# CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Centre County has an area of 1,115 square miles (fifth largest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) and a 2010 population of 153,990.  The County's geographic landscape is made up of two provinces, the Allegheny Plateau and the Ridge and Valleys.  The Allegheny Plateau province is located northwest of the Bald Eagle Creek Valley.  It consists of three distinct zones: eroded foothills along the base that form the boundary, the high rugged forested plateau with deeply incised streams, and troughs of bituminous coal.  This area has lent itself to extractive industries including, lumbering, coal and clay mining, and natural gas production.  The Ridge and Valley province is located to the southeast of the Bald Eagle Creek.  It is characterized by broad, fertile limestone valleys and high forested ridges.  Except for a piney sand barren present along much of the length of the Nittany Valley, the gentle, rolling terrain and rich soils are well suited for agricultural production.  For the most part the steep sided, stoney ridges are forested, and land belonging to the State.

The first known inhabitants of Centre County  were recorded in 1681.  The inhabitants were Muncy Indians, which were a tribe of the Delaware Indian Nation whose territory included much of New York and northern Pennsylvania.  Other Native American tribes that inhabited Centre County in later years were the Iroquois and Shawnees.

The first recorded exploration of Centre County was by

Captain James Potter, a British army officer in 1764.  Centre County was incorporated in 1800 with a population of 4,112.  The first settlers in the county were primarily Scotch-Irish and German.  The early settlers were drawn to the area because of the abundant deposits of iron ore, lumber, coal, and limestone rich farmland.  The amount of farmland in Centre County resulted in the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania in 1863, which later became The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State).  The enrollment and research activities of Penn State has transformed pastoral Centre County into a Metropolitan Area by attracting modern high-technology industries and all manner of service businesses to support the County's growing population.

# CENTRE COUNTY
## LABOR FORCE DATA

| Labor Force Population | County | Pennsylvania |
|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 74,500 | 6,344,000 |
| Employed | 70,400 | 5,873,000 |
| Unemployed | 4,100 | 471,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5% | 7.4% |

*Source: http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us (May 2011)*

## Means of Transportation to Work

| | |
|---|---|
| Car, truck, or van | 78.5% |
| Drove alone | 67.5% |
| Carpooled | 11.0% |
| In 2-person carpool | 9.3% |
| In 3-person carpool | 1.1% |
| In 4-or-more person carpool | 0.6% |
| Workers per car, truck, or van | 1.08 |
| Public transportation (excluding taxicab) | 3.2% |
| Walked | 11.4% |
| Bicycle | 1.7% |
| Taxicab, motorcycle. Or other means | 1.0% |
| Worked at home | 4.2% |

*Source: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

## Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

| NAICS Industry Sector | Employment | County Wage | PA Wage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total, All Industries | 65,116 | $38,664 | $44,830 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting | 126 | $22,783 | $27,755 |
| Mining | 98 | $47,944 | $61,848 |
| Utilities | 119 | $73,736 | $92,714 |
| Construction | 2,718 | $40,598 | $52,517 |
| Manufacturing | 3,899 | $42,806 | $51,545 |
| Wholesale Trade | 984 | $41,170 | $63,638 |
| Retail Trade | 7,539 | $21,228 | $24,622 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 1,189 | $32,683 | $38,068 |
| Information | 1,182 | $53,040 | $60,740 |
| Finance and Insurance | 1,568 | $45,546 | $69,997 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 844 | $31,832 | $44,022 |
| Professional and Technical Services | 3,129 | $61,206 | $75,866 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 831 | $59,701 | $98,086 |
| Admin/Support, Waste Mgmt/Remediation Srvs | 1,359 | $23,167 | $30,988 |
| Educational Services | 622 | $21,021 | $47,240 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 6,912 | $40,403 | $42,087 |
| Arts. Entertainment, and Recreation | 574 | $15,547 | $27,200 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 6,317 | $12,189 | $14,834 |
| Other Services, except Public Administration | 1,862 | $20,504 | $27,217 |
| Federal Government | 468 | $58,361 | $64,871 |
| State Government | 17,847 | $51,754 | $51,081 |
| Local Government | 4,928 | $37,266 | $42,912 |

*Source: http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us (2011)*

### Travel Time to Work



Legend:
- < 10 min
- 10 to 14 min
- 15 to 19 min
- 20 to 24 min
- 25 to 29 min
- 30 to 34 min
- 35 to 44 min
- 45 to 59 min
- 60+ min

Values shown: 20%, 21%, 19%, 15%, 6%, 9%, 4%, 3%, 3%

*Source: 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

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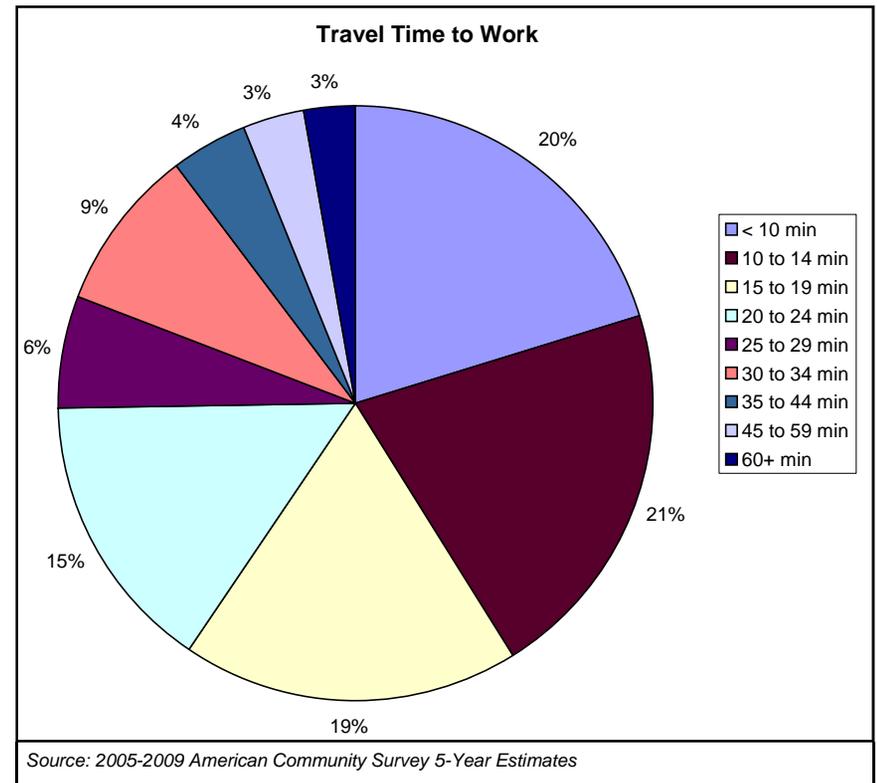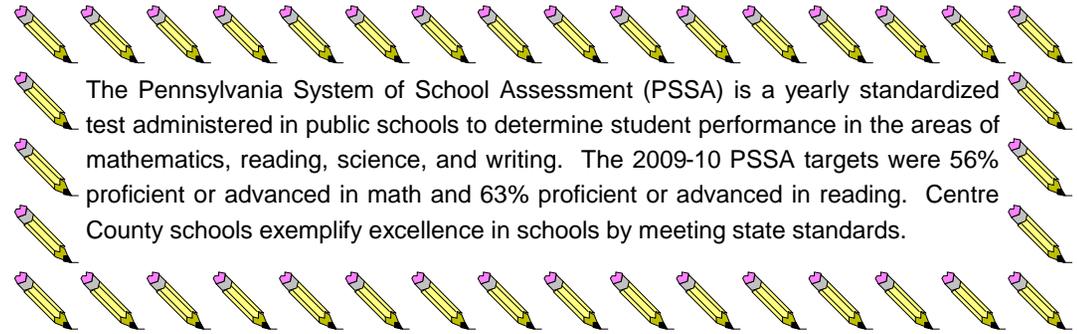
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## EDUCATION

Centre County's percentages of high school and college graduates are much higher than the surrounding counties, particularly the levels of college graduates. The county also ranks higher than the state or nation in terms of educational attainment levels.

