

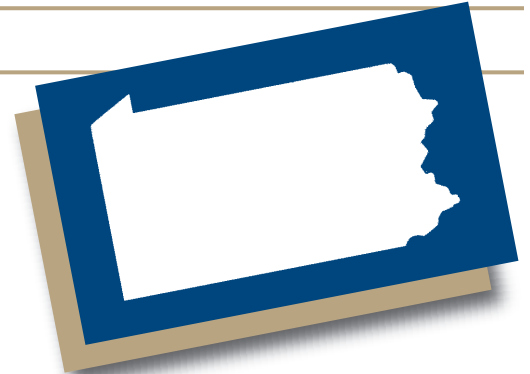
# PENNSYLVANIA FUN FACTS



COMPLIMENTS OF  
**STATE SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA**

## GENERAL

Pennsylvania was settled in 1643.  
Philadelphia was the capital during the Revolution.  
York was the first capital of the United States.  
Pennsylvania means Penn's Woods.  
Nickname: Keystone State  
Motto: "Virtue, Liberty and Independence"  
Flower: Mountain Laurel  
Bird: Ruffed Grouse  
Tree: Hemlock  
Animal: Whitetail Deer  
Fish: Brook Trout  
Dog: Great Dane  
Insect: Firefly  
Area: 45,888 square miles (32nd largest state in the nation)  
Population: 12,287,150 (2001 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)  
(Sixth most populous state in the nation)  
Number One Industry: Agriculture  
(First nationally in mushrooms and potato chips)  
Major Airports: 16  
International Airports: 6  
Airlines: 32 international & domestic (27 air carrier & 5 cargo)  
Water Ports: 3



## GOVERNMENT

Governor: Ed Rendell (D)  
State Representatives: 203  
State Senators: 50  
U.S. Representatives: 19  
U.S. Senators: 2  
Adopted Original State Constitution: September 28, 1776  
Adopted Revised State Constitution: 1790  
Adopted Current State Constitution: 1968  
Adopted U.S. Constitution: December 12, 1787  
(Pennsylvania was the second state to adopt the Constitution.)

## GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Harrisburg  
Counties: 67  
Municipalities: 2,565

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## **GEOGRAPHY** (continued)

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Length: 180 miles (north to south)  
Width: 310 miles (east to west)  
Geographic Center: Centre County,  
2 1/2 miles southwest of Bellefonte  
Highest Altitude: Mt. Davis, Somerset County—3,213 feet  
Lowest Point: Delaware River  
Lakes: 148 natural, 370 public access  
Mileage of Rivers and Streams: 45,000 miles  
State Parks: 117 & 3 Conservation Areas—290,971 acres  
State Forest Districts: 20—2,145,804 acres  
State Game Lands: 305—1,437,499 acres



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## **PENNSYLVANIA “FIRSTS”**

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First Hospital—Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia  
First Library—Philadelphia  
First Nation’s Capital—York  
First All-Motion-Picture Theater—Pittsburgh  
First Oil Well—Titusville, Venango County  
First Zoo—Philadelphia  
First Typewriter—Kittanning  
First American Stock Exchange—Philadelphia  
First Pretzel Bakery—Juniata County  
First Newspaper—*Pennsylvania Post & Daily Advertiser*, Philadelphia  
First Educational Public Television Station—WQED, Pittsburgh  
First High-Speed Multi-Lane Highway—Pennsylvania Turnpike  
First Successful Electric Lighting—Sunbury  
First Computer in the World—University of Pennsylvania  
First Place to Produce Compact Discs—Lackawanna County  
First United States Mint—Philadelphia  
First Steam Locomotive—Wayne County  
First Radio Station—KDKA, Pittsburgh  
First University—University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
First Professional Football Game—Latrobe  
First National League Baseball Game—Philadelphia  
First Brewery in the United States—Pottsville  
First Turnpike in America—Route 30 from Philadelphia to Lancaster  
First American Amish Settlement—Berks County  
First American Permanent German Settlement—Germantown  
First McDonald’s Big Mac—Uniontown  
Oxygen Discovered—Northumberland County



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## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

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State Universities: 14  
State-Related Universities: 4  
Regional Community Colleges: 14  
Private Colleges and Universities: 86  
Private Two-Year Colleges: 8  
College of Technology: 1  
Theological Seminaries: 15

