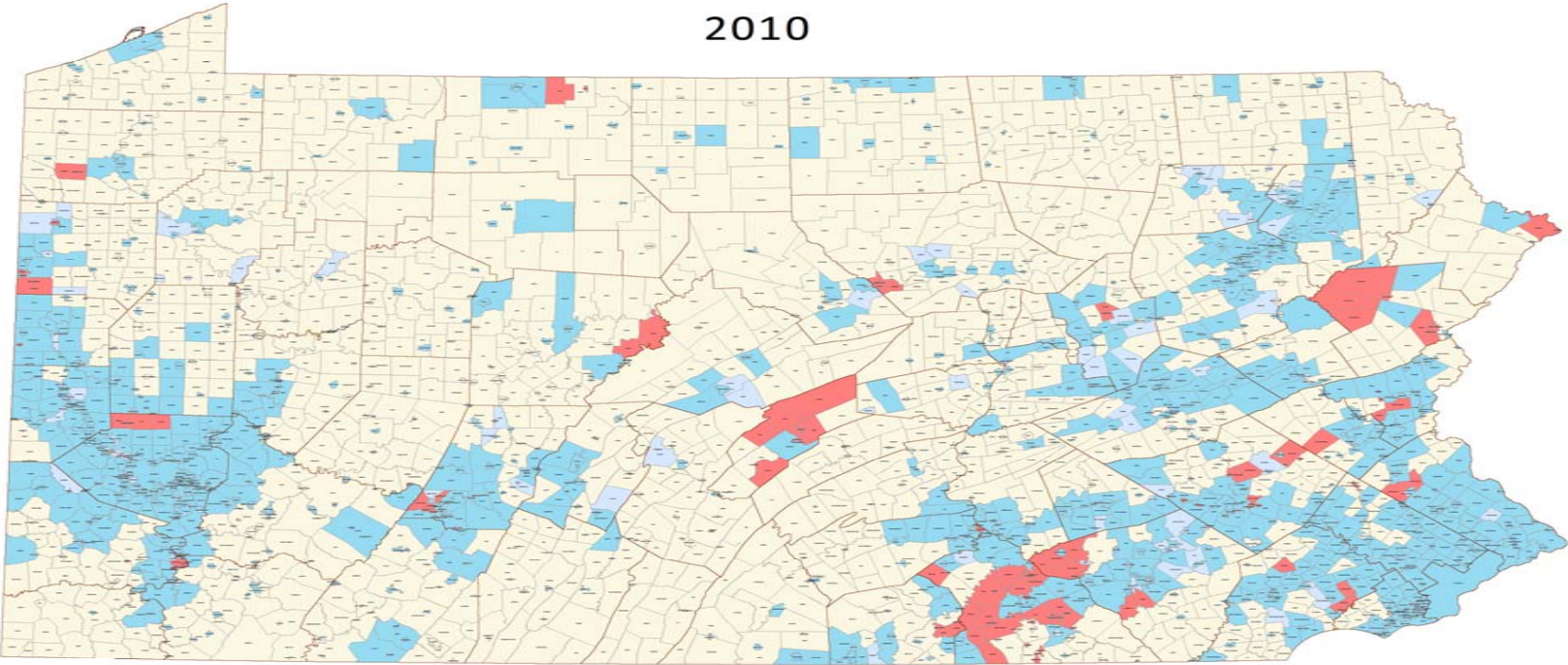


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POLICE SERVICES IN PENNSYLVANIA 2010



Regional Traditional Contracted Pennsylvania State Police

POLICE SERVICES IN PENNSYLVANIA (2010)

Municipal owned police departments.	1,017
Contract from another department.	173
Regional police departments (32).	114
Pennsylvania State Police.	1,258

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MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS BY EMPLOYMENT

Employ only full-time officers.	317
Employ only part-time officers.	136
Employ full-time and part-time officers.	564

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POLICE OFFICERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

FULL-TIME OFFICERS.....	19,930
Municipal full-time officers.....	19,392
Regional full-time officers.....	538
PART-TIME OFFICERS.....	2,064
Municipal part-time officers.....	1,986
Regional part-time officers.....	78
PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.....	4,677

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Officers	Municipalities	Percent	# FT Officers	#PT Officers
1-4	461	45.3%	876	316
5-9	243	23.9%	1,472	1,019
10-14	104	10.2%	1,136	372
15-19	66	6.5%	1,108	133
20-24	41	4.0%	879	29
25-29	23	2.3%	627	37
30-34	20	2.0%	609	29
35-39	7	.7%	257	26
40-44	11	1.1%	463	0
45-49	8	.8%	377	0
50-54	6	.6%	309	11
55-99	13	1.3%	907	0
100+	14	1.4%	10,372	14
Total	1,017	100%	19,392	1,986

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DEPARTMENTS WITH <10 OFFICERS

Full-time departments.	34.1%
Part-time departments.	94.1%
Both full-time and part-time departments.	83.0%
Regional departments.	18.8%

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The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals notes in Standard 5.2 that every state and local government and every police agency should provide police services by the most effective and efficient organizational means available to it. It also notes that, at a minimum, police agencies that employ less than ten (10) sworn employees should consolidate for improved efficiency and effectiveness.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR POLICE CONSOLIDATION

Section 5 of Article IX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serves as the legal and constitutional basis for consolidation of police services in the state.

Act 180, as passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor on July 12, 1972, serves as the enabling legislation that makes cooperation of public services in the Commonwealth a legal process. Act 180 is now a part of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 53, Sections 2301 through 2315, enacted by State Legislature in 1996.

ADVANTAGES OF A CONSOLIDATED POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Shared cost for personnel, vehicles, buildings and administration.
- Consistent police enforcement from municipality to municipality.
- Improved coverage and distribution of police services.
- Better management and supervision of police personnel.
- Improved training of officers.
- Enhanced career opportunities for police officers.
- Provides a full range of police services, which include police officer specialization to investigate crime and enhance community policing in the region.

DISADVANTAGES OF A CONSOLIDATED POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Loss of local control.
- Loss of services often performed by police officers.
- Loss of citizen contact.

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