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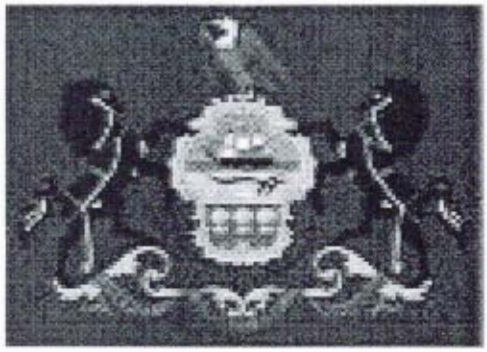
THE KEYSTONE STATE



Philadelphia Facts and Places:

Philadelphia Airport is Philadelphia International Airport
Newspapers are Philadelphia Daily News, Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia Sports teams are Eagles, Phillies, 76ers
Major Philadelphia Attractions and Events are Liberty Bell, The National Constitution Center, Philly Pride Parade, Jam on the River, Unity Day
Local Schools are Philadelphia University, Temple University

About Philadelphia

Philadelphia has a unique blend of experiences for the visitor: history abounds, arts flourish and learning and discoveries hold one's interest. The city was originally founded as a Quaker colony by William Penn in 1681 on the site of an earlier Swedish settlement. History takes first dibs here as the First and Second Continental Congresses (1774 and 1775–1776) and the Constitutional Convention (1787) met in Philadelphia which then served as the capital of the United States from 1790 to 1800.

The city is recognized as the birthplace of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, where the legacy of more than three centuries of political, economic, social, and cultural achievements abound. A place where Americans defended their liberty, and claimed the standards of the American Dream. To complement its forward thinking and appreciation for learning, Philadelphia has over 30 educational institutions.

Accommodations

Fine selections abound in this progressive historical city. The Four Seasons offers plush surroundings, and is recognized for its Fountain Restaurant and Swann Lounge/Café. The Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel is located in Rittenhouse Square in the stylish retail and restaurant areas.

The Sofitel Philadelphia, is in the heart of the city, and is the cornerstone of the new French Quarter. The hotel reveals a French flavor with American style.

The Crowne Plaza Philadelphia Hotel, is also located in the midst of fine dining and upscale shopping along Rittenhouse Row, the central business district, Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts, and the theater district.

Restaurants

Food choices abound in Philadelphia. Reading Terminal is home to is the nation's oldest

continuously operating farmers' market. A portion of the market is primarily devoted to Amish merchants from Lancaster County, who bring their farm-fresh products.
The Genji Japanese Restaurant demonstrates creative combinations and interesting menu options. The Savannah Soul Food Bar offers progressive soul food with all of the comforts of home. The superb fried catfish and the spiced chicken and grandma's meatloaf are good selections in this welcoming setting.
The Rose Tattoo Café provides a garden party atmosphere of this Fairmount restaurant. It has been a favored gathering spot since the 1980s.

Shopping

With a superb mix of urban shopping districts, and tax-free shopping, Philadelphia is a fun place to shop. Some of the nation's largest retail centers abide in the area.
A sampling of the options includes the specialty shop/boutique, Closet Fever which is in the neighborhood of Northern Liberties. It is a salon where one can experience a stylish haircut, buy a unique piece of jewelry, artwork or see stylish clothing.
Located in a former textile plant, Dane Decor, is a family-owned furnishings store that offers two floors of contemporary furnishings. One floor is filled with clean-lined Scandinavian designs, while another displays trendy, chairs, desks and accessories.

Attractions

America's most historic square mile leads to the paths of understanding American history where it all converges in Philadelphia and its historic countryside. Even before William Penn founded the city, and built his estate in Bucks County, Native Americans and Swedish colonists came to the area.
The Liberty Bell Center, the internationally known symbol of freedom was cast by the White Chapel Foundry. A "Freedom Bell" was made for Trinity Church in NYC commemorating 9/11. Throughout the expansive, light-filled Center, larger-than-life historic documents and graphic images explore the facts and the myths surrounding the Bell. X-rays give an insider's view, literally, of the Bell's crack and inner-workings.
Dream Garden– a 15 x 49-foot mosaic of more than 100,000 pieces of favorite glass- is in the lobby of a office building that edges Washington Square. The astounding Dream Garden color and light are masterfully combined by the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Garden brings luminous vision of Philadelphia by native Maxfield Parrish, who created the painting on which the mosaic was based.
The contemporary National Constitution Center is near Elfreth's Alley, a narrow street that has retained its colonial air, including the Betsy Ross House, where the first American flag was made. City Hall, one of the nation's largest, is a prominent building with a tower surmounted by a statue of William Penn. Edgar Allan Poe's house has also been preserved, and the historic 18th-century houses in the Society Hill section are additional tourist attractions, as is the restored Revolutionary War Fort Mifflin.

