Pennsylvania is becoming increasingly urbanized. In 2010, the Commonwealth’s urban population was 9,991,287, with 70.7 percent inside urbanized areas and 8.0 percent inside urban clusters. While, in 2000, a total of 9,464,101 Pennsylvania residents lived in an urban area, with 66.9 percent in urbanized areas and 10.2 percent of the population inside urban clusters (see Table 1.)

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Urban-Rural Classification
New Urbanized Areas
As a result of the new 2010 classification, Pennsylvania gained four additional urbanized areas – the most of any state. The newly qualified urbanized areas include:

- Bloomsburg – Berwick, PA (53,618)
- Chambersburg, PA (50,887)
- East Stroudsburg, PA – NJ (54,067)
- Hanover, PA (66,301)

Pennsylvanian Counties
Of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties, only one, Philadelphia, had no rural residents in 2010. Four counties had no urban populations: Forest, Fulton, Potter and Sullivan. The remaining 62 counties have both urban and rural components, with 30 counties having greater than 50 percent or more rural population.

For more data on urban and rural geographic components for Pennsylvania counties visit the Data Center’s website at http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu, click on Census 2010. Click here to view a map showing the percent of the population living in urban areas for Pennsylvania counties.

More about the Census Bureau’s Urban/Rural Classification
The urban and rural classifications released today for the 2010 Census only incorporate total population figures. In October, the Census Bureau will release data from Summary File 1 tabulated to urban and rural geographic components.

The Census Bureau's urban and rural classification provides an important baseline for analyzing changes in the distribution and characteristics of urban and rural populations. The Census Bureau's urban areas also form the cores of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and are used in other agencies' and organization's urban and rural classifications.

More information about the Census Bureau's Urban-Rural Classification, including the criteria used to delineate urban areas, lists of urbanized areas and urban clusters, maps and files providing relationships with other geographic areas can be found on the Census Bureau's website at http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/2010urbanruralclass.html.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Urban and Rural Classification and Urban Area Criteria

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