

## WEEKLY REPORT FOR DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO COVID-19 ISSUED DECEMBER 31, 2020

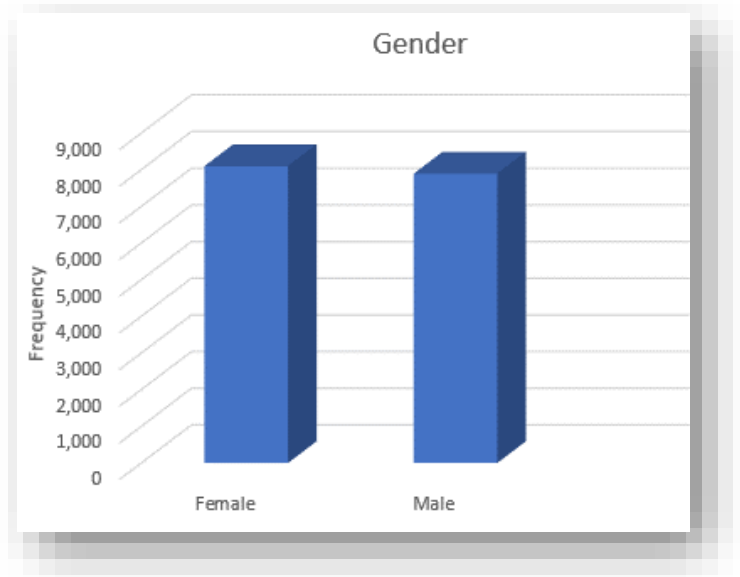
**DEATHS REGISTERED:** 15,978

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 30, 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	8,092
Male	7,886



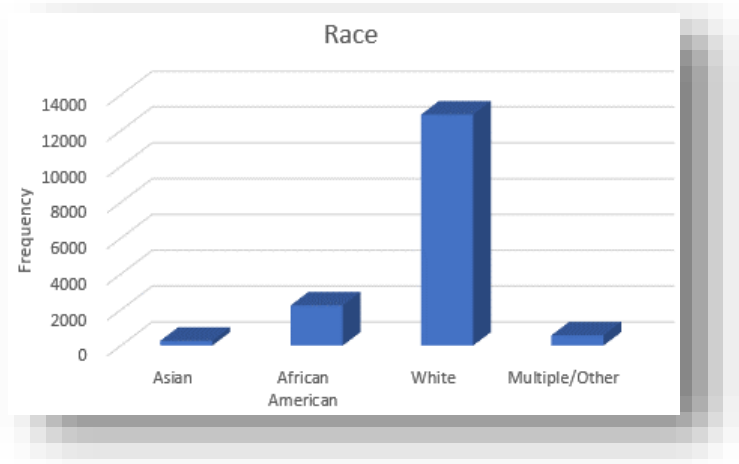
<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech\\_notes.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/tech_notes.htm)

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.

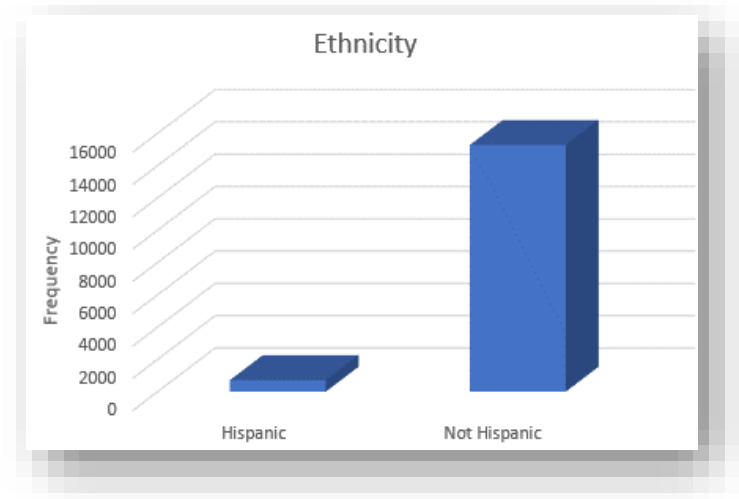
**RACE**

<b>Race</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>
Asian	266
African American	2,243
White	12,896
Multiple/Other	573



