

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACT SHEET

SMART SOLUTIONS AND HAPPIER COMMUNITIES

POPULATION OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

1,591 RURAL MUNICIPALITIES
3.5 million
RURAL POPULATION (27%)

13 million
TOTAL POPULATION

969 URBAN MUNICIPALITIES
9.2 million
URBAN POPULATION (73%)

48 OF PENNSYLVANIA'S **67** COUNTIES ARE CONSIDERED RURAL

Pittsburgh, PA

MUNICIPALITIES

Municipalities by Type

1 st Class Cities	.....	.1
2 nd Class Cities	.....	.1
2 nd Class A Cities	.....	.1
3 rd Class Cities	.....	.53
Boroughs	.....	.956
1 st Class Townships	.....	.93
2 nd Class Townships	.....	.1,454
Towns	.....	.1
TOTAL	.....	.2,560

Municipalities by Population

(excludes counties, as of 2010 Census)

< 1,000	.....	.767	.....	30.0%
1,000-2,499	.....	.734	.....	28.6%
2,500-4,999	.....	.485	.....	18.9%
5,000-9,999	.....	.322	.....	12.6%
10,000-14,999	.....	.105	.....	4.1%
15,000-19,999	.....	.60	.....	2.3%
20,000 + ABOVE	.....	.87	.....	3.5%
TOTAL	.....	.2,560	.....	100%

County & Municipal Employees

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total			
County50,860	.....	.7,490	.....	.58,350
City34,055	.....	.2,986	.....	.37,041
Borough9,905	.....	.9,343	.....	.19,248
1 st Class Twps.6,001	.....	.3,298	.....	.9,299
2 nd Class Twps.11,528	.....	.11,543	.....	.23,071
TOTAL147,009	.....		.....

County & Municipal Officials

Municipal	County			
Elected19,479	.....	.898
Appointed33,848	.....	.773
TOTAL53,327	.....	.1,671

(As of 2020)

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

TOTAL AUTHORITIES:

Active and Inactive1,877

TOTAL INACTIVE AUTHORITIES345

Active Authorities by Type

Airport	.....	.40
Business District	.....	.31
Economic Development	.....	.29
Education	.....	.29
Facility	.....	.70
Multi-Purpose (Water & Sewer)	.....	.283
Other	.....	.52
Parking	.....	.25
Recreation	.....	.71
Service	.....	.16
Sewer	.....	.570
Solid Waste	.....	.25
Storm Water	.....	.17
Transit	.....	.34
Water	.....	.240
TOTAL	.....	.1,532

For more detail, please see: munstats.pa.gov
(As of 2020)

POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

TOTAL MUNICIPALITIES2,560

Traditional	.....	.938
Consolidated (Regional)	.....	.121
Contractual	.....	.215

TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS1,274

State Police Exclusive	.....	.1,286
Full-Time Officers	.....	.18,449
Part-Time Officers	.....	.4,327
Full-Time Departments	.....	.828
Part-Time Departments	.....	.110

(As of 2020)

PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

County	.....	.57
Multi-county	.....	.2
Municipal	.....	.1,121

TOTAL1,180
(As of 2020)

LOCAL PENSION PLANS

Police	.....	.945
Fire	.....	.86
Non-Uniformed	.....	.2,299

TOTAL3,330
(As of 2020)

MISCELLANEOUS

Counties	.....	.67
School Districts	.....	.500
Councils of Government	.....	.83
Municipal Managers	.....	.803
Home Rule Jurisdictions	.....	.85

(As of 2020)

FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Paid	.....	.31
Paid/Volunteer	.....	.98
Volunteer	.....	.1,711

TOTAL1,840
(As of 2020)