



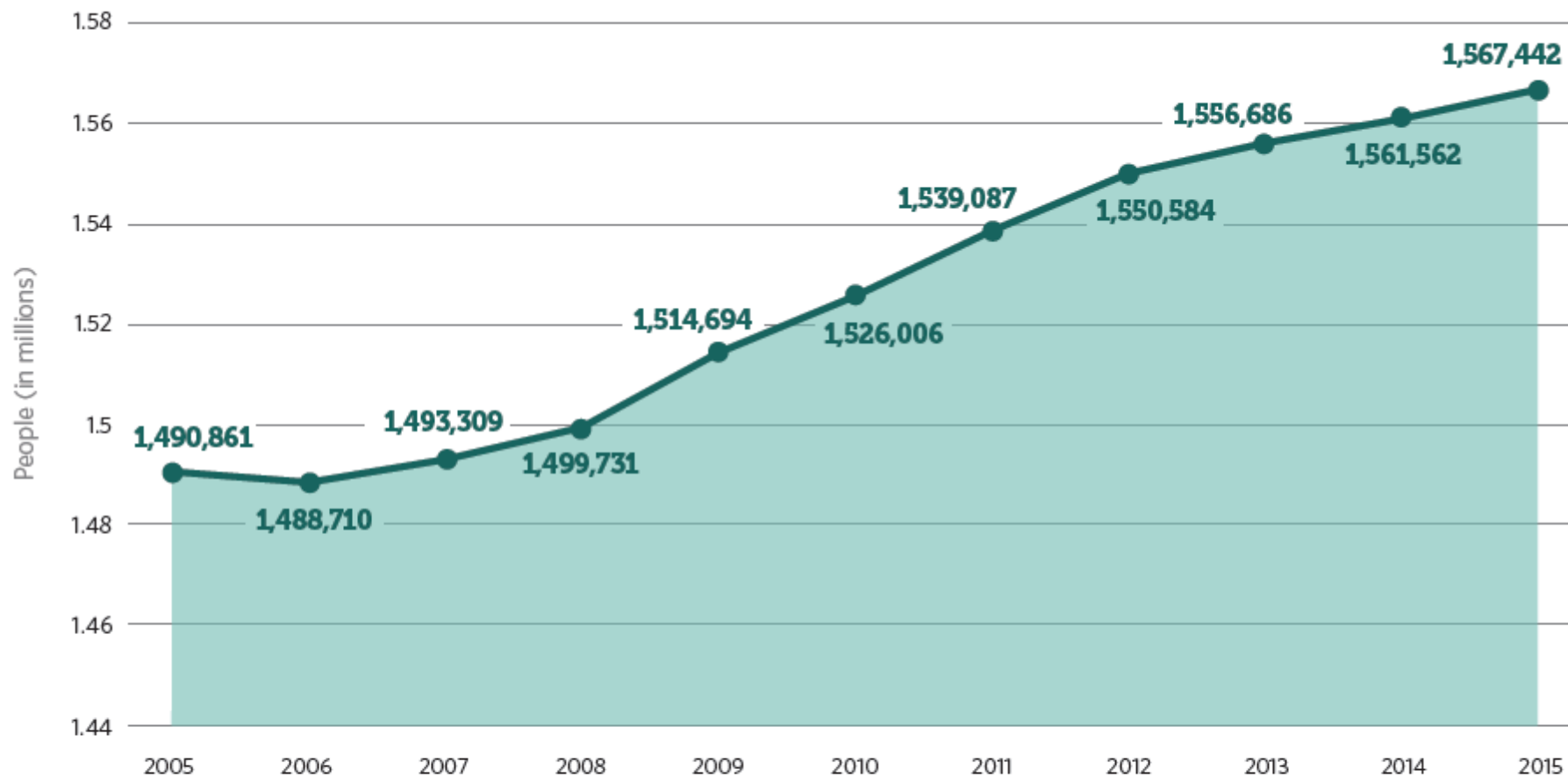
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Philadelphia: **The State of the City**

A 2016 Update

Philadelphia in 2016 is a growing city undergoing a sweeping transformation, most evident in the age and diversity of those who live here.

