

POPULATION DATA and PROJECTIONS

Municipalities of Adams County, Pennsylvania

		Population				Projections		
		1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
BOROUGHS	Abbottstown	539	905	1,011	1,022	1,029	1,036	1,042
	Arendtsville	693	848	952	867	867	867	867
	Bendersville	560	576	641	736	747	758	769
	Biglerville	993	1,101	1,200	1,225	1,235	1,246	1,256
	Bonneauville	1,282	1,378	1,800	1,758	1,785	1,813	1,840
	Carroll Valley	1,457	3,291	3,876	3,940	4,221	4,501	4,782
	East Berlin	1,175	1,365	1,521	1,542	1,681	1,819	1,958
	Fairfield	524	486	507	526	532	537	543
	Gettysburg	7,025	7,490	7,620	7,106	7,124	7,143	7,161
	Littlestown	2,974	3,947	4,434	4,782	5,166	5,551	5,935
	McSherrystown	2,769	2,691	3,038	3,077	3,134	3,191	3,247
	New Oxford	1,617	1,696	1,783	1,868	1,878	1,888	1,898
	York Springs	547	574	833	683	683	683	683
	<i>TOTAL: Boros</i>	<i>22,155</i>	<i>26,348</i>	<i>29,216</i>	<i>29,132</i>	<i>30,082</i>	<i>31,032</i>	<i>31,982</i>
TOWNSHIPS	Berwick	1,831	1,818	2,389	2,403	3,076	3,509	3,942
	Butler	2,514	2,678	2,567	2,550	2,663	2,819	2,975
	Conewago	4,532	5,709	7,085	7,875	8,374	8,989	9,604
	Cumberland	5,431	5,718	6,162	7,033	7,713	8,511	9,309
	Franklin	4,126	4,590	4,877	4,676	4,820	4,976	5,132
	Freedom	692	844	831	825	885	932	978
	Germany	1,949	2,269	2,700	2,844	3,059	3,330	3,600
	Hamilton	1,760	2,044	2,530	2,714	2,867	3,034	3,201
	Hamiltonban	1,872	2,216	2,372	2,300	2,390	2,486	2,582
	Highland	815	825	943	997	1,063	1,124	1,184
	Huntington	1,989	2,233	2,369	2,395	2,482	2,577	2,672
	Latimore	2,209	2,528	2,580	2,646	2,806	2,956	3,106
	Liberty	938	1,063	1,237	1,376	1,473	1,599	1,725
	Menallen	2,700	2,974	3,515	3,701	3,946	4,203	4,460
	Mount Joy	2,848	3,232	3,670	3,789	4,142	4,463	4,784
	Mount Pleasant	4,076	4,420	4,693	4,666	4,900	5,207	5,515
	Oxford	3,437	4,876	5,517	5,936	6,861	7,862	8,862
	Reading	3,828	5,106	5,780	5,799	6,142	6,451	6,761
	Straban	4,565	4,539	4,928	4,851	6,031	6,777	7,523
	Tyrone	1,829	2,273	2,298	2,268	2,336	2,403	2,471
Union	2,178	2,989	3,148	3,076	3,235	3,324	3,413	
<i>TOTAL: Twps</i>	<i>56,119</i>	<i>64,944</i>	<i>72,191</i>	<i>74,720</i>	<i>81,265</i>	<i>87,531</i>	<i>93,796</i>	
Adams County		78,274	91,292	101,407	103,852	111,347	118,562	125,778



Population projections are based on building trends and are periodically revised.
Please see the Methodology for more information.

POPULATION PROJECTION METHODOLOGY

The Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) periodically produces population estimates and projections for each municipality. These projections are updated as needed and were last revised in February 2022 for the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan, ONWARD2050. ACOPD has historically used residential building permit data and development trends to determine population estimates and projections, as well as staff consensus, as future trends are difficult to predict.

The most recent update to *“Population Data and Projections – Municipalities of Adams County, Pennsylvania”* includes population projections for 2030 through 2050. Since the 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data (PL 94-171) was available, mid-decade estimates did not need to be produced at this time. Population projections were derived through the following methods:

- **2030 Projection** – The Office of Planning and Development assumes that the pattern of building permits issued over the last three years will continue in the Townships, until at least 2025. The number of permits issued in 2019 – 2021 was slightly higher than the previous years, which we assume is attributed to increases in the housing market and construction catching up from Covid-related delays. Projections for 2025 were calculated for ONWARD2050 and utilized the 2019 – 2021 building permit averages in the Townships and the average number of permits issued between 2014 – 2021 in the Boroughs. The average number of permits is multiplied by 5, multiplied by the Persons Per Household of each municipality (2019 US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate), and added to the 2020 population. Once a projection for 2025 was determined, the average number of permits issued per municipality between 2014 – 2021 was multiplied by 5, multiplied by the Persons Per Household, and added to the 2025 projection to derive the 2030 projection.
- **2040 and 2050 Projection** – The average number of permits issued between 2014 – 2021 for each municipality (County average: 298) was selected as the figure to forecast the 2040 and 2050 projections as well. The number of permits issued in this time period is fairly consistent, but includes two small “spikes” to account for fluctuations in construction and the housing market as older residential developments build out and new developments are started. The average number of permits issued per municipality between 2014 – 2021 was multiplied by 10, multiplied by the Persons Per Household, and added to the previous decade’s population to obtain the 2040 and 2050 projections.