# Local Government Fact Sheet

## Population of the State of Pennsylvania

- **Total Population:** 13 million
- **Urban Population:** 9.2 million (73%)
- **Rural Population:** 3.5 million (27%)

- **Rural Municipalities:** 1,591
- **Urban Municipalities:** 969

- **Total Municipalities:** 2,560
- **100% of Pennsylvania's 67 Counties are considered rural.**

## Municipalities by Type

### 1st Class Cities
- Appointed: 1
- Elected: 3

### 2nd Class Cities
- Appointed: 1
- Elected: 3

### 2nd Class A Cities
- Appointed: 1
- Elected: 3

### 3rd Class Cities
- Boroughs: 956
- Townships: 1,454

### 1st Class Townships
- Appointed: 1
- Elected: 3

- **TOTAL Municipalities:** 2,560

## Municipalities by Population

- **< 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%)

### County & Municipal Employees

- **Full-Time:** County 50,860, City 34,055, Borough 9,905, Towns 1,121, Class Townships 6,001, Class A Cities 1,154, Class Cities 530
- **Part-Time:** County 7,490, City 2,986, Borough 938, Towns 773, Class Townships 40, Class A Cities 345, Class Cities 16

- **TOTAL County & Municipal Employees:** 147,009

## Local Authorities in Pennsylvania

### Local Authorities by Type

#### Active and Inactive

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**TOTAL Active:** 1,877

**TOTAL Inactive:** 345

**TOTAL Local Authorities:** 2,222

## Planning Commissions in Pennsylvania

- **County:** 57
- **Multi-county:** 2
- **Municipal:** 1,121

**TOTAL Planning Commissions:** 1,180

## Local Pension Plans

- **Police:** 945
- **Fire:** 86
- **Non-Uniformed:** 2,299

**TOTAL Local Pension Plans:** 3,330

## Miscellaneous

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

## Police Departments in Pennsylvania

### TOTAL Municipalities

- **Total Police Departments:** 1,840
- **Paid:** 31
- **Paid/Volunteer:** 98
- **Volunteer:** 1,711

## Fire Departments in Pennsylvania

### TOTAL Municipalities

- **State Police Exclusive:** 1,286
- **Part-Time Officers:** 18,449
- **Part-Time Departments:** 828
- **Part-Time Departments:** 110

**TOTAL Fire Departments:** 1,840

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**For more detail, please see: munstats.pa.gov**

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