Philadelphia Population, 2005-15



After reaching its lowest point in a century in 2006, Philadelphia's population has risen nine consecutive years, adding a total of 78,732 residents.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

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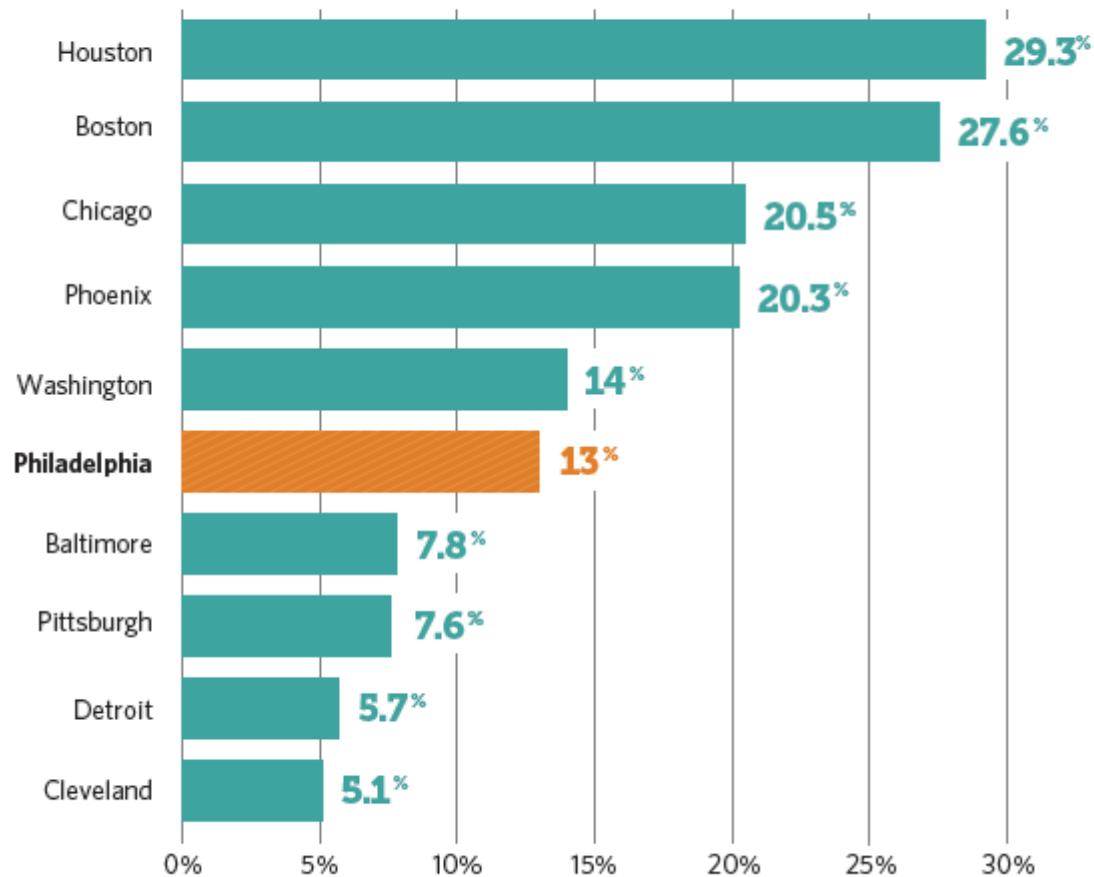
Philadelphia's Changing Age Profile, 2005-14



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2005 and 2014, One-Year Estimates

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Percentage of Residents Born Outside the U.S., 2014