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Pennsylvania

Overview

Pennsylvania's state income tax rate is a flat 3.07 percent with no personal exemptions. More on Pennsylvania taxes can be found in the tabbed pages below.

Income | Sales | Property | Estate | Other

Personal income tax

- Pennsylvania has a flat tax rate of 3.07 percent on individual income, with no personal exemptions.
- County, municipal and school district taxes also are collected. Those rates can be found at the Department of Community and Economic Development Web site.
- Pennsylvanians who live on a modest income may qualify for the state's Tax Forgiveness Credit.
- Pennsylvania tax returns are due on April 15, or the next business day if that date falls on a weekend or holiday. For the 2007 filing season, the deadline for federal returns was changed to Tuesday, April 17. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue is following the federal lead and also giving taxpayers an extra filing day to complete state returns.

Sales tax

- Pennsylvania imposes a 6 percent state sales tax on taxable goods and services.
- A local sales tax of 1 percent is collected on sales of taxable goods and services initiated from a location in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties.
- Major items exempt from sales tax include food (not ready-to-eat), most wearing apparel, drugs, textbooks, sales for resale and residential heating fuels.

Personal and real property taxes

- Pennsylvania does not levy or collect taxes on real estate or personal property. Those taxes are reserved for the local governments: counties, municipalities and school districts. Usually, all three districts levy real estate or property taxes, so you will need to know what county, school district and municipality you live in.
- Municipalities (cities, townships and boroughs) are permitted to levy real estate property taxes that cannot exceed 30 mills on the assessed value of the property without special permission of the courts.
- The Taxpayer Relief Act provides school districts the opportunity to offer lower property taxes to homeowners by implementing an additional earned income and net profits tax or a personal income tax. More information on this measure is available at the Pennsylvania Department of Education Web site.
- The state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is available to qualified seniors and permanently disabled citizens. It is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and administered by the PA Department of Revenue. Qualified taxpayers can be reimbursed up to $650 a year for the amount they paid in property taxes or rent in the previous year.

- Local governments can impose a variety of local taxes, from the earned income tax to the real property tax to various other taxes. Employers are required to withhold from employees earned income and emergency and municipal services taxes imposed by municipalities and school districts.

Inheritance and estate taxes

- Pennsylvania collects an inheritance tax.
- Pennsylvania has an estate tax based on a decedent's total gross estate and limited to the credit for state death taxes allowed on the federal estate tax return. However, since the federal credit for state estate tax payments has been phased out, the Keystone State's estate tax is not imposed.

Other Pennsylvania tax facts

- Taxpayers can go online to track the status of their refunds.
- In an effort to collect unpaid state taxes, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue publishes a list of delinquent sales and employer withholding tax accounts.
- Active duty military pay is not taxable for Pennsylvania purposes if earned outside the state by a Pennsylvania resident serving on full-time active duty or federal active duty for training. However, other income is still taxable.

DAY CARE SERVICES
OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY LEARNING (Philadelphia, PA)

No	Name & Address	Capacity	Type of Operation	Status	Type of License
1.	**ALPHABET ACADEMY** (ALPHABET ACADEMY INC) 1506 EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 271-9911 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	25	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
2.	**ALPHABET STATION** (ALPHABET STATION INC) 1510-12 EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 551-6600 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	66	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
3.	**BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER II** (BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER LTD) 626 SOUTH 10TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 627-3668 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	22	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
4.	**BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER LTD** (BEGINNINGS LEARNING CENTER LTD) 620 SOUTH 10TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 627-3668 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	48	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
5.	**FIRST IMPRESSIONS NURSERY SCHOOL** (FIRST IMPRESSIONS NURSERY SCHOOL INC) 1014 EAST MOYAMENSING AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 467-5988 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	34	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
6.	**KAI'S COMFY CORNER**	22	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL

