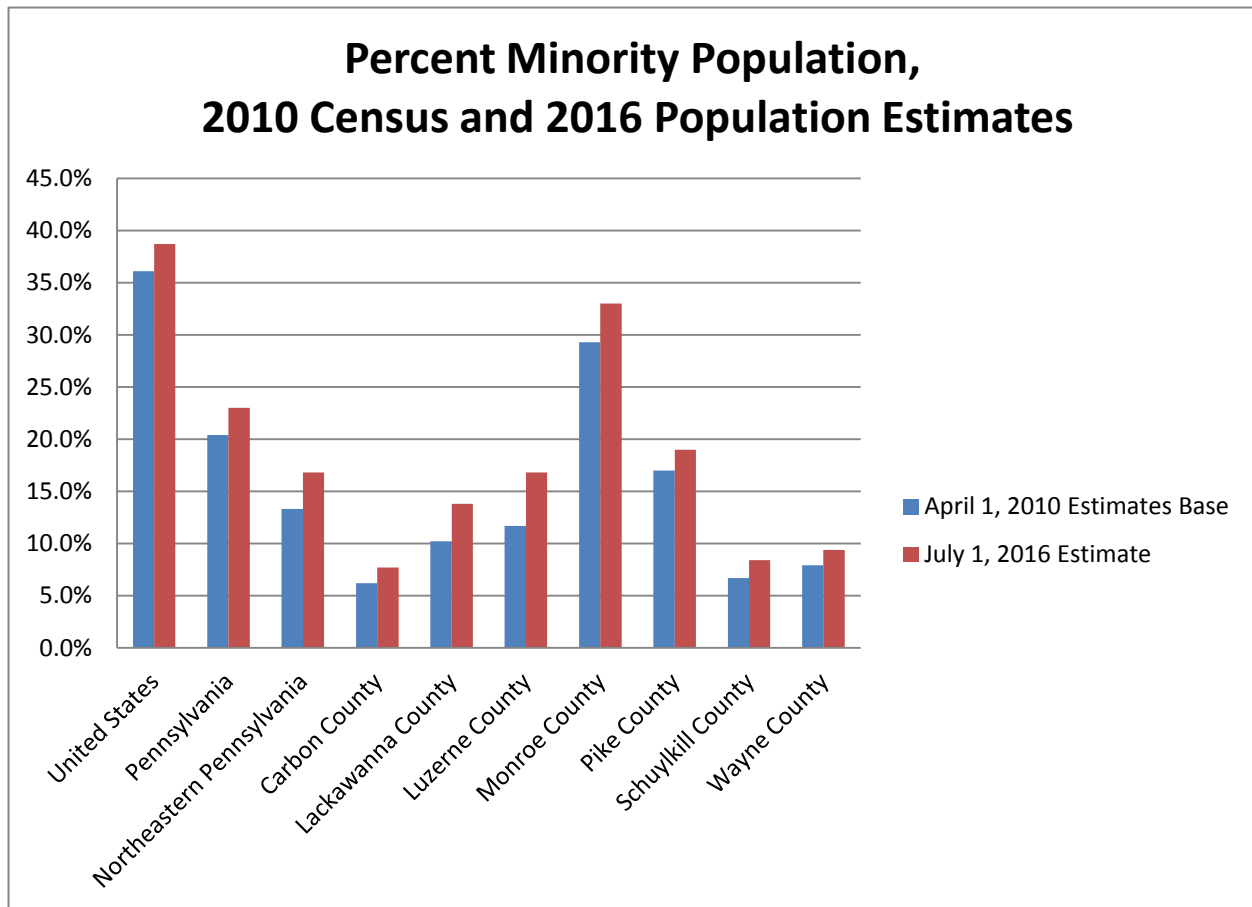


Diversity

Since April 2010, the population of the region has become more diverse. In April 2010, the percent of the population who are minority was 13.3 percent. Based on July 1, 2016 Population Estimates, the percent of minority population has increased to 16.8 percent. Figure 1 provides detailed information.