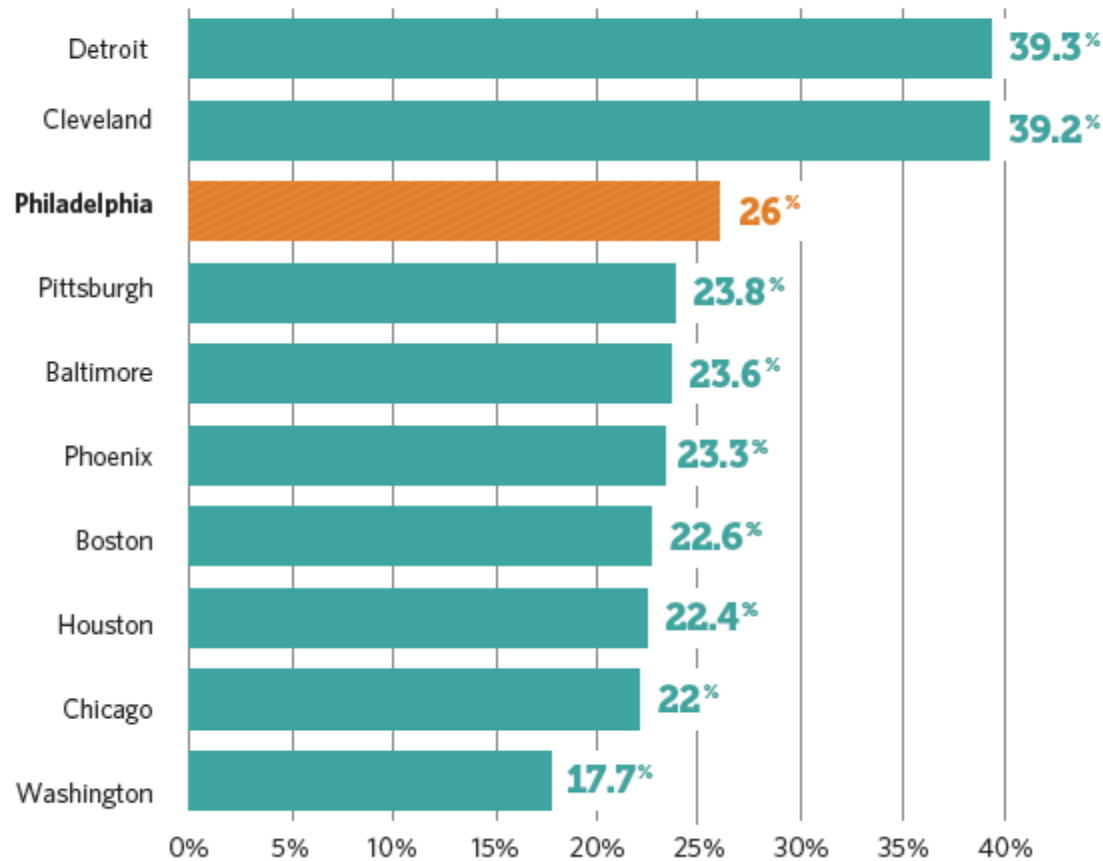


The percentage of Philadelphians born in other countries has increased gradually in recent years. At 13 percent, the figure is almost in line with the national average. The largest share of foreign-born Philadelphians, 41 percent, come from Asia, primarily from China, India, and Vietnam.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014, One-Year Estimate

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Poverty Rate, 2014



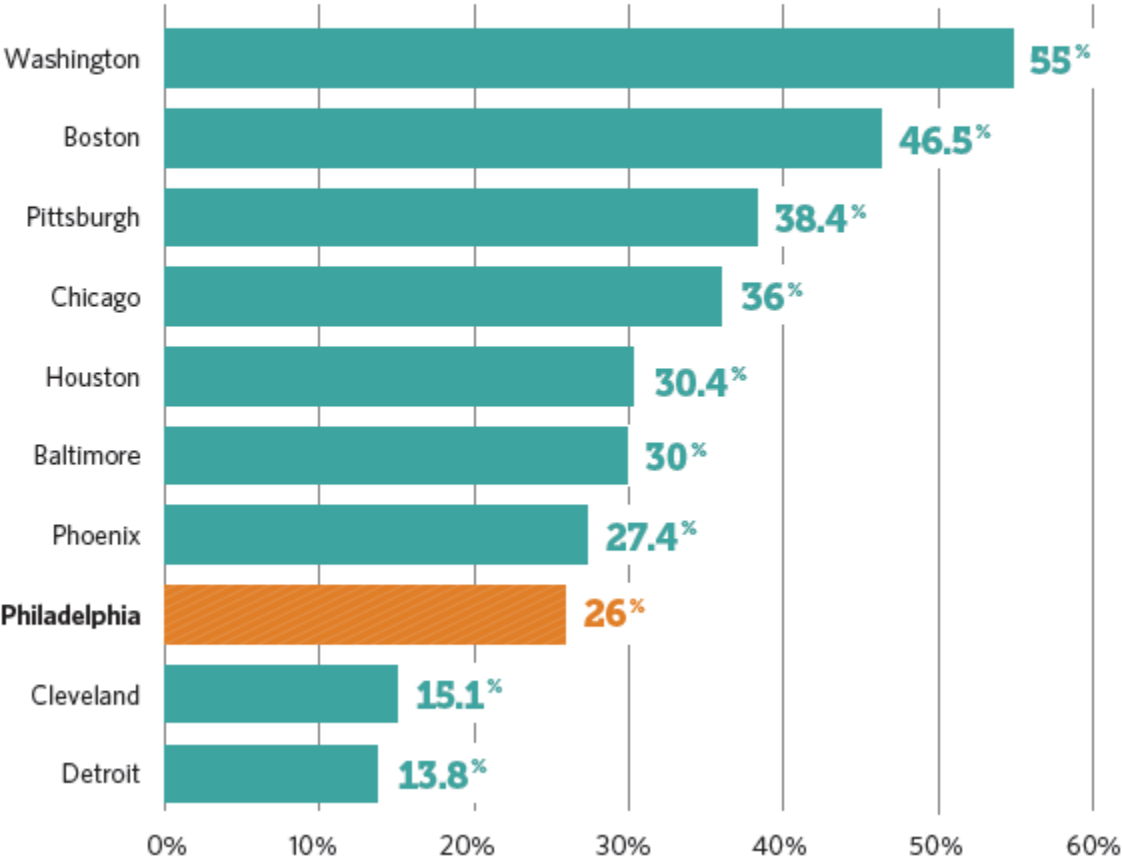
Philadelphia has the highest poverty rate of the nation's 10 largest cities. Among our comparison cities, it ranks third and is among seven with poverty rates ranging from 22 to 26 percent. Philadelphia's poverty rate has declined slightly in recent years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014, One-Year Estimates

