



“Waiting 10 years for a minimum wage increase is too long. The public overwhelmingly supports raising the wage and it’s time for Harrisburg to listen. The legislature must stand with workers and raise Pennsylvania’s minimum wage.”

— Gov. Tom Wolf, July 24, 2019, in remarks addressing the 10th anniversary of Pennsylvania’s last increase in the minimum wage

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Pennsylvania

Pop. (2019): 13,012,438
Median household income (2019): \$59,112
Credit Rating: A+/Stable

Pop. growth 2019–2024: 0.23%
Median age (2019): 42
Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

Gov. Wolf’s continued efforts to pass a natural gas severance tax took the form of the \$4.5 billion Restore Pennsylvania plan, introduced in June, which would funnel those funds toward the commonwealth’s infrastructure, environmental remediation, disaster recovery and broadband needs.

A new law cuts bureaucratic red tape to make it easier for new Pennsylvanians, including military spouses, with an out-of-state occupational license to work.

The PAsmart workforce development initiative launched in 2018 secured a \$10 million increase to \$40 million for the program this year, including \$20 million for science and technology education, \$10 million for apprenticeships and job training, and new this year, an additional \$10 million for career and technical education.

Signed into law in July, the PA Farm Bill will make \$23.1 million in strategic investments into the agriculture industry to grow opportunities and resources, remove barriers to entry, and cultivate future generations of leaders within agriculture

GDP
6th



2018 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$711,822.2



29th

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2019–2020: **3**



4th

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: **4,406,037**



23rd

Number of NCRCs: **37,295** | Percent Improvement 2019–2020: **5.63%**



34th

2019 Workers’ Comp Index Rate: **1.85**



29th

Industrial power cost per kWh: **\$6.43**



40th

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2004–2018: **100.6%**