Centre County is well recognized for its excellence in educational opportunities. For the most part, this is due to the prestigious Penn State University, which is well known for its academic rigorousness. Also, the State College School District was recently ranked as the best small metropolitan school district in the country.

In addition to these fine facilities, the county is home to a number of other educational institutions. There are several trade schools and even a few places that specialize in training of the arts.

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) is a yearly standardized test administered in public schools to determine student performance in the areas of mathematics, reading, science, and writing. The 2009-10 PSSA targets were 56% proficient or advanced in math and 63% proficient or advanced in reading. Centre County schools exemplify excellence in schools by meeting state standards.

| Educational Attainment | 1990 | 2000 | 2005-2009 Estimate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Population 25 years + | 66,356 | 74,175 | 75,818 |
| Less than 9th grade | 6.08% | 3.86% | 2.4% |
| 9th-12th grade, no diploma | 10.31% | 7.95% | 5.5% |
| High school graduate | 34.60% | 33.82% | 34.0% |
| Some college, no degree | 12.08% | 13.32% | 13.3% |
| Associate's degree | 4.63% | 4.78% | 6.5% |
| Bachelor's degree | 16.75% | 18.77% | 19.9% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 15.56% | 17.51% | 18.5% |
| *Source: 2009-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates* | | | |

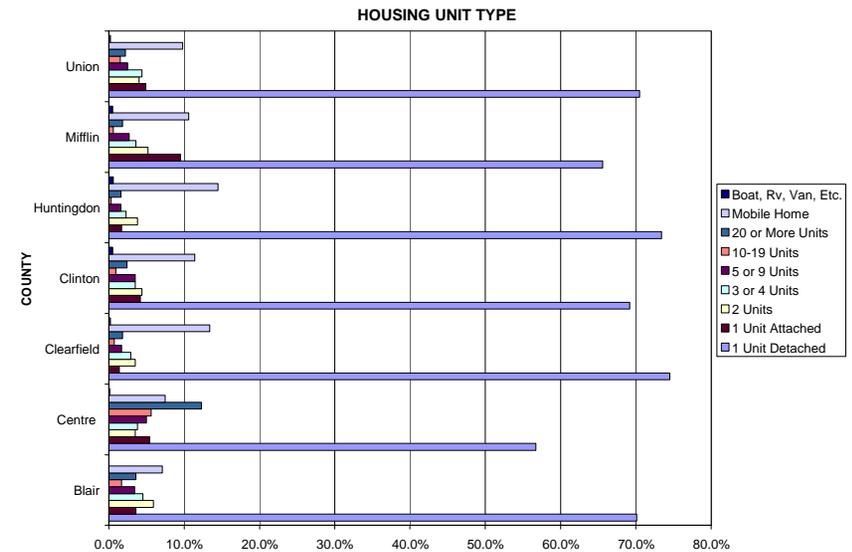| 2009-2010 PSSA Results | District | Advanced | Proficient | Basic | Below Basic |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Math** | TYRONE AREA | 41.6% | 32.4% | 14.5% | 11.5% |
| | BALD EAGLE AREA | 48.0% | 30.7% | 13.7% | 7.6% |
| | BELLEFONTE AREA | 51.3% | 28.6% | 10.2% | 9.9% |
| | PENNS VALLEY AREA | 60.5% | 25.2% | 10.0% | 4.3% |
| | STATE COLLEGE AREA | 65.5% | 22.1% | 7.7% | 4.7% |
| | PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA AREA | 37.3% | 34.1% | 16.1% | 12.5% |
| | KEYSTONE CENTRAL | 48.3% | 28.2% | 12.3% | 11.3% |
| **Science** | TYRONE AREA | 31.2% | 28.6% | 27.8% | 12.5% |
| | BALD EAGLE AREA | 24.1% | 36.4% | 24.1% | 15.4% |
| | BELLEFONTE AREA | 38.6% | 31.6% | 20.5% | 9.3% |
| | PENNS VALLEY AREA | 42.1% | 35.0% | 16.6% | 6.2% |
| | STATE COLLEGE AREA | 48.7% | 31.6% | 14.6% | 5.1% |
| | PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA AREA | 26.0% | 40.5% | 24.3% | 9.2% |
| | KEYSTONE CENTRAL | 15.8% | 37.2% | 27.4% | 19.6% |
| **Reading** | TYRONE AREA | 39.6% | 34.5% | 14.3% | 11.6% |
| | BALD EAGLE AREA | 33.2% | 40.1% | 15.6% | 11.1% |
| | BELLEFONTE AREA | 43.4% | 34.5% | 11.5% | 10.6% |
| | PENNS VALLEY AREA | 47.2% | 36.4% | 10.1% | 6.3% |
| | STATE COLLEGE AREA | 56.3% | 30.5% | 7.7% | 5.5% |
| | PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA AREA | 31.5% | 36.4% | 16.7% | 15.4% |
| | KEYSTONE CENTRAL | 33.1% | 36.9% | 15.2% | 14.7% |
| **Writing** | TYRONE AREA | 34.9% | 53.0% | 10.4% | 1.6% |
| | BALD EAGLE AREA | 13.1% | 65.9% | 19.5% | 1.5% |
| | BELLEFONTE AREA | 11.7% | 63.6% | 22.5% | 2.2% |
| | PENNS VALLEY AREA | 9.2% | 69.0% | 21.6% | 0.3% |
| | STATE COLLEGE AREA | 15.0% | 71.6% | 12.5% | 0.8% |
| | PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA AREA | 10.2% | 56.3% | 29.9% | 3.7% |
| | KEYSTONE CENTRAL | 4.3% | 53.1% | 38.9% | 3.7% |

# CENTRE COUNTY
## HOUSING

Centre County has a variety of housing to accommodate various housing needs. Housing can be found in a variety of price ranges, from less than $50,000 to more than $500,000. Presently, there is a need for more affordable housing in the county. The county also has a large number of renter-occupied units. In fact, there is more here than in any of the surrounding counties, due in large part to the student population located in the county.

A trend that is being experienced in the county, as well as through the nation, is the declining number of persons per housing unit. From 1980-2010 the population has grown by 37%, while the number of housing units has grown by 60%.