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Percent of Residents Who Are College Graduates, 2014

Adults 25 and older

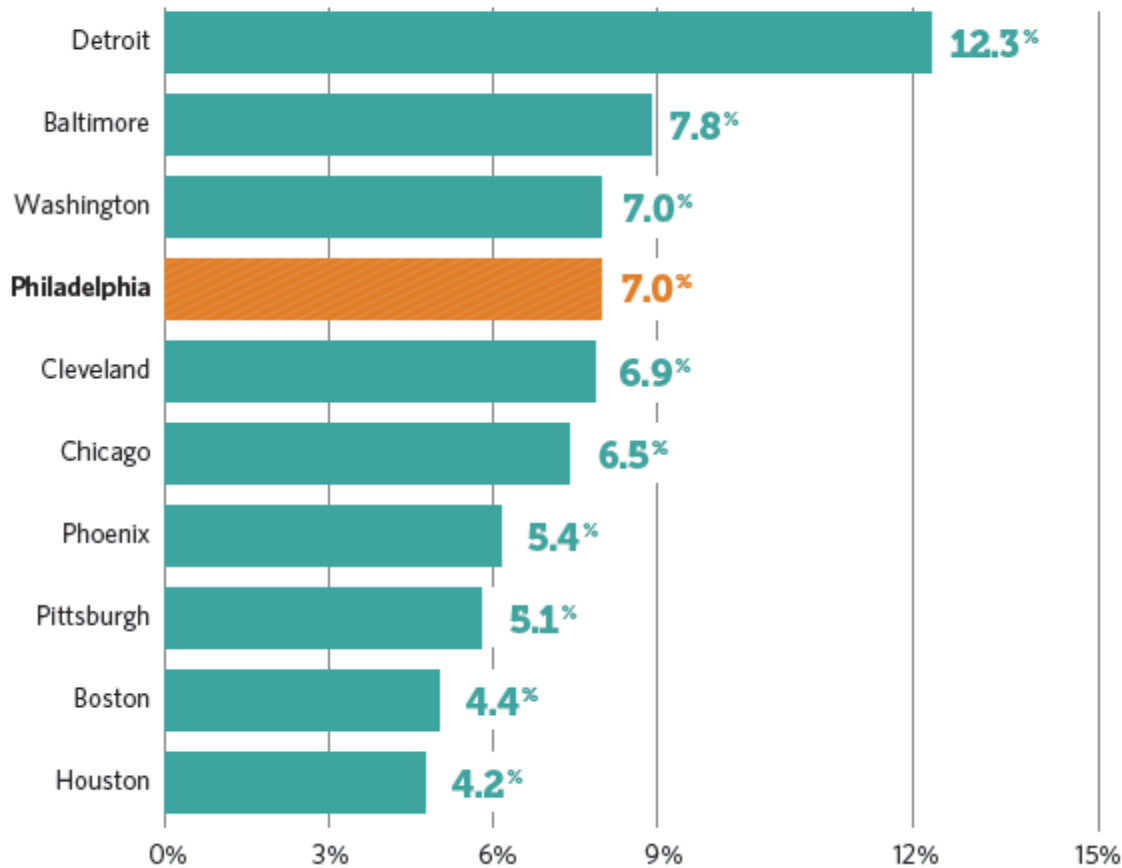


The educational attainment of Philadelphians has been rising gradually in recent years. But with levels also increasing nationally, the city continues to have a smaller share of adults with four-year college degrees than most of the comparison cities. In the region as a whole, 35.3 percent of adults have college degrees, a relatively strong number.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014, One Year Estimate

