

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACT SHEET

Smart Solutions and Happier Communities

**Pennsylvania**  
WORK SMART. LIVE HAPPY.

**1,649** RURAL MUNICIPALITIES  
**2.9 million**  
RURAL POPULATION 22%



**13 million**  
TOTAL PA POPULATION



URBAN MUNICIPALITIES **911**  
**10.1 million**  
URBAN POPULATION 78%

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

## MUNICIPALITIES

### Municipalities by Type

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

### Municipalities by Population

(excludes counties, as of 2020 Census)

< 1,000	.....792	.....30.9%
1,000-2,499	.....729	.....28.5%
2,500-4,999	.....469	.....18.3%
5,000-9,999	.....307	.....12.0%
10,000-14,999	.....104	.....4.1%
15,000-19,999	.....62	.....2.4%
20,000 + ABOVE	.....97	.....3.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....2,560</b>	<b>.....100%</b>

### County & Municipal Employees

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
County	.....49,272	.....6,348	.....55,620
City	.....33,939	.....2,628	.....36,567
Borough	.....9,947	.....8,520	.....18,467
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Twps.	.....5,931	.....2,798	.....8,729
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Twps.	.....35,382	.....11,007	.....46,389
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....165,772</b>		

### County & Municipal Officials

Municipal	County		
Elected	.....20,443	Elected	.....807
Appointed	.....23,543	Appointed	.....716
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....44,986</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....1,523</b>

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES

**TOTAL ACTIVE AUTHORITIES** .....1,542

**TOTAL INACTIVE AUTHORITIES** .....344

### Active Authorities by Type:

(Note: Some Authorities have multiple types)

Airport	.....41
Business District	.....39
Economic Development	.....28
Flood Control	.....10
Higher Education	.....12
Hospital	.....39
Mass Transit	.....34
Other	.....89
Parking	.....25
Public Facilities	.....25
Recreation	.....78
School	.....22
Sewer	.....861
Solid Waste	.....35
Storm Water	.....34
Water	.....518

## PLANNING COMMISSIONS

County	.....64
Multi-county	.....2
Municipal	.....1,622
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....1,688</b>

## LOCAL PENSION PLANS

Police	.....939
Fire	.....90
Non-Uniformed	.....2,287
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....3,316</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Counties	.....67
School Districts	.....500
Councils of Government	.....84
Home Rule Jurisdictions	.....89

## POLICE SERVICE

**TOTAL MUNICIPALITIES** .....2,560

### Municipalities Using:

Traditional	.....919
Consolidated/Regional	.....122
Contracted	.....231
State Police Only	.....1,288

### Traditional Police Service:

Full-Time Departments	.....821
Part-Time Departments	.....98
Full-Time Officers	.....18,400
Part-Time Officers	.....3,736

## FIRE SERVICE

### Municipalities Using:

Fully Paid	.....31
Combo Paid/Volunteer	.....106
All Volunteer	.....1,701

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