HOUSING UNIT TYPE

| County | 2000 HOUSING TENURE | | | 2010 HOUSING TENURE | | | CHANGE: 2000 to 2010 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Occupied Housing Units | Renter-Occupied Units | Owner-Occupied Units | Occupied Housing Units | Renter-Occupied Units | Owner-Occupied Units | Occupied Housing Units | Renter-Occupied Units | Owner-Occupied Units |
| Blair | 51,518 | 27.1% | 72.9% | 52,159 | 29.7% | 70.3% | 641 | 2.6% | -2.6% |
| Centre | 49,323 | 39.8% | 60.2% | 57,573 | 41.4% | 58.6% | 8,250 | 1.6% | -1.6% |
| Clearfield | 32,785 | 20.8% | 79.2% | 32,288 | 23.1% | 76.9% | -497 | 2.3% | -2.3% |
| Clinton | 14,773 | 27.1% | 72.9% | 15,151 | 29.1% | 70.9% | 378 | 2.0% | -2.0% |
| Huntingdon | 16,759 | 22.5% | 77.5% | 17,280 | 24.0% | 76.0% | 521 | 1.5% | -1.5% |
| Mifflin | 18,413 | 26.0% | 74.0% | 18,743 | 27.4% | 72.6% | 330 | 1.4% | -1.4% |
| Union | 13,178 | 26.7% | 73.3% | 14,765 | 28.9% | 71.1% | 1,587 | 2.2% | -2.2% |

## HOUSING VALUE

| COUNTY | Blair | | | Centre | | | Clearfield | | | Clinton | | | Huntingdon | | | Mifflin | | | Union | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 | *1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Less than $50,000 | 82.4% | 63.3% | 24.7% | 56.6% | 22.4% | 5.5% | 82.8% | 66.6% | 33.6% | 82.8% | 55.6% | 18.5% | 84.8% | 61.1% | 25.2% | 86.3% | 58.0% | 22.2% | 72.3% | 26.0% | 4.1% |
| $50,000 to $99,999 | 16.5% | 31.3% | 48.9% | 39.8% | 51.1% | 34.7% | 16.2% | 29.5% | 49.9% | 16.2% | 39.7% | 59.5% | 14.2% | 34.9% | 51.8% | 12.8% | 37.4% | 58.2% | 25.7% | 56.4% | 49.1% |
| $100,000 to $149,999 | 0.8% | 3.8% | 18.0% | 3.1% | 17.4% | 31.0% | 0.8% | 2.7% | 11.4% | 0.8% | 3.6% | 15.5% | 0.8% | 3.1% | 16.0% | 0.7% | 3.5% | 13.7% | 1.8% | 10.0% | 28.1% |
| $150,000 to $199,999 | 0.2% | 1.1% | 5.2% | 0.4% | 6.0% | 16.7% | 0.2% | 0.9% | 3.2% | 0.2% | 0.7% | 4.6% | 0.1% | 0.8% | 4.7% | 0.1% | 0.6% | 4.3% | 0.3% | 4.6% | 10.0% |
| $200,000 to $299,999 (1980: $200,000+) | 0.1% | 0.3% | 2.2% | 0.2% | 2.2% | 8.8% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 1.5% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 1.6% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 1.1% | 0.0% | 2.4% | 6.1% |
| $300,000 to $499,999 | - | 0.2% | 0.7% | - | 0.9% | 2.9% | - | 0.0% | 0.3% | - | 0.1% | 0.3% | - | 0.1% | 0.5% | - | 0.1% | 0.4% | - | 0.5% | 2.1% |
| $500,000 or more | - | 0.0% | 0.3% | - | 0.0% | 0.6% | - | 0.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.0% | 0.2% | - | 0.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.0% | 0.1% | - | 0.1% | 0.5% |

*In 1980 housing value categories went up to $200,000 or greater. Houses valued greater than $300,000 would be included in the $200,000 or more category.
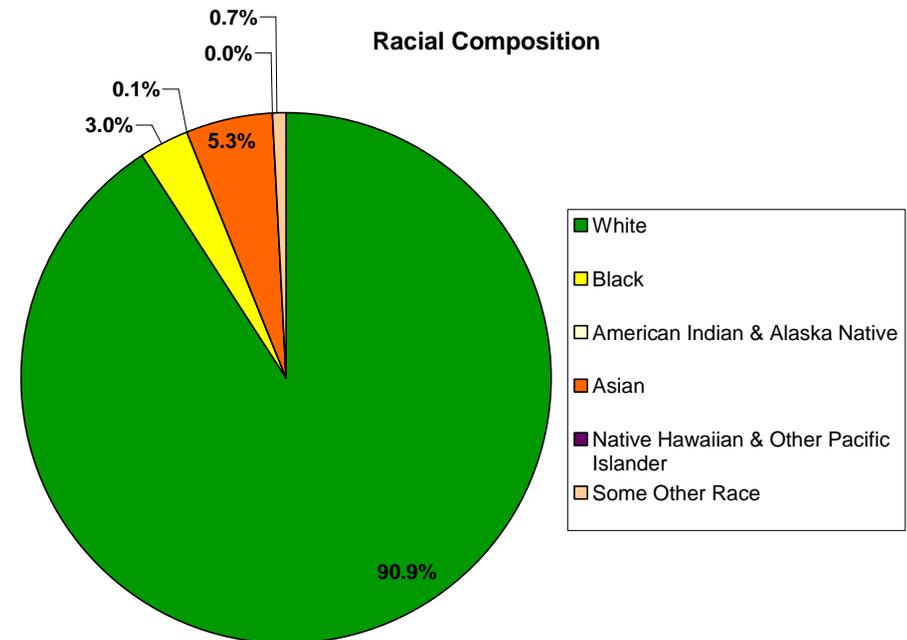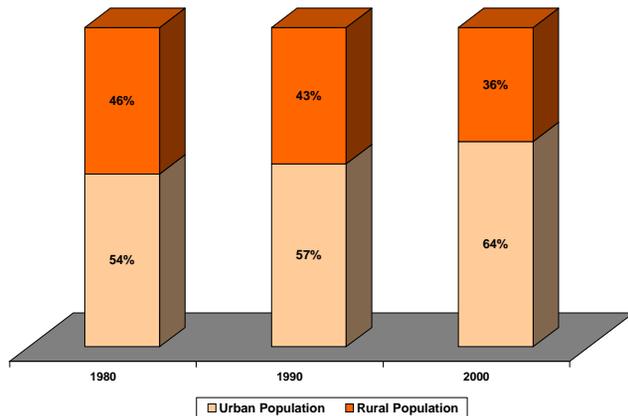
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## POPULATION

### POPULATION TRENDS

| County | 1980 Census | 1990 Census | 2000 Census | 2010 Census | % Change 1980-1990 | % Change 1990-2000 | % Change 2000-2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blair | 136,621 | 130,542 | 129,144 | 127,089 | -4.4% | -1.1% | -1.6% |
| Centre | 112,761 | 124,812 | 135,758 | 153,990 | 10.7% | 8.8% | 13.4% |
| Clearfield | 83,578 | 78,097 | 83,382 | 81,642 | -6.6% | 6.8% | -2.1% |
| Clinton | 38,971 | 37,182 | 37,914 | 39,238 | -4.6% | 2.0% | 3.5% |
| Huntingdon | 42,253 | 44,164 | 45,586 | 45,913 | 4.5% | 3.2% | 0.7% |
| Mifflin | 46,908 | 46,197 | 46,486 | 46,682 | -1.5% | 0.6% | 0.4% |
| Union | 32,870 | 36,176 | 41,624 | 44,947 | 10.1% | 15.1% | 8.0% |

The median age in Centre County is 28.7 years.