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Unemployment in Comparable Cities, 2015

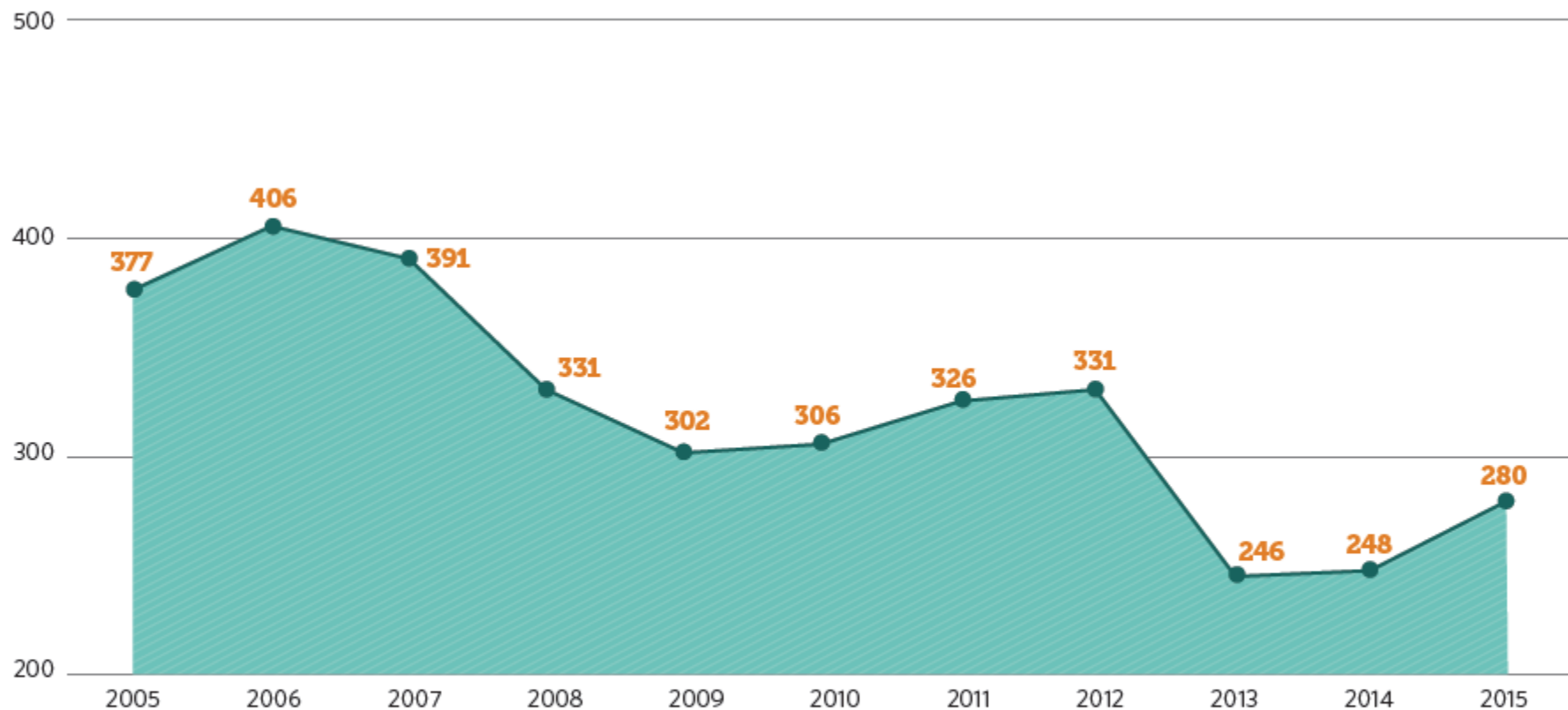


Philadelphia's unemployment rate declined in 2015 to 7 percent on an annualized basis, its lowest level since 2007. In the years since the Great Recession, the jobless level in Philadelphia has declined more slowly than in some comparable cities, including Chicago and Cleveland. The national unemployment rate in 2015 was 5.3 percent.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2015