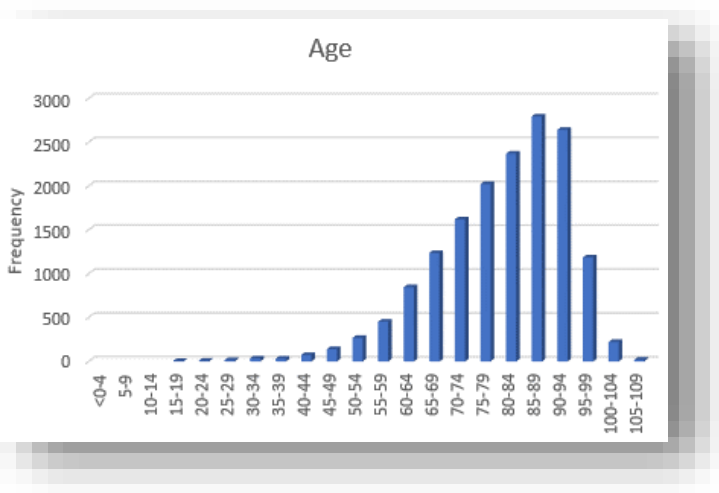
**ETHNICITY**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>
Hispanic	708
Not Hispanic	15,270



**AGE**

Age	# of Deaths
<0-4	*
5-9	*
10-14	*
15-19	5
20-24	9
25-29	15
30-34	35
35-39	31
40-44	74
45-49	140
50-54	268
55-59	453
60-64	846
65-69	1,236
70-74	1,619
75-79	2,022
80-84	2,369
85-89	2,792
90-94	2,639
95-99	1,185
100-104	222
105-109	18

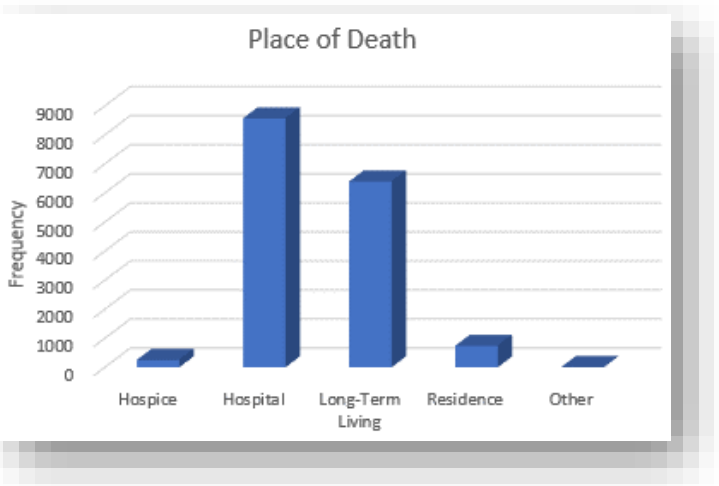


\*Counts less than 5 are suppressed.

**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	257
Hospital	8,570
Long-Term Living	6,398
Residence	741
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	783
Cardio: Congestive Heart Failure	1,079
Coronary Artery Disease	1,201
Hypertension	2,624
Immuno: HIV	19
Organ Transplant	33
Kidney: Chronic	1,072
End-Stage Renal	285
Liver: Chronic	16
Cirrhosis	87
Metabolic: Diabetes	1,876
Obesity	379
Neuro: Dementia	3,046
Parkinson's	356
Respiratory: Asthma	120
COPD	1,201
Sleep Apnea	124

<b>Comorbidities in Descending Order</b>	
Neuro: Dementia	3,046
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