**CENTRE COUNTY URBAN AND RURAL POPULATIONS**



| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rural Population | 46% | 43% | 36% |
| Urban Population | 54% | 57% | 64% |

□ Urban Population  ■ Rural Population

### POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

| COUNTY | 0-2 | 3-4 | 5-18 | 19-59 | 60-61 | 62-64 | 65+ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blair | 3.4% | 2.3% | 17.0% | 53.2% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 17.7% |
| Centre | 2.6% | 1.8% | 14.2% | 65.7% | 1.9% | 2.6% | 11.3% |
| Clearfield | 2.9% | 2.0% | 16.2% | 55.1% | 2.6% | 3.7% | 17.5% |
| Clinton | 3.3% | 2.3% | 17.0% | 55.2% | 2.4% | 3.6% | 16.2% |
| Huntingdon | 3.2% | 2.2% | 16.1% | 55.6% | 2.7% | 3.8% | 16.2% |
| Mifflin | 3.7% | 2.6% | 18.1% | 50.7% | 2.6% | 3.9% | 18.5% |
| Union | 2.6% | 2.0% | 15.7% | 59.5% | 2.1% | 3.2% | 14.8% |

**Racial Composition**



0.7%
0.0%
0.1%
3.0%
5.3%
90.9%

■ White
■ Black
□ American Indian & Alaska Native
■ Asian
■ Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander
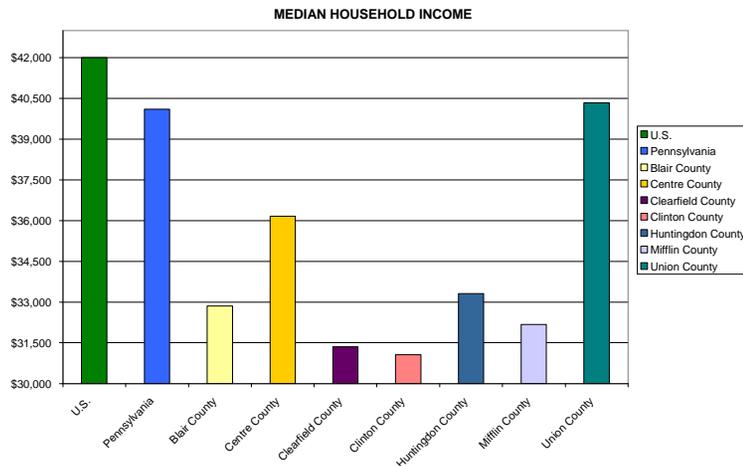□ Some Other Race
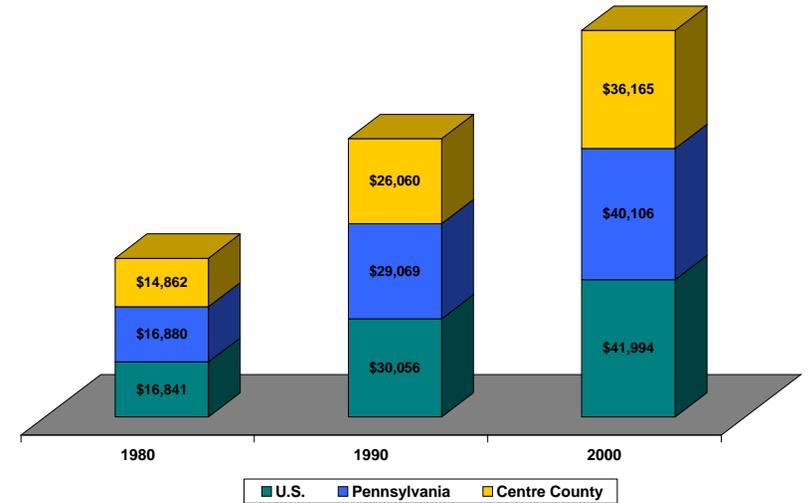
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## ECONOMY

Centre County's economy is strong despite poverty levels and incomes in the county.  Income data are skewed because of the large number of college students living in the area.  This segment of the population generally has very low incomes and high poverty rates that distort the overall characteristics of the county.  Even so, per capita incomes in the county remain higher than in any of the surrounding counties.

### CLASS OF WORKER

| | Private Wage and Salary Workers | Government Workers | Self-Employed Workers in Own Not Incorporated Business | Unpaid Family Workers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blair County | 82.3% | 11.4% | 5.9% | 0.3% |
| Centre County | 72.2% | 21.5% | 5.9% | 0.4% |
| Clearfield County | 81.0% | 11.0% | 7.8% | 0.2% |
| Clinton County | 76.9% | 15.5% | 7.2% | 0.4% |
| Huntingdon County | 74.8% | 16.1% | 8.5% | 0.5% |
| Mifflin County | 80.3% | 10.4% | 8.6% | 0.7% |
| Union County | 78.8% | 11.9% | 8.7% | 0.6% |

Jobs in the county tend to revolve around the University.  The majority of jobs are in educational services, as well as health and social services.  There are also a significant amount of jobs in arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.  The county also has the highest percentage of jobs in the information field, compared to any of the surrounding counties.

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME**



Legend: U.S. | Pennsylvania | Centre County

| 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|
| $14,862 | $26,060 | $36,165 |
| $16,880 | $29,069 | $40,106 |
| $16,841 | $30,056 | $41,994 |

### PER CAPITA INCOME

| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blair County | 6,052 | 11,233 | 16,743 |
| Centre County | 5,909 | 11,584 | 18,020 |
| Clearfield County | 6,027 | 10,430 | 16,010 |
| Clinton County | 5,830 | 10,287 | 15,750 |
| Huntingdon County | 5,233 | 10,471 | 15,379 |
| Mifflin County | 5,812 | 10,609 | 15,553 |
| Union County | 5,789 | 11,679 | 17,918 |

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME**



Legend: U.S., Pennsylvania, Blair County, Centre County, Clearfield County, Clinton County, Huntingdon County, Mifflin County, Union County

### 2009 Poverty and Median Income Estimates

| County | Poverty Estimate All Ages | % | Poverty Estimate Under Age 18 | % | Poverty Estimate Ages 5-17 | % | Median Household Income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blair | 17,824 | 14.6% | 5,818 | 22.2% | 3,892 | 20.6% | $38,354 |
| Centre | 23,186 | 18.0% | 3,151 | 13.7% | 1,960 | 11.9% | $47,966 |
| Clarion | 5,375 | 14.3% | 1,345 | 17.9% | 927 | 16.7% | $38,154 |
| Clearfield | 10,910 | 14.2% | 3,408 | 21.6% | 2,199 | 18.7% | $37,330 |
| Clinton | 5,637 | 16.3% | 1,599 | 21.7% | 1,021 | 19.6% | $36,302 |
| Huntingdon | 5,249 | 13.0% | 1,492 | 17.4% | 1,028 | 16.3% | $40,322 |
| Mifflin | 6,796 | 15.1% | 2,587 | 24.9% | 1,642 | 22.1% | $38,310 |
| Union | 4,723 | 13.9% | 1,106 | 14.3% | 740 | 13.2% | $46,264 |