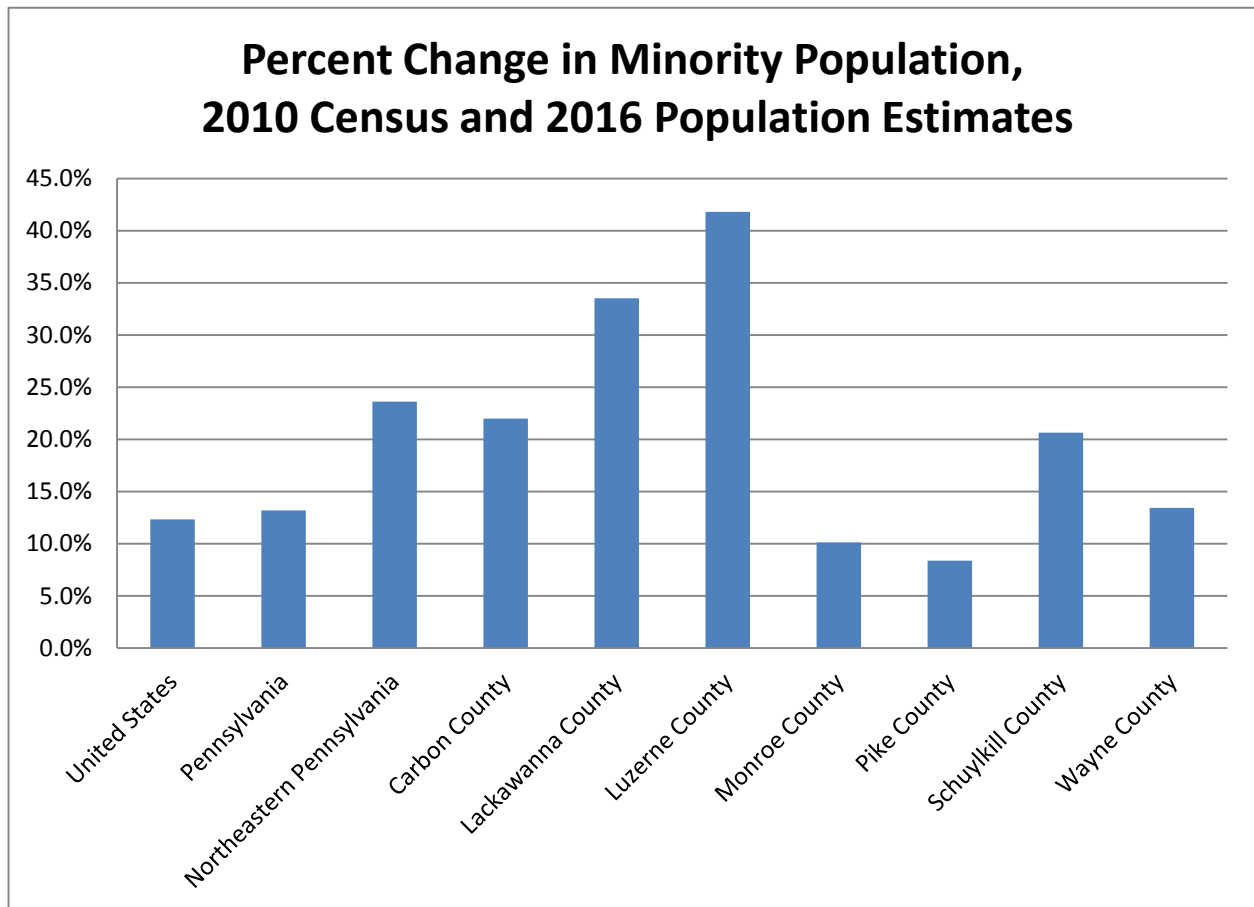
Figure 1. Percent Minority Population, 2010 Census and 2016 Population Estimates



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, “Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin for the United States, Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Counties: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016,” Release Date: June 2017, <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/data/tables.html>>.

According to Figure 2, all of the counties, with the exception of Monroe and Pike counties, and the region, had percent increases in minority population that were greater than the nation (12.3 percent) and state (13.2 percent) from 2010 to 2016. The percent minority has increased in all areas and Luzerne County had the highest increase with 41.8 percent. In addition to Luzerne County, Lackawanna County, with 33.5 percent, had a higher percent increase than Northeastern Pennsylvania’s 23.6 percent.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Minority Population, 2010 Census and 2016 Population Estimates



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