

MUNICIPALITIES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED HOME RULE CHARTERS, OPTIONAL PLANS AND OPTIONAL CHARTERS AS OF JANUARY 2007

A total of 71 jurisdictions have adopted home rule charters, including six counties, 19 cities, 27 townships and 19 boroughs. Eleven have adopted optional plans: six townships, three cities and two boroughs. Thirteen cities continue to operate under optional charters adopted under the Optional Third Class City Charter Law.

COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY	2000 POPULATION	FORM	DATE ADOPTED	
Allegheny	Allegheny County	1,281,666	Home Rule	May 1998	
	Bellevue Borough	8,770	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	Bethel Park Municipality (Bor.)	33,556	Home Rule	Nov. 1976	
	Bradford Woods Borough	1,149	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Clairton City	8,491	Home Rule	Apr. 1988	
	Green Tree Borough	4,719	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	Hampton Township	17,526	Home Rule	Nov. 1981	
	Indiana Township	6,809	Optional Plan	Nov. 1974	
	McCandless Town	29,022	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	McKeesport City	24,040	Home Rule	Nov. 1973	
	Monroeville Municipality (Bor.)	29,349	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Mt. Lebanon Township	33,017	Home Rule	May 1974	
	O'Hara Township	8,856	Home Rule	Nov. 1973	
	Penn Hills Municipality (Twp.)	46,809	Home Rule	May 1973	
	Pine Township	7,683	Home Rule	Nov. 1991	
	Pittsburgh City	334,563	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	Richland Township	9,231	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Upper St. Clair Township	20,053	Home Rule	Nov. 1973	
	West Deer Township	11,563	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Whitehall Borough	14,444	Home Rule	May 1994	
	Berks	Reading City	81,207	Home Rule	Nov. 1993
Blair	Altoona City	49,523	Optional Plan	Nov. 1987	
	Tyrone Borough	5,528	Home Rule	May 1982	
Bucks	Bensalem Township	58,434	Optional Plan	Nov. 1987	
	Bristol Township	55,521	Optional Plan	Nov. 1984	
	Chalfont Borough	3,900	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	Quakertown Borough	8,931	Optional Plan	May 1974	
Cambria	Johnstown City	23,906	Home Rule	May 1993	
	Portage Borough	2,837	Home Rule	May 1994	
Carbon	Weatherly Borough	2,612	Optional Plan	May 1974	
Centre	College Township	8,489	Optional Plan	May 1974	
	Ferguson Township	14,063	Home Rule	May 1974	
	State College Borough	38,420	Home Rule	Nov. 1973	
Chester	Coatesville City	10,838	Home Rule	May 1979	
	Elk Township	1,485	Home Rule	Nov. 1974	
	Tredyffrin Township	29,062	Home Rule	May 1974	
	West Chester Borough	17,861	Home Rule	Nov. 1993	
Clearfield	DuBois City	8,123	Optional Plan	May 1978	
Clinton	Lock Haven City	9,149	Optional Charter	Nov. 1969	
Crawford	Cambridge Springs Borough	2,363	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Meadville City	13,685	Optional Charter	Nov. 1965	
	Titusville City	6,146	Optional Charter	Nov. 1962	
Dauphin	Harrisburg City	48,950	Optional Charter	May 1969	
Delaware	Delaware County	550,864	Home Rule	May 1975	
	Chester City	36,854	Home Rule	Apr. 1980	
	Chester Township	4,604	Home Rule	May 1990	
	Haverford Township	48,498	Home Rule	Apr. 1976	
	Middletown Township	16,064	Home Rule	May 1975	
	Radnor Township	30,878	Home Rule	Nov. 1976	
	Upper Darby Township	81,821	Home Rule	May 1974	
	Upper Providence Township	10,509	Home Rule	Nov. 1975	
	Elk	St. Marys City	14,502	Home Rule	Nov. 1992

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Erie	Erie County	280,843	Home Rule	Nov. 1976
	Edinboro Borough	6,950	Home Rule	May 1974
	Erie City	103,717	Optional Charter	Nov. 1959
	Washington Township	4,526	Optional Plan	Nov. 1973
Lackawanna	Lackawanna County	213,295	Home Rule	Apr. 1976
	Carbondale City	9,804	Home Rule	Nov. 1975
	Scranton City	76,415	Home Rule	May 1974
Lancaster	Lancaster City	56,348	Optional Charter	Nov. 1963
Lawrence	New Castle City	26,309	Optional Charter	Nov. 1965
Lebanon	Lebanon City	24,461	Home Rule	Apr. 1992
Lehigh	Lehigh County	312,090	Home Rule	Nov. 1975
	Allentown City	106,632	Home Rule	Apr. 1996
	Hanover Township	1,913	Home Rule	Nov. 1976
	Whitehall Township	24,896	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
Luzerne	Hazleton City	23,329	Optional Plan	Nov. 1985
	Kingston Municipality (Bor.)	13,855	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
	Kingston Township	7,145	Home Rule	May 1974
	Wilkes-Barre City	43,123	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
	Wilkes-Barre Township	3,235	Home Rule	May 1974
Lycoming	Williamsport City	30,706	Optional Charter	May 1970
Mercer	Farrell City	6,050	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
	Hermitage City	16,157	Home Rule	May 1974
	Sharon City	16,328	Optional Charter	Nov. 1959
Montgomery	Bryn Athyn Borough	1,351	Home Rule	Nov. 1977
	Cheltenham Township	36,875	Home Rule	Nov. 1976
	Horsham Township	24,232	Home Rule	Nov. 1975
	Norristown Borough	31,282	Home Rule	Nov. 1984
	Plymouth Township	16,045	Home Rule	May 1974
	Whitemarsh Township	16,702	Home Rule	May 1982
Northampton	Northampton County	267,066	Home Rule	Apr. 1976
	Bethlehem City	71,329	Optional Charter	Nov. 1959
	Easton City	26,263	Optional Charter	Nov. 1970
	Lower Saucon Township	9,884	Optional Plan	Nov. 1973
Philadelphia	Philadelphia City	1,517,550	Home Rule	Apr. 1951
Venango	Franklin City	7,212	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
	Oil City	11,504	Optional Charter	Nov. 1969
Warren	Warren City	10,259	Home Rule	May 1975
	Youngsville Borough	1,834	Home Rule	Nov. 1974
Washington	Peters Township	17,566	Home Rule	Nov. 1973
Westmoreland	Greensburg City	15,889	Home Rule	Nov. 1988
	Latrobe Borough	8,994	Home Rule	May 1995
	Murrysville Municipality (Bor.)	18,872	Home Rule	Apr. 1976
York	York City	40,862	Optional Charter	Nov. 1959