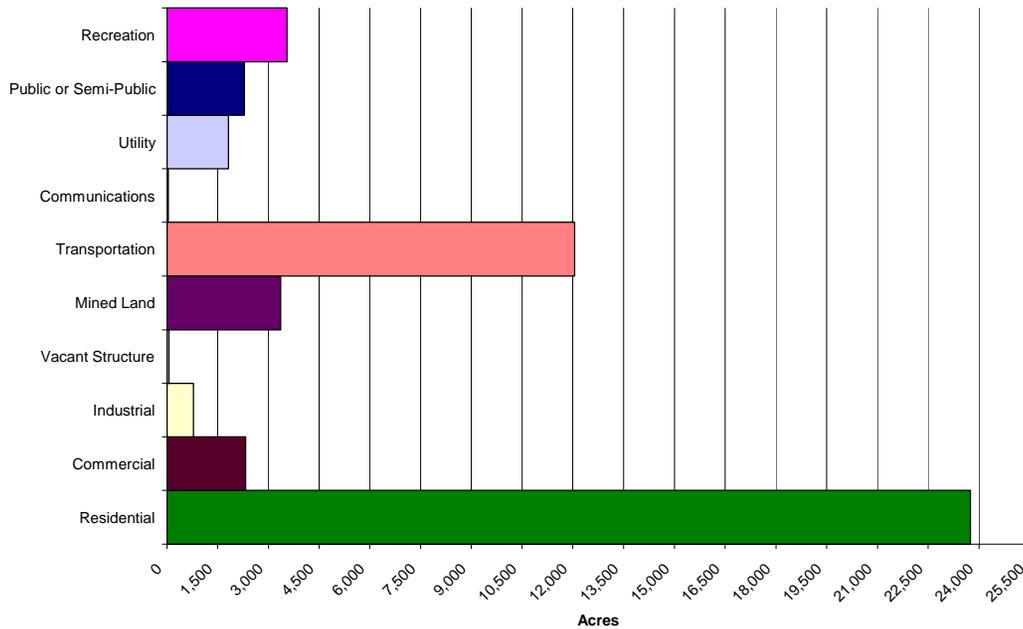*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Estimates Branch 2010*

# CENTRE COUNTY
## LAND USE

Even with constant development, Centre County remains largely undeveloped. Agriculture and forest lands comprise approximately 82% of the county! The most developed region in the county is the Centre Region, due primarily to the location of the metropolitan area of State College. Most of the forecasted housing growth is expected to occur in the Centre, Nittany Valley and Penns Valley regions.

### CENTRE COUNTY PLANNING REGIONS

| Land Use 2008 | Centre Acres | Centre % | Lower Bald Eagle Valley Acres | Lower Bald Eagle Valley % | Moshannon Valley Acres | Moshannon Valley % | Mountaintop Acres | Mountaintop % | Nittany Valley Acres | Nittany Valley % | Penns Valley Acres | Penns Valley % | Upper Bald Eagle Valley Acres | Upper Bald Eagle Valley % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Residential | 8,430 | 8.72 | 2,243 | 2.53 | 1,464 | 1.51 | 1,278 | 1.17 | 4,358 | 5.52 | 4,218 | 2.67 | 1,755 | 2.18 |
| Commercial | 953 | 0.99 | 176 | 0.20 | 186 | 0.19 | 81 | 0.07 | 421 | 0.53 | 347 | 0.22 | 162 | 0.20 |
| Industrial | 304 | 0.31 | 69 | 0.08 | 23 | 0.02 | 54 | 0.05 | 249 | 0.32 | 70 | 0.04 | 12 | 0.01 |
| Vacant Structure | 1 | 0.00 | 22 | 0.02 | 10 | 0.01 | 6 | 0.01 | 12 | 0.02 | 6 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Mined Land | 138 | 0.14 | 174 | 0.20 | 665 | 0.68 | 1198 | 1.09 | 1038 | 1.32 | 124 | 0.08 | 25 | 0.03 |
| Transportation | 4,455 | 4.61 | 1,429 | 1.61 | 1,001 | 1.03 | 793 | 0.72 | 2,179 | 2.76 | 1,269 | 0.80 | 925 | 1.15 |
| Communications | 22 | 0.02 | 2 | 0.00 | 10 | 0.01 | 3 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.01 | 3 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Utility | 506 | 0.52 | 355 | 0.40 | 286 | 0.29 | 205 | 0.19 | 231 | 0.29 | 58 | 0.04 | 180 | 0.22 |
| Public or Semi-Public | 941 | 0.97 | 155 | 0.17 | 131 | 0.13 | 68 | 0.06 | 551 | 0.70 | 369 | 0.23 | 76 | 0.09 |
| Recreation | 1,640 | 1.70 | 423 | 0.48 | 209 | 0.21 | 44 | 0.04 | 294 | 0.37 | 602 | 0.38 | 339 | 0.42 |
| **DEVELOPMENT** | **17,390** | **18.00** | **5,048** | 5.69 | **3,985** | **4.10** | **3,730** | **3.41** | **9,337** | **11.84** | **7,066** | **4.47** | **3,478** | **4.32** |
| Agriculture | 25645 | 26.54 | 7,613 | 8.58 | 322 | 0.33 | 711 | 0.65 | 23,422 | 29.69 | 42,980 | 27.19 | 7,653 | 9.51 |
| Forested | 49713 | 51.45 | 69,483 | 78.29 | 83,980 | 86.39 | 97,716 | 89.27 | 38,780 | 49.16 | 110,385 | 69.84 | 66,579 | 82.72 |
| Reclaimed Land | 0 | 0.00 | 218 | 0.25 | 5,306 | 5.46 | 7,472 | 6.83 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Vacant and Unused | 3082 | 3.19 | 4,814 | 5.42 | 1,337 | 1.38 | 1,949 | 1.78 | 3,690 | 4.68 | 2,824 | 1.79 | 2,398 | 2.98 |
| Water | 254 | 0.26 | 1,541 | 1.74 | 498 | 0.51 | 799 | 0.73 | 171 | 0.22 | 483 | 0.31 | 215 | 0.27 |
| Total | 96,623 | 100.0 | 88,756 | 100.0 | 97,211 | 100.0 | 109,464 | 100.0 | 78,893 | 100.0 | 158,057 | 100.0 | 80,484 | 100.0 |

### 2008 Centre County Developed Lands



### CENTRE COUNTY LAND USE

| Land Use | Acres 2008 | Percent 2008 | Percent 2002 | Percent 1995 | Percent 1990 | Percent 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Residential | 23,746 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| Commercial | 2,326 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Industrial | 781 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Vacant Structure | 59 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mined Land | 3,362 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Transportation | 12,051 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| Communications | 46 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Utility | 1,821 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Public or Semi-Public | 2,291 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Recreation | 3,551 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| **TOTAL DEVELOPMENT** | **50,034** | **6.6** | **7.3** | **6.7** | **7.2** | **6.6** |
| Agriculture | 108,346 | 14.2 | 15.5 | 17.2 | 17.8 | 18.7 |
| Forested | 516,636 | 67.8 | 72.5 | 70.9 | 69.5 | 70.3 |
| Reclaimed Land | 12,996 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Vacant and Unused | 20,094 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| Water | 3,961 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| **Total** | **762,101** | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Source: Centre County Comprehensive Plan, 2003; Centre County Existing Land Use

# CENTRE COUNTY

## ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS & RECREATION

Centre County has something for everyone when recreation is concerned. There are tons of outdoor recreation areas, as well as plenty of indoor activities like museums and dining. There are even places to go hot air ballooning and glider riding.

