

PENNSYLVANIA FUN FACTS



COMPLIMENTS OF
STATE SENATOR VINCENT HUGHES

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: 31 foreign and domestic carriers
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



GEOGRAPHY (continued)

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: 50 natural (over 20 acres wide), 2,500 man-made
Mileage of Rivers and Streams: 45,000 miles
State Parks: 116—283,000 acres
State Forests: 20—2,100,000 acres
State Game Lands: 324—1,400,000



PENNSYLVANIA “FIRSTS”

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



HIGHER EDUCATION

State-Related Universities: 4
State Universities: 14
Regional Community Colleges: 14
Private Colleges and Universities: 86
Private Two-Year Colleges: 8

