ Transplant	30
Kidney: Chronic	991
End-Stage Renal	269
Liver: Chronic	16
Cirrhosis	78
Metabolic: Diabetes	1,739
Obesity	342
Neuro: Dementia	2,853
Parkinson's	331
Respiratory: Asthma	112
COPD	1,114
Sleep Apnea	117

<b>Comorbidities in Descending Order</b>	
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