Centre County is also full of history. There are countless places that are on the National Register of Historic Sites and Places.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

**First Night State College**—*December/January*

**Taste of Philipsburg Chocolate Festival**—*Spring*

**Bald Eagle Creek Trout Tournament**—*April*

**A Day in Towne (Memorial Day in Boalsburg)-** *May*

**Bellefonte Cruise**—*June*

**Nittany Antique Machinery Show**—*June & September*

**Philipsburg Heritage Days**—*June*

**People's Choice Festival**—*July*

**Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts**—*July*

**Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair**—*August*

**Centre County Grange Fair & Encampment**—*August*

**Haines Township Fall Festival**—*October*

**Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Celebration**—*December*

## MUSEUMS

**Boalsburg Heritage Museum**

**Centre County Library & Historical Museum**

**Children's Museum of Centre County**

**Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum**

**Curtain Village & The Eagle Iron Works**

**Earth & Mineral Sciences Museum**

**Frost Entomological Museum**

**Matson Museum of Anthropology**

**Palmer Museum of Art**

**Pennsylvania Military Museum**

**Penn State Football Hall of Fame**

**U.S. Militaria Museum**

## ATTRACTIONS

American Philatelic Society & Research Library

Bellefonte Historic Railroad

Bryce Jordan Center

Curtain Village & Eagle Iron Works

Garman Theatre

Mount Nittany Brewing Co.

Pavilion Theatre

Penn State Sporting Events

Rhoneymeade

Rowland Theatre

The Sky's the Limit

State College Farmers' Market

State College Spikes

University Creamery

Victorian Bellefonte

Woodward Action Sports Camp

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

- ♦ **Bald Eagle State Park & Forest**
- ♦ **Bear Meadows Natural Area**
- ♦ **Bellefonte Central Rail Trail**
- ♦ **Black Moshannon State Park**
- ♦ **Fisherman's Paradise**
- ♦ **McCalls Dam State Park**
- ♦ **Mt. Nittany Conservancy**
- ♦ **Penn Roosevelt State Park**
- ♦ **Penns Cave & Wildlife Park**

- ♦ **Poe Valley State Park**
- ♦ **Poe Paddy State Park**
- ♦ **Rothrock State Forest**
- ♦ **Scotia Barrens**
- ♦ **Snow Shoe Trail**
- ♦ **Sproul State Forest**
- ♦ **State Game Lands**
- ♦ **Stone Valley Recreation Area**
- ♦ **Tussey Mountain**
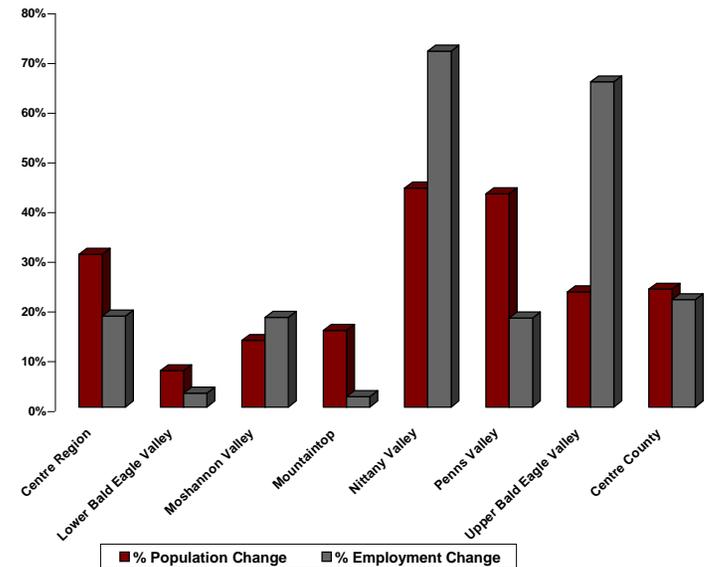
# CENTRE COUNTY

## POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

Centre County is expected to grow significantly over the next 30 years in terms of population and employment. Centre Region, Nittany Valley and Penns Valley are expected to see the most population growth due to their convenient location near the University. The Centre Region and Nittany Valley are also expected to have the largest increases in employment.

### POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

| | 2000 Total Population | 2030 Total Population | Net Population Change | % Population Change | 2000 Total Employment | 2030 Total Employment | Net Employment Change | % Employment Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Centre Region | 79,406 | 103,786 | 24,380 | 30.7% | 31,552 | 37,315 | 5,763 | 18.3% |
| Lower Bald Eagle Valley | 8,025 | 8,612 | 587 | 7.3% | 1,784 | 1,834 | 50 | 2.8% |
| Moshannon Valley | 6,960 | 7,892 | 932 | 13.4% | 2,512 | 2,965 | 453 | 18.0% |
| Mountaintop | 2,941 | 3,394 | 453 | 15.4% | 573 | 585 | 12 | 2.1% |
| Nittany Valley | 22,006 | 31,696 | 9,690 | 44.0% | 8,579 | 14,721 | 6,142 | 71.6% |
| Penns Valley | 11,382 | 16,263 | 4,881 | 42.9% | 2,506 | 2,954 | 448 | 17.9% |
| Upper Bald Eagle Valley | 5,038 | 6,204 | 1,166 | 23.1% | 506 | 837 | 331 | 65.4% |
| Centre County | 135,758 | 177,847 | 42,089 | 23.7% | 48,012 | 61,211 | 13,199 | 21.6% |



CENTRE COUNTY POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH
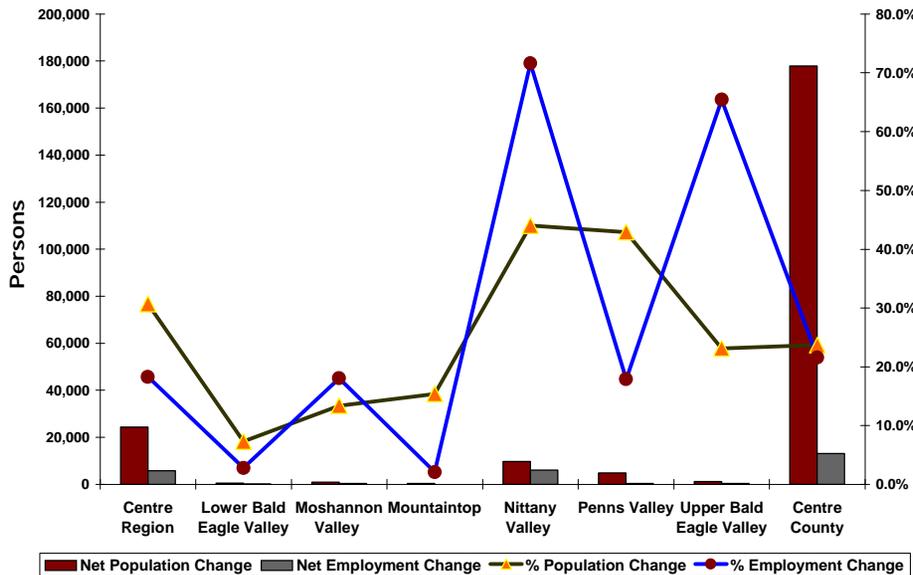


