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2020 Census

Every decade, communities have the opportunity to influence their federal, state and local governments through a complete and accurate count of the population. Census data influences critical federal appropriations for programs in Pennsylvania and helps determine political representation. For these reasons, the 2020 Census is a priority of the GPNP Public Policy Committee.

This section of the weekly public policy summary will be dedicated provide the latest news on the census locally, regionally, and statewide. We will be highlighting the Census 2020 at the GPNP Annual Meeting on November 29th and how the nonprofit sector can engage in the effort to arrive at a complete and accurate count.

[Pittsburgh, Allegheny County form 2020 census outreach committee](#)

“Each person that’s undercounted, that’s a cost to our region of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per person undercounted over the course of the coming decade,” said Gregg Behr, executive director of the Grable Foundation, who will co-chair the Complete Count Committee with Betty Cruz, founder of the Change Agency, and Stefani Pashman, CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

[This is why we should all protect the 2020 Census | Opinion \(Penn Live\)](#)

[Oversight Dems call for probe into citizenship question on 2020 census \(The Hill\)](#)

Public Policy Committee Meeting

Time: 8:30 - 10:30AM

Location: 5 PPG Place, Suite 250
Open to all GPNP Members

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

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Carnegie Music Hall
November 29, 2018
8 - 11 AM



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Featured Program: 2020 Census

Featured Keynote Speaker

Gary Bass - Executive Director, Bauman Foundation

Moderated Panel

Tracey Armant - The Grable Foundation

Feyisola Alabi - Special Initiatives Manager, Office of the Mayor

Phil Koch - Executive Director, Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

Andréa Stanford - Assistant County Manager, Allegheny County

Rabbi Ron Symons - Senior Director of Jewish Life, Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh

Federal Policy News

- [Redistricting explained: All eyes on state races in 2018 \(Center for Public Integrity\)](#)
- [An Early Look at Implementation of Medicaid Work Requirements in Arkansas \(Kaiser Family Foundation\)](#)
- [Fact-checking President Trump's USA Today op-ed on 'Medicare-for-All' \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [Your Social Security check will get a 2.8% boost in 2019 \(CNBC\)](#)

Election Updates

- [Pennsylvania Race Points to Importance of Redistricting \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [Fetterman, Bartos, in race for Pa. lieutenant governor, take aim at the top of the tickets \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
- [Uber, Lyft offer free Election Day rides to polling places \(Tribune Review\)](#)
- [U.S. House candidates Rothfus and Lamb avoid extremes in debate \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
- [Wolf runs 'ball-control' campaign in staying ahead of Wagner \(Tribune Review\)](#)

Local Updates

- [Allegheny County proposes nearly \\$1 billion budget for 2019 with no tax increase \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
- [County could save \\$45K on electricity with extension \(Beaver County Times\)](#)
- [Disaster loans approved for victims of Tropical Storm Gordon \(Observer-Reporter\)](#)

- [Penn-Trafford teachers may vote on new contract this week \(Tribune-Review\)](#)
 - [Financial Empowerment Centers to Provide Free Financial Advice \(Mayor's Office Press Release\)](#)
 - [Ross considering policy to provide paid sick leave to domestic violence victims \(Tribune Review\)](#)
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Pennsylvania News

An Unbridgeable Divide? Pennsylvania's (Ongoing) Story Of Gerrymandering And Redistricting

Pennsylvania is key to American politics. It's a state that helps pick presidents, of course, and it's a microcosm that reflects the country as a whole. It's populous with a mix of urban and rural voters. The electorate is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. President Trump won Pennsylvania by less than 45,000 votes out of the 6 million ballots cast here in 2016.

So it would make sense to expect that same even split in the state's Congressional delegation — half Democrat, half Republican. But that's not the case. The GOP holds 13 out of Pennsylvania's 18 congressional seats. It was of the most gerrymandered states in the country.

That changed this year. The state supreme court struck down the old district map and made a new one. It wipes away the 13-5 GOP advantage. Suddenly, more than a half-dozen of Pennsylvania's congressional races are newly competitive. That could mean major change in the midterm elections.

Source: [On Point - WBUR](#)

PennDOT puts out call for public-private partnership proposals

If a local business has an idea for a public-private partnership, PennDOT officials want to hear about it.

The department put out a call last week for unsolicited proposals for public-private partnerships, or P3s, for transportation and infrastructure projects.

"We pride ourselves on our innovative approaches to transportation solutions," PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said. "By accepting unsolicited P3 proposals, we are encouraging others to propose innovative or partnership projects that they think will benefit the commonwealth and Pennsylvanians."

Source: [Tribune-Review](#)

Senate Republicans weigh alternatives to giving child sex abuse victims more time to sue abusers

This will be a big week for work on Senate Bill 261, the hotly-debated legislation carrying changes designed to give child sex-abuse victims and prosecutors a longer period to bring the abusers to court.

It's the home stretch for conflicted Senate leaders to settle on what kind of policy counter they make to a state House that's already overwhelmingly voted for a controversial "window" for adult victims to bring suits against abusers and the institutions that supervised them even though they've aged past the 30th birthday cut-off date now in state law.

Source: [Penn Live](#)

New lawsuits filed against Zubik, Wuerl over child abuse allegations

Four men who say they were sexually abused as children by Roman Catholic Diocese of

Pittsburgh priests sued Bishop David Zubik and Cardinal Donald Wuerl on Thursday, alleging the church leaders are still covering up the abuse.

The civil lawsuits are the latest to stem from the August release of a Pennsylvania grand jury report detailing allegations that 301 members of the clergy in six dioceses abused more than 1,000 children over several decades.

Source: [Tribune-Review](#)

\$8.4 million in PA Safe Schools Targeted grants awarded

More than 200 public school entities have received a combined total of \$8.4 million through the state Department of Education's competitive Safe Schools Targeted grants program. The targeted grants program assists schools in reducing unnecessary student disciplinary actions and promoting an environment of greater productivity, safety and learning; and enhancing anti-violence efforts between schools and parents, local governments, law enforcement and community organizations. For a complete list of the awardees and their awards, [click here](#).

Source: *Capitolwire – Robert Swift*

Legislation

- [HB 2689: Act re real estate tax freeze](#)
- [HB 2696: Amends Title 51 re edu. assistance grants](#)
- [HB 2697: Act re District Office Safety Assessment](#)
- [HB 2698: Amends Pharmacy Act re accessible drug labels](#)
- [HB 2699: Amends Const. Code Act re changing facilities](#)
- [HB 2700: Amends Title 18 re ammunition purchases](#)
- [HB 2701: Amends Title 18 re well reporting reqs.](#)
- [HB 2702: Amends Title 42 re sentencing guidelines](#)
- [HB 2704: Amends Public School Code re digital account](#)
- [HB 2705: Amends Tax Reform Code re video game tax](#)
- [HB 2706: Amends Title 65 re GA member drug testing](#)
- [SB 13: Amends Public Employ Relations Act re rep.](#)
- [SB 1262: Amends Title 53 re civilian police review brd.](#)
- [SB 1272: Amends Public School Code re fair funding](#)
- [SB 1273: Amends Title 18 re occupational license reform](#)
- [SB 1274: Amends Title 23 re emergency abuse orders](#)

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