	(KAI'S COMFY CORNER INC) 1514-1520 S 9TH ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 271-9919 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST				
7.	**MOONSTONE PRESCHOOL** (MOONSTONE INC) 768 SOUTH 9TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 574-9157 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	40	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
8.	**NAZARETH OUTREACH SERVICES DAY CARE** (NAZARETH OUTREACH SERVICES INC) 1009-23 S 3RD STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 468-5338 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	52	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
9.	**OLD PINE COMMUNITY CENTER** (THIRD SCOTS & MARINERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH) 401 LOMBARD STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 627-2493 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	132	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
10.	**SETTLEMENT MUSIC SCHOOL** (SETTLEMENT MUSIC SCHOOL) 416 QUEEN STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 320-2670 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	94	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
11.	**SOUTHWARK HOUSE** (UNITED COMMUNITIES SOUTHEAST PHILADELPHIA) 101 ELLSWORTH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 468-1645 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	90	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
12.	**THE MEREDITH PRESCHOOL NURSERY** (THE MEREDITH PRESCHOOL NURSERY INC) 505 FITZWATER STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 440-0123 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	25	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL

13.	**YOUNG CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE ARTS** (YOUNG CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE ARTS INC) 929 SOUTH WATER STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 336-3324 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	41	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
14.	**YOUNG HEARTS** (THE UNITED ACADEMY INCORPORATED) 520 WASHINGTON AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 468-2874 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	100	PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL
15.	**ZHANG-SAH** (GOLD MEDAL KARATE INC) 530-32 BAINBRIDGE STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19147 Telephone: (215) 923-6676 County: PHILADELPHIA Region: SOUTHEAST	56	NON-PROFIT	LICENSED	FULL

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(Districts in the surrounding area of Sector Delaware Bay)

Allegheny

- A W Beattie AVTS
- Allegheny Valley SD
- Avonworth SD
- Baldwin-Whitehall SD
- Bethel Park SD
- Brentwood Borough SD
- Career Connections CHS
- Carlynton SD
- Chartiers Valley SD
- Clairton City SD
- Cornell SD
- Deer Lakes SD
- Duquesne City SD
- East Allegheny SD
- Elizabeth Forward SD
- ETHNAN SDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- Forbes Road Career & Technology Center

- Fox Chapel Area SD
- Gateway SD
- Hampton Township SD
- Highlands School District
- Keystone Oaks SD
- Manchester Academic CS
- McKeesport Area SD
- McKeesport AVTS
- Montour SD
- Moon Area SD
- MT LEBANON MONTI SCH & ACDMY
- Mt Lebanon SD
- North Allegheny SD
- North Hills SD
- Northgate SD
- Northside Urban Pathways CS
- Parkway West AVTS
- Penn Hills SD
- Pine-Richland SD
- Pittsburgh SD
- Plum Borough SD
- PRAISE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- Quaker Valley SD
- Riverview SD
- Shaler Area SD
- South Allegheny SD
- South Fayette Township SD

- South Park SD
- Spectrum CS
- Steel Center AVTS
- Steel Valley SD
- Sto-Rox SD
- Thurgood Marshall Acad. CS
- Upper Saint Clair SD
- Urban League of Pittsburgh CS
- West Allegheny SD
- West Jefferson Hills SD
- West Mifflin Area SD
- Wilkinsburg Borough SD
- Woodland Hills SD
- ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Bucks

- Bensalem Township SD
- Bristol Borough SD
- Bristol Township SD
- BUCKS CO COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
- Bucks Co Technical High School
- Bucks County Montessori CS
- Centennial SD
- Central Bucks SD
- Council Rock SD
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
- Morrisville Borough SD

- Mosaica Academy CS
- Neshaminy SD
- New Hope-Solebury SD
- Palisades SD
- PEN RYN SCHOOL
- Pennridge SD
- Pennsbury SD
- PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- Quakertown Community SD
- Upper Bucks County AVTS
- WASHINGTON CROSSING CHR SCH

Chester

- Avon Grove SD
- Center for Arts and Technology
- Chester Co Family Academy CS
- Coatesville Area SD
- Collegium CS
- Downingtown Area SD
- Great Valley SD
- Kennett Consolidated School District
- Octorara Area SD
- Owen J Roberts SD
- Oxford Area SD
- Phoenixville Area SD
- Renaissance Academy-Edison CS

- Tredyffrin-Easttown SD
- Unionville-Chadds Ford SD
- West Chester Area SD

Delaware

- Chester Community CS
- Chester CS
- Chester-Upland SD
- Chichester SD
- Delaware County AVTS
- FREDERICK DOUGLASS CHRISTIAN
- Garnet Valley SD
- Haverford Township SD
- Interboro SD
- Marple Newtown SD
- Penn-Delco SD
- PHILADELPHIA ACAD BOYS & GIRLS
- Radnor Township SD
- Ridley SD
- Rose Tree Media SD
- Southeast Delco SD
- Springfield SD
- Upper Darby SD
- Village CS of Chester-Upland
- Wallingford-Swarthmore SD
- William Penn SD

