

Municipal Statistics

The following selected municipal statistics¹ are as of 2005 unless otherwise indicated:

| Municipalities | | Other Selected Entities | |
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| Municipality Type | No. | Entity Type | No. |
| 1st Class Cities ² | 1 | Fire Departments (Total) | 2,448 |
| 2nd Class Cities | 1 | Paid | 22 |
| 2nd Class A Cities | 1 | Paid/Volunteer | 72 |
| 3rd Class Cities | 53 | Volunteer | 2,354 |
| Boroughs | 961 | Police Departments (Total) | 1,251 |
| 1st Class Townships | 91 | Traditional | 1,055 |
| 2nd Class Townships | 1,456 | Regional (Total) | 196 |
| Towns | 1 | Consolidated (108 Municipalities) | 33 |
| Total Municipalities | 2,565 | Contractual (163 Municipalities) | 163 |
| Total Counties ³ | 67 | Local Authorities (Active) ⁴ | 1,663 |
| | | School Districts | 501 |
| | | Councils of Governments | 87 |
| | | Planning Commissions (Total) (1995) | 1,691 |
| | | County | 67 |
| | | Municipal | 1,615 |
| | | Regional | 9 |

There exists voluminous statistical information regarding municipalities that researchers may access. See below some examples of the numerous on-line resources available for municipal statistics:

<http://www.newpa.com> – The Department of Community and Economic Development website features a database with information on tax rates, municipal officials, school district statistics, and financial statistics. Link from its home page (<http://www.newpa.com>) to “Community” to “Local Government Information” to “Municipal Statistics.”

¹The figures compiled in these tables were derived from: *Pennsylvania Local Government Fact Sheet*, Governor's Center for Local Government Services, Department of Community and Economic Development, August 2005.

²Please note that the County and City of Philadelphia have been consolidated pursuant to the act of August 26, 1953 (P.L. 1476, No. 433). Therefore, the number of counties in Pennsylvania includes Philadelphia, which is the Commonwealth's only municipality that is both a county and a city. Furthermore, Philadelphia is Pennsylvania's only first class city.

³*Id.*

⁴The Local Government Commission staff adjusted the number of local authorities to also include housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, and transportation authorities.

<http://www.pasdc.hbg.psu.edu> – The Pennsylvania State Data Center website has information on municipal demographic and population statistics based on historical and current (2000) census figures, as well as publications and abstracts.

<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet> – The official federal government website of Census 2000 contains population and demographic results available on all states and their municipalities.