

Local Government Fact Sheet

1,648 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 by Type

1st Class Cities	.1
2nd Class Cities	.1
2nd Class A Cities	.1
3rd Class Cities	.53
Boroughs	.955
1st Class Townships	.93
2nd Class Townships	1,454
Towns	.1
Total	2,559

Municipalities by Population (excludes counties, as of 2020 Census)

< 1,000	.791	.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%
Total	2,559	100%

County & Municipal Employees

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
County	.48,933	.6,242	.55,175
City	.34,181	.2,692	.36,873
Borough	.10,228	.8,186	.18,414
1st Class Twps.	.6,135	.2,772	.8,907
2nd Class Twps.	.11,944	.10,634	.22,578
Total			141,947

County & Municipal Officials

Municipal	County		
Elected	.23,062	Elected	.884
Appointed	.30,156	Appointed	.778
Total	.53,218	Total	.1,662

Local Authorities

Total Active Authorities	.1,543
Total Inactive Authorities	.336

Active Authorities by Type:

(Note: Some Authorities have multiple types)

Airport	.40
Business District	.41
Economic Development	.29
Flood Control	.10
Higher Education	.12
Hospital	.38
Mass Transit	.35
Other	.89
Parking	.25
Public Facilities	.23
Recreation	.78
School	.23
Sewer	.862
Solid Waste	.36
Storm Water	.37
Water	.521

Police Service

Total Municipalities	.2,559
Municipalities Using:	
Traditional	.893
Consolidated/Regional	.140
Contracted	.226
State Police Only	1,300

Traditional Police Service:

Full-Time Departments	.803
Part-Time Departments	.90
Full-Time Officers	.18,650
Part-Time Officers	.2,040

Planning Commissions

County	.64
Municipal	.1,619
Total	1,683

Local Pension Plans

Police	.923
Fire	.90
Non-Uniformed	2,204
Total	3,217

Miscellaneous

Counties	.67
School Districts	.500
Home Rule Jurisdictions	.109

Fire Service

Municipalities Using:	
Fully Paid	.33
Combo Paid/Volunteer	.117
All Volunteer	1,679



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