Lehigh

- ALLENTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- Allentown City SD
- Catasauqua Area SD
- DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN
- East Penn SD
- Lehigh Career & Technical Institute
- LEHIGH VALLEY CHRISTIAN HS
- Northern Lehigh SD
- Northwestern Lehigh SD
- Parkland SD
- Roberto Clemente CS
- Salisbury Township SD
- Southern Lehigh SD
- Whitehall-Coplay SD

Philadelphia

- AL-AQSA ISLAMIC SCHOOL
- Alliance for Progress CS
- Architecture and Design CHS
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- Center for Economics and Law CS
- Christopher Columbus CS
- Community Academy of Philadelphia CS
- CORNERSTONE CHRIST ACAD
- Delaware Valley Chs

- EAGLES NEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
- Eugenio Maria DE Hostos CS
- Family CS
- Franklin Towne CHS
- Freire CS
- GERMANTOWN EVANGELICAL CHRST S
- GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL
- Germantown Settlement CS
- GIRARD COLLEGE
- GREATER CHURCH TRAINING CTR
- HIGH STREET CHRISTIAN ACAD
- Imani Education Circle CS
- Imhotep Institute CHS
- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
- JUBILEE SCHOOL
- Laboratory Charter School
- Leadership Lrng Partners CS
- Mariana Bracetti Academy CS
- Mast Community CS
- Math Civics and Sciences CS
- MERCY VOCATIONAL HS
- MUHAMMADS ISLAMIC ACADEMY
- Multi-Cultural Academy CS
- New Foundations CS
- NEW HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- Nueva Esperanza Academy CS
- Phila Academy CS

- Phila Harambee Inst CS
- Phila Performing Arts CS
- PHILADELPHIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- Philadelphia City SD
- Preparatory CS
- QUBA INST ARABIC & ISLAMIC ST
- Raising Horizons Quest CS
- Renaissance Advantage CS
- Renaissance CS
- SANCTUARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- Universal Institute CS
- Wakisha CS
- West Oak Lane Charter School
- World Communications CS
- Young Scholars CS
- Youth Build Phila CS

Pike

- Delaware Valley SD

Schuylkill

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- Mahanoy Area SD
- Minersville Area SD
- North Schuylkill SD
- Pine Grove Area SD
- Pottsville Area SD

- Saint Clair Area SD
- Schuylkill Co AVTS
- Schuylkill Haven Area SD
- Shenandoah Valley SD
- Tamaqua Area SD
- Tri-Valley SD
- Williams Valley SD

Susquehanna

- Blue Ridge SD
- Elk Lake SD
- Forest City Regional SD
- Montrose Area SD
- Mountain View SD
- Susquehanna Community SD
- Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center

Pennsylvania Colleges and Universities

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Map of Pennsylvania

The Garden State Welcomes You...

New Jersey

New Jersey's early colonial history was involved with that of New York (New Netherlands), of which it was a part. One year after the Dutch surrender to England in 1664, New Jersey was organized as an English colony under Gov. Philip Carteret.
In 1676 the colony was divided between Carteret and a company of English Quakers who had obtained the rights belonging to John, Lord Berkeley. New Jersey became a united crown colony in 1702, administered by the royal governor of New York. Finally, in 1738, New Jersey was separated from New York under its own royal governor, Lewis Morris. Because of its key location between New York City and Philadelphia, New Jersey saw much fighting during the American Revolution.

Today, New Jersey, an area of wide industrial diversification, is known as the Crossroads of the East. Products from over 15,000 factories can be delivered overnight to almost 60 million people, representing 12 states and the District of Columbia. The greatest single industry is chemicals; New Jersey is one of the foremost research centers in the world. Many large oil refineries are located in northern New Jersey. Other important manufactured items are pharmaceuticals, instruments, machinery, electrical goods, and apparel.

Productive farmland covers nearly one million acres, about 20% of New Jersey's land area. The state ranks high in the production of almost all garden vegetables, as well as cranberries, blueberries, and peaches. Poultry, dairy products, and seafood are also top commodities.

Tourism is the second-largest industry in New Jersey. The state has numerous resort areas on 127 mi of Atlantic coastline. In 1977, New Jersey voters approved legislation allowing legalized casino gambling in Atlantic City. Points of interest include the Delaware Water Gap, the Edison National Historic Site in West Orange, Princeton University, Liberty State Park, Jersey City, and the N.J. State Aquarium in Camden.