**Local Government Fact Sheet**

**Smart Solutions and Happier Communities**

**Population of the State of Pennsylvania**

1,591 Rural Municipalities

3.5 million Rural Population (22%)

12.7 million Total Population

969 Urban Municipalities

9.2 million Urban Population (73%)

48 of Pennsylvania’s 67 Counties are considered Rural

**Municipalities by Type**

- 1st Class Cities: 1
- 2nd Class Cities: 1
- 3rd Class Cities: 3
- Boroughs: 957
- 1st Class Townships: 1
- 2nd Class Townships: 1
- Towns: 1
- TOTAL: 2,560

**Municipalities by Population**

(excludes counties)

- < 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: 51,016
- Part-Time: 7,528
- Total: 58,544

**County & Municipal Officials**

- Municipal Electorate: 20,102
- Appointed: 30,240
- TOTAL: 50,342

- County Electorate: 1,676
- Appointed: 765
- TOTAL: 2,441

**Local Authorities in Pennsylvania**

**Total Authorities:**
- Active and Inactive: 1,900

**Total Inactive Authorities:**
- 381

**Active Authorities by Type**

- Airport: 47
- Business District: 30
- Community Facility: 20
- Economic Development: 21
- Local Government Facilities: 84
- Multi-purpose (Water & Sewer): 286
- Nonprofit Institutions: 51
- Parking: 24
- Recreation: 64
- School: 22
- Sewer: 570
- Solid Waste: 25
- Transit: 33
- Water: 242
- TOTAL: 1,519*

*Does not include “terminated” authorities. (As of 2018)

**Planning Commissions in Pennsylvania**

- County: 61
- Multi-county: 10
- Municipal: 1,646
- TOTAL: 1,717

(As of 2018)

**Local Pension Plans**

- Police: 944
- Fire: 86
- Non-Uniformed: 2,293
- TOTAL: 3,323

(As of January 2017)

**Miscellaneous**

- Counties: 67
- School Districts: 500
- Councils of Government: 85
- Municipal Managers: 747
- Home Rule Jurisdictions: 83

(As of 2018)

**Police Departments in Pennsylvania**

**Total Municipalities:**
- 2,560

**Total Police Departments:**
- 1,284

**State Police Exclusive:**
- 1,276

**Full-Time Officers:**
- 18,339

**Part-Time Officers:**
- 4,670

**Full-Time Departments:**
- 840

**Part-Time Departments:**
- 115

(As of 2018)

**Fire Departments in Pennsylvania**

- Paid: 31
- Paid/Volunteer: 93
- Volunteer: 1,713
- TOTAL: 1,837

(As of 2018)