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## Latest News

### **Want to Know Your Township's 2020 Census Population? The 2020 Census Results by Township are now Available!**

The long awaited 2020 Census population results were recently released with Pennsylvania having a final population of count of 13,002,700 people, a 2.4 percent increase from 2010 and is now ranked as the 5th largest state in the country.

Of the state's total population, 5,677,472 people (or **44 percent**) **live in a township of the second class**. Township populations have grown overall by 2.5 percent since 2010. AGAIN, more Pennsylvanians live in a township than any other type of municipal government in Pennsylvania!

[Click here](#) to view your township's 2020 Census Population.

### **Reminder: Townships Required to Post Agendas 24 Hours Before Meetings**

Beginning August 29, [Act 65 of 2021](#) will require all township boards and commissions to post agendas on a website, if they have one, and at the township building and meeting place at least 24 hours before the meeting. Action items may still be added to the agenda at the meeting by majority vote after first stating the reason for the change.

An amended agenda will need to be posted on the website, if the township has one, and at the township building and meeting place on the first business day after the meeting. [Click here](#) for a PSATS fact sheet on the new rule.

### **Pennsylvania Redistricting Commission Changes How to Count Prisoners**

Pennsylvania's Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted 3-2 yesterday to count prisoners in the municipalities in which they lived immediately prior to sentencing. The U.S. Census Bureau requires counting prisoners where they are physically located. This state change will only apply to State House and State Senate districts. Congressional districts will count inmates where they are incarcerated. This marks a significant change from past redistricting efforts and will increase the counts of urban areas with higher crime rates and diminish the counts in the rural and suburban communities where the prisons are located. PSATS testified against this change indicating that inmate counts are important to host communities as inmates incur costs to those communities, in water/sewer/waste/public safety, 9-1-1, ambulance services as well as roads and bridges for family visitation. It is unclear what this means for host communities and liquid fuels allocations, or any other population driven state formulas (grants, etc). It appears to shift more money to urban centers. [Click here](#) to read the approved resolution.

### **IFO Releases Natural Gas, Labor Market Reports**

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has released new reports on natural gas production and the labor market. The [Natural Gas Production Report](#) for the second quarter shows a growth in output of 7.8%, the strongest in two years. The [Labor Market Update for August 2021](#) reports that Pennsylvania payroll jobs continue to recover from the impact of the pandemic, with growth strongest among traditional unemployment claims and weakest in non-traditional claims.

### **Today in History....**

On August 25, 1932, Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the North American continent....from sea to shining sea!

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## Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

**2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar**

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official. Specific agenda items will be updated when finalized.

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -10/21/21 - West](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -11/9/21 - East](#)



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