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Homicides in Philadelphia, 2005-15

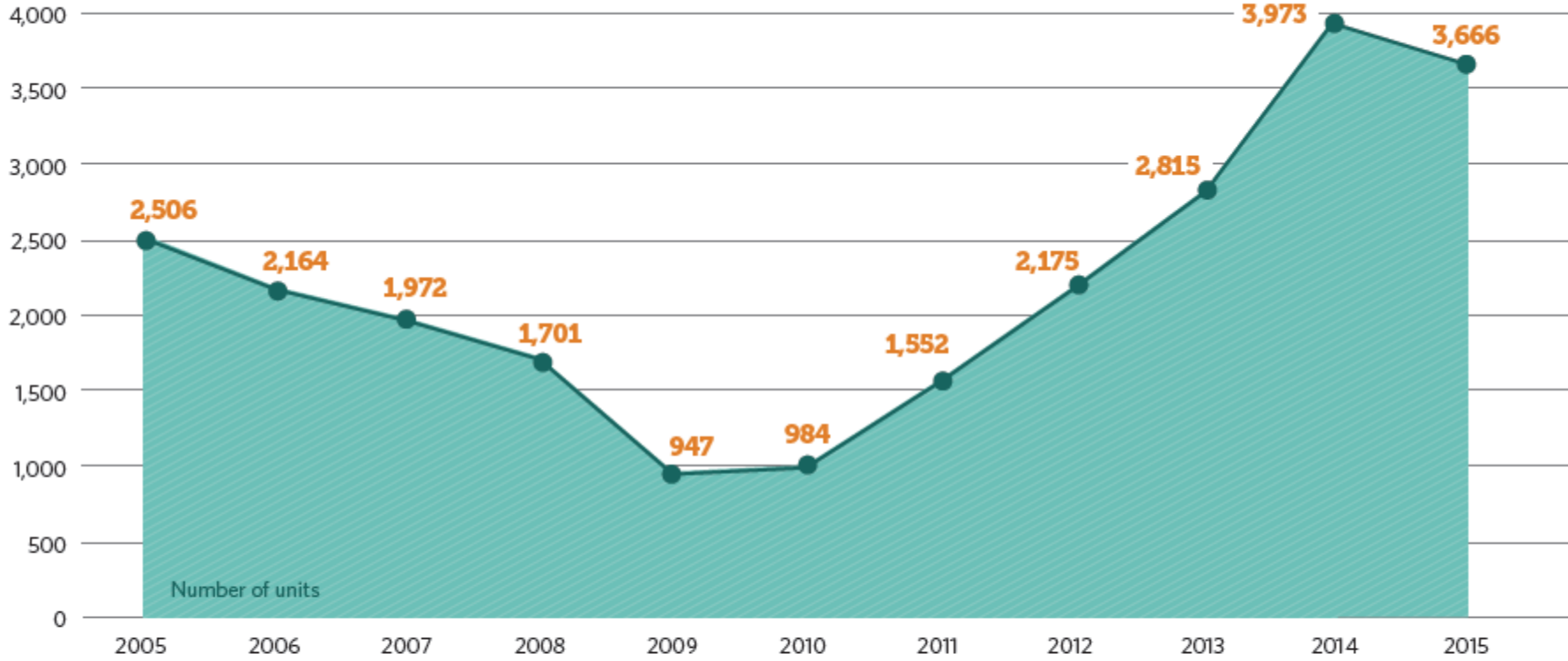


After historic lows the previous two years, the murder rate in Philadelphia rose by 13 percent in 2015.

Source: Philadelphia Police Department, Public Affairs Department

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Residential Building Permits Issued in Philadelphia, 2005-15



Philadelphia's residential construction boom continued in 2015. The number of units for which building permits were issued, 3,666, was the second-highest in the last 20 years, down slightly from the peak of 3,973 in 2014.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits

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