

WASHINGTON COUNTY KEY STATISTICS

Date Established: March 28, 1781

Population: 207,820 (2010)

County Seat: The City of Washington

Land Area: 856.99 Square Miles

Highest Point: Mount Wheeler (N. Franklin Twp.)
1,523 Feet above sea level

Lowest Point: Elrama (Union Twp.)
760 Feet above sea level

Principal Products (Agriculture): (2012AG Census)
Cattle & Calves

Assessed Value of Taxable Real Estate:
(2015) Over 1.65 billion dollars

Government Units:
2 Third Class Cities
32 Boroughs
32 Townships

Cities: Monongahela, Washington

Boroughs: Allenport, Beallsville, Bentleyville, Burgettstown, California, Canonsburg, Centerville, Charleroi, Claysville, Coal Center, Cokeburg, Deemston, Donora, Dunlevy, East Washington, Elco, Ellsworth, Finleyville, Green Hills, Houston, Long Branch, McDonald, Marianna, Midway, New Eagle, North Charleroi, Roscoe, Speers, Stockdale, Twilight, West Brownsville, West Midletown

PROFILE

Climate:

Avg. Summer Temp: 82 degrees (high)

Avg. Winter Temp: 36.5 degrees (high)

Avg. Annual Rainfall: 36.39 inches

Avg. Annual Snowfall: 45.3 inches

Value of AG Products Sold (2012AG Census)
\$35.4 million

Gross Regional Product (2013):

Manufacturing: \$1,169,466,983

Construction: \$936,588,455

Mining/Quarrying/Gas & Oil Extraction: \$1,004,713,558

Vital Statistics:

of births: (2012) - 1,982

of deaths: (2012) - 2,494

Townships: Amwell, Blaine, Buffalo, Canton, Carroll, Cecil, Chartiers, Cross Creek, Donegal, East Bethlehem, East Finley, Fallowfield, Hanover, Hopewell, Independence, Jefferson, Morris, Mt. Pleasant, North Bethlehem, North Franklin, North Strabane, Nottingham, Peters, Robinson, Smith, Somerset, South Franklin, South Strabane, Union, West Bethlehem, West Finley, West Pike Run

Sources: Websites: www.census.gov,
www.agcensus.usda.gov,
www.fishandboat.com, www.nps.gov

POPULATION

Total Population: 202,897 (2000) 207,820 (2010)

Number of Males: 101,035

Number of Females: 106,785

Number of Families: 56,437

Number of Households: 85,089

Average # of persons per Household: 2.37

Number in Labor Force: 106,297

Population Characteristics:

Number of Caucasians: 195,657

Number of African American: 6,757

Number of Other: 5,406

Median Age: 43.6

Number of Children 18 yrs. And under : 42,684

Number of Adults: (18 & over) - 165,136

Number of Adults: (65 and over)-36,366

Above figures based on 2010 Census Data

RECREATION

COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS:

Cross Creek County Park (2,830 acres)

Mingo Creek County Park (2,289 acres)

Ten Mile Creek County Park (25 acres)

Panhandle Trail (17 miles), Mingo Bike & Walking Trail (2.8 miles)

MUNICIPAL PARKS:

of Municipal Parks: 96 (1,217 acres)

OTHER FACILITIES:

Golf Courses: (Public & Private)-17 Campgrounds: 4, Registered Historic sites: 115, Historic Districts: 12, Fishing Lakes & Streams: 15, State Gamelands: 5, Iceoplex at South-pointe, Meadows Racetrack & Casino, Monongahela Aquatorium, First Niagara Pavilion, Pepsi Cola Roadhouse, Consol Energy Park, Trolley Museum, Wash County Fairgrounds

WASHINGTON COUNTY KEY STATISTICS CONT

INDUSTRY

Total Industry (Department of Labor & Industry)

Total # of Industries—5,297
 Total # of Employees—86,993
 Average Annual Wage—\$52,711

Manufacturing

Number of Manufacturers—236
 Number of Employees—9,212
 Average Annual Wage—\$57,540

Construction

Number of Companies—611
 Number of Employees—7,295
 Average Annual Wage—\$67,551

Natural Resources Extraction (DEP 2013)

Coal Mining: (DEP)

Total # of Operators—3
 Number of Employees—109
 Average Annual Wage—\$98,586 (DOL)

Gas Drilling:

Permits Issued by Well Type: (2014)
 Coalbed Methane—1
 Gas—411
 Multiple Well Bore Type—2
 Wells Drilled: 220—Unconventional: 220

Industrial Park Sites: 35

HOUSING

- Total # of Housing Units: 92,977
- Total # of Occupied Units: 85,089
- Number of Owner-Occupies Units: 64,541
- Number of Renter-Occupied Units: 20,548
- Owner Occupied Homes: 124,700

EMPLOYMENT

TOP 10 EMPLOYERS (4th Qtr. 2014)

1. Washington Hospital
2. Washington Trotting Association
3. Monongahela Valley Hospital, Inc.
4. PA State System of Higher Education
5. Washington County
6. Crown Castle USA, Inc.
7. Consol PA Coal Co.
8. Canon McMillan School District
9. Giant Eagle, Inc.
10. Peters Township School District

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (Census 2014 avg)

Local: # of Employer Units—184
 # of Employees—7,078
 Avg. Annual Wage -\$41,952

State: # of Entities—25
 # of Employees—1,487
 Avg. Annual Wage—\$61,076

Federal: # of Entities—63
 # of Employees—446
 #Avg. Annual Wage—\$56,822

PA Department of Labor & Industry

TRANSPORTATION

- Total Number of Highway Miles—2,875
- Interstate Highway Mileage—64.68
- State Roads—1,123
- Township and Local Roads—1,707
- County Maintained Bridges—118
- Covered Bridges—22
- State Bridges—110

Number of Airports—3

Locations: S. Franklin Twp. (County Airport) Finleyville and Eighty Four.

Number of Heliports—4, Private

Locations: Canonsburg (2), Mon-Valley Hospital, Washington Hospital

Bus Lines and Taxicab Companies

Number of Bus Lines—4—Charter / 2—Scheduled Routes

Number of Taxicab Companies—1

Railroads

Number of Railroads—2

Class 1 Railroads: CSX Transportation (B&O), Norfolk Southern (N&W)

River Commerce

Total River Mileage—41.5

Number of Barge Lines—2

Number of Terminals—18(active)

Total Tonnage Shipped (2014)—20.3 million tons

Carrier Service

Transportation and Warehousing—114

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BUSINESS

Retail Trade (Dept of Labor & Industry 2014 Annual Avg)

Employer Units—637
Employment—9,460
Average Annual Wage—\$25,764

Wholesale Trade

Employer Units—306
Employment—3,866
Average Annual Wage—\$71,286

Finance and Insurance

Employer Units—263
Employment—1,921
Average Annual Wage—\$65,125

Real Estate, Rental, Leasing

Employer Units—155
Employment—1,636
Average Annual Wage—\$90,521

RELIGION

Total Number of Churches—290

Number of Roman Catholic Churches—30
Number of Protestant Churches—231
Number of Orthodox Churches—7
Number of Synagogues—1
Churches of Other Affiliations—21

AGRICULTURE

2012 Agricultural Census (www.agcensus.usda.gov)

- Total Number of Farms—1,915
- Acres of Farmland—205,821
- Average Size—107 Acres
- Total Sales (Cash Receipts) - \$35.4 Million

Value of Sales—(2012) (By commodity/commodity group)

Milk from Cows—\$8 Million
Poultry & Livestock & their Products —\$16.6 Million
Total Crop—\$18.7 Million

MEDICAL SERVICES

Number