PERCENT POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

# CENTRE COUNTY

## WATER AND SEWER SERVICE SYSTEMS

| CENTRE COUNTY SEWAGE TREATMENT CAPACITY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Region | Design Capacity | Average Daily Flow | Available Capacity |
| Centre Region | 10.0-13.0 mgd | 7.7 mgd | 2.4-5.4 mgd |
| Lower Bald Eagle Valley | 1.25-1.85 mgd | 0.91 mgd | 0.32-0.94 mgd |
| Moshannon Valley | 1.9 mgd | 904,000 gpd | 996,000 gpd |
| Mountaintop | 270,000 gpd | 144,000 gpd | 126,000 gpd |
| Nittany Valley | 3.2 mgd | 2.4 mgd | 0.8 mgd |
| Penns Valley | 523,000 gpd | 270,000 gpd | 253,000 gpd |
| Upper Bald Eagle Valley | 120,000 gpd | 62,000 gpd | 58,000 gpd |

Centre County currently has 22 existing sewer service facilities, and 43 water systems that provide service throughout the county. As the charts illustrate, water and sewer service facilities do not operate at full capacity. There is a considerable amount of vacant land located in the service areas as well. Growth within the county can easily be accommodated within already serviced areas.



CENTRE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AREAS

Centre County Planning Office, 2004
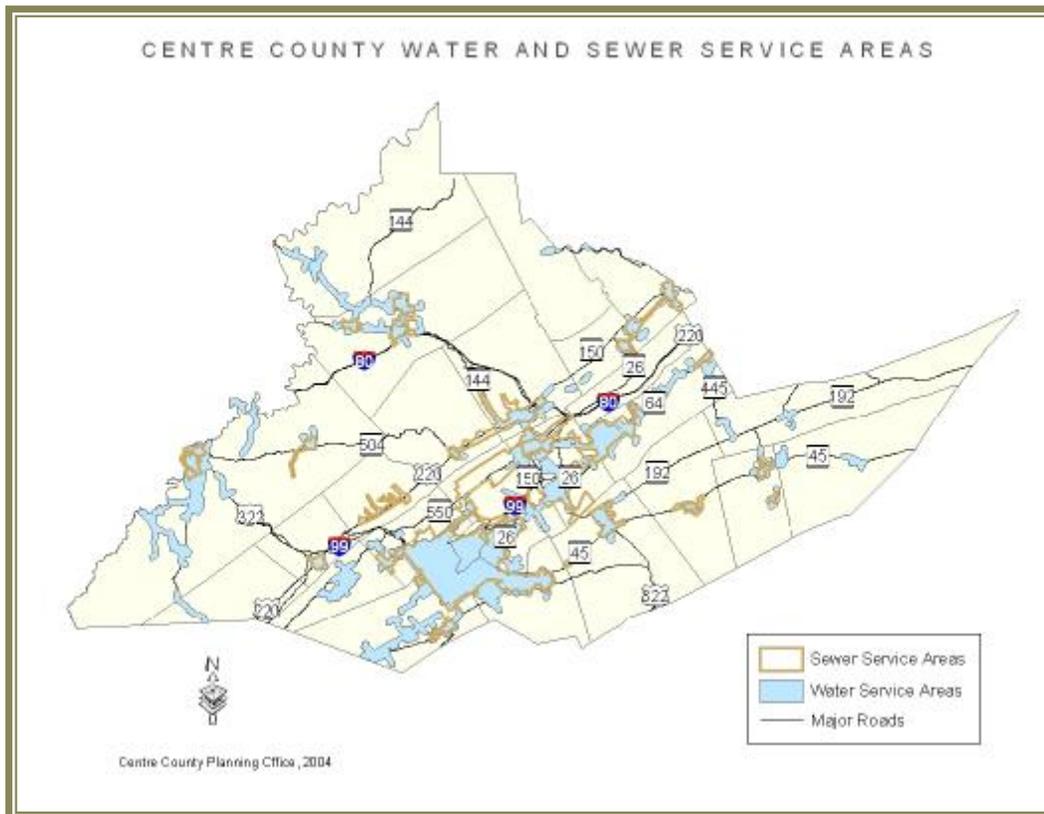
| WATER SYSTEMS CAPACITY | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Region | Number of Systems | Average Production (GPD) | Design Capacity (GPD) | Storage Capacity (Gal) |
| Centre | 7 | 9,550,000 | 14,800,000 | 20,753,175 |
| Lower Bald Eagle | 9 | 6,511,000 | 9,736,600 | 5,091,000 |
| Moshannon Valley | 4 | 2,047,000 | 2,836,000 | 4,000,000 |
| Mountaintop | 1 | 435,000 | 870,000 | 471,000 |
| Nittany Valley | 7 | 13,383,000 | 20,487,480 | 22,431,000 |
| Penns Valley | 10 | 313,639 | 984,520 | 999,000 |
| Upper Bald Eagle | 5 | 176,000 | 130,000 | 540,000 |

| VACANT LAND LOCATED IN WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AREAS | |
|---|---|
| | Acres |
| Water Service Areas | 5,782 |
| Sewer Service Areas | 5,121 |
| Both Water and Sewer Service | 3,812 |

# CENTRE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE

Centre County is known for its highly productive class I and II soil. Historically, our county has prided itself on our large n umber of small scale farms, which shape Centre County's open, pastoral character. These small farms may result in lower dollar productivity and net income in farm operations than most of th e surrounding counties, but more cropland is devoted to agriculture in Centre County than any other!

Over the years, the amount of agricultural land in the county has decreased. Fortunately, the county has enacted several strate gies to help slow the loss of farmland. One of these strategies is the creation of Agricultural Security Areas, or ASA's to protect the ability of the farmer to continue normal farm ing operations. The county also participates in an Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, which allows the purchase of easements on agricultural properties to ensure that the land will remain in agricultural use. A strong agricultural industry is vitally important to maintaining a diverse economy in Centre County.

