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County and municipal population estimates released

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The U.S. Census Bureau recently released its July 1, 2014 county and municipal population estimates. According to the estimates, Lehigh County rounded out the top five fastest growing counties in terms of percentage since April 2010. The population increased from 349,497 to 357,823, or 2.3%.

Northampton County ranked 16th in the state, increasing from 297,735 to 300,654, or 1.0%. A total of 11,116 persons have been added in the Lehigh Valley during this time period, bringing the total estimated population to 658,477 in 2014.

Over half (about 54%) of Lehigh County's population growth from 2010-2014 can be attributed to three municipalities: Upper Macungie Township, followed by Upper Saucon Township then Lower Macungie Township. Upper Macungie ranked second out of all Pennsylvania townships in terms of numeric growth. All municipalities in Lehigh County saw a gain in population.

In Northampton County, the combined population growth in Hanover Township, Forks Township and Upper Nazareth Township accounted for almost half (48%) of the County's population growth since 2010. Twenty Northampton County municipalities decreased in population— almost all boroughs. The largest loss in population was in the City of Bethlehem (138).

Additional information on county and municipal population estimates is available from the U.S. Census Bureau website (www.census.gov) and the Pennsylvania State Data Center website (<http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/>).

GREATEST POPULATION GROWTH 2010-2014

Rank	Municipality	Population Growth
1	Upper Macungie Twp.	2,337
2	Upper Saucon Twp.	1,070
3	Lower Macungie Twp.	1,010
4	Allentown	943
5	Hanover Twp. (N)	514
6	Forks Twp.	509
7	Whitehall Twp.	476
8	South Whitehall Twp.	422
9	Upper Nazareth Twp.	385
10	North Whitehall Twp.	360