## COUNTY COMPARISON OF TOTAL CROPLAND AND HARVESTED CROPLAND

| County | Harvested Cropland | Total Cropland |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| Blair | 55,559 | 61,938 |
| Centre | 71,629 | 86,137 |
| Clearfield | 24,726 | 32,459 |
| Clinton | 26,142 | 35,648 |
| Huntingdon | 54,888 | 73,043 |
| Mifflin | 47,897 | 58,758 |
| Union | 43,240 | 50,201 |

*Source: 2007 Census of Agriculture*

## AGRICULTURAL LAND

| Region | Acres 2002 | Acres 2008 | % Change |
|--------|------------|------------|----------|
| Centre | 26,415 | 25,645 | -2.9% |
| Lower Bald Eagle Valley | 7,463 | 7,613 | 2.0% |
| Moshannon | 250 | 322 | 28.8% |
| Mountaintop | 698 | 711 | 1.9% |
| Nittany Valley | 24,485 | 23,422 | -4.3% |
| Penns Valley | 43,166 | 42,980 | -0.4% |
| Upper Bald Eagle Valley | 7,437 | 7,653 | 2.9% |
| Centre County | 109,313 | 108,346 | -0.9% |

*Source: Centre County Land Use Survey 2002, 2008*

### 2007 Farmland Statistics

| County | Blair | Centre | Clearfield | Clinton | Huntingdon | Mifflin | Union |
|--------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|
| # of Farms | 523 | 1,146 | 473 | 537 | 930 | 1,024 | 575 |
| Land in Farms | 87,434 | 148,464 | 62,721 | 56,626 | 148,289 | 94,133 | 63,795 |
| Average size of Farm (acres) | 167 | 130 | 133 | 105 | 159 | 92 | 111 |

*Source: Census of Agriculture 2007*

### Crops Harvested in Centre County



- 5.5%
- 0.1%
- 2.6%
- 30.1%
- 5.6%
- 6.0% oats
- 0.9% barley
- 0.4% sorghum
- 0.2%
- 6.8%
- 0.1% tobacco
- 41.8%

*Source: 2007 Census of Agriculture*

# CENTRE COUNTY

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## TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Centre County serves as a transportation hub in Pennsylvania. Travelers frequent the roadways due to the attraction of Penn State University, the service of several major highways within the county, and the county's status as the geographic center of Pennsylvania, thus causing high traffic volumes daily. Because of the high quantity of vehicles, many transportation projects are underway within the county to alleviate traffic problems. Several projects include the construction of new roads and ramps and the widening of existing structures.

Construction is not the county's only solution to the growing traffic numbers. The county is also trying to pursue alternative transportation methods to mitigate traffic problems. This in-cludes reducing the amount of vehicle traffic by promoting the use of public transportation, carpooling and walking/biking trails.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Centre County Office of Transportation provides transportation service throughout all of the regions of the county. The service is a shared ride program that requires advance scheduling for use. The program is available to the general public for a small fee, and is free for senior citizens and clients of Centre County's Human Services Agencies.

Also available is natural gas fueled buses provided by the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA). CATA serves the Centre Region and some surrounding areas.

## PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES AND RIDE SHARE PROGRAMS

CATA, the Borough of State College and Penn State University have joined together to create a park-and-ride program for the employees of downtown State College. For a small monthly fee, commuters can park in the Bryce Jordan Center Parking lot where a shuttle bus will pick them up and transport them to the downtown area of State College or the Penn State Campus. CATA also operates a ride share program. This is a free service that helps match up commuters so they can carpool together.

A park-and-ride facility is planned for Potter Township in the Penns Valley Region. The facility has been approved and looks to operate in the near future.

A park-and-ride facility located near the Cold Stream Dam in the Moshannon Valley has been proposed, although funding has not yet been secured for the project.

## AIRPORTS

**University Park Airport**

**Mid-State Airport**

**Bellefonte Airport**

**Centre Airpark**

**Penns Cave Airport**

## BICYCLE FACILITIES, GREENWAYS AND RAIL TRAILS

**Bicycling Facilities**- The Centre Region has 15 off road facilities and 5 on road facilities. A number of other facilities have been proposed.

The county also has access to Route G, which is a statewide bicycling touring route that extends from New York to Maryland. The route runs through the Penns Valley region of the county.

**Greenways-** The Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenway is a proposed greenway that would link several planning regions and would create a continuous pathway for walkers and bikers.

**Rail Trails**- There is currently only one existing rail trail in Centre County. The Snow Shoe Trail is almost finished and is currently open to ATV users. When complete, it will also be open to walkers and bicyclists.

There are several other proposed rail trails within the county. One, is the Belle-fonte Central Rail Trail that will extend from Bellefonte to the Arboretum in State College.

Beech Creek Association is also trying to create a trail. This proposed trail will begin in Orviston and will run through several communities, the Bald Eagle State Park and will end by looping back up to Orviston.

The village of Pleasant Gap is also trying to secure funds to create a rail trail that would extend for almost a mile behind the elementary school.

# CENTRE COUNTY

## HISTORIC RESOURCES

Properties wanting to be included in the National Register of Historic Sites & Places (NRHSP) complete a Historic Resource Survey Form which is reviewed and determined Eligible by the PA Bureau for Historic Preservation. Once determined Eligible the property owner can formally nominate the property for Listing in the NRHSP. Completed nomination forms are sent to the State Review Board who reviews the nomination and sends the nomination for approval by the National Park Service and are then Listed National Register

### NATIONAL REGISTER LISTED PROPERTIES

| PLANNING REGION | LISTED | ELIGIBLE |
|---|---|---|
| **Centre Region** | 14 | 18 |
| **Lower Bald Eagle Valley** | 4 | 2 |
| **Moshannon Valley** | 3 | 0 |
| **Mountaintop** | 0 | 0 |
| **Nittany Valley** | 12 | 18 |
| **Penns Valley** | 13 | 5 |
| **Upper Bald Eagle Valley** | 1 | 6 |



**Black Moshannon Family Cabin District**

### NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

| NAME | STATUS | PLANNING REGION |
|---|---|---|
| Boalsburg | Listed | Centre |
| College Heights | Listed | Centre |
| Holmes-Foster/Highlands | Listed | Centre |
| Lemont | Listed | Centre |
| Linden Hall | Listed | Centre |
| Oak Hall | Listed | Centre |
| Old Houserville | Eligible | Centre |
| Black Moshannon Day Use District | Listed | Moshannon Valley |
| Black Moshannon Family Cabin District | Listed | Moshannon Valley |
| Black Moshannon Maintenance District | Listed | Moshannon Valley |
| Philipsburg Commercial District | Listed | Moshannon Valley |
| Bellefonte | Listed | Nittany Valley |
| Rockview | Eligible | Nittany Valley |
| Aaronsburg | Listed | Penns Valley |
| Millheim | Listed | Penns Valley |
| Penns Valley & Brush Valley | Eligible | Penns Valley |
| Rebersburg | Listed | Penns Vally |
| Unionville (Fleming) | Listed | Upper Bald Eagle Valley |



**Source: www.bellefonte.com**

### Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission Historical Markers

| | INDUSTRY | TRANSPORTATION | MILITARY | PEOPLE | PLACES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Centre Region** | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **Lower Bald Eagle Valley** | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| **Moshannon Valley** | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| **Mountaintop** | | | | | |
| **Nittany Valley** | 1 | | | 5 | 4 |
| **Penns Valley** | | | 1 | | 1 |
| **Upper Bald Eagle Valley** | 2 | | | | |

Since 1946, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has administered a program of historical markers to capture the memory of people, places, and events that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries since William Penn founded his Commonwealth.

More than 2,000 cast aluminum markers tell the stories of Native Americans and settlers, government and politics, athletes, entertainers, artists, struggles for freedom and equality, factories and businesses, and a multitude of other topics.

Additional information on specific historical properties in Centre County may be obtained through the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission's ARCH website, www.arch.state.pa.us, through the 1976 Centre County Registration Project, available through the Centre County Library and Historical Museum 203 North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte (814-355-1516), or through the Centre County Historical Society 1001 East College Avenue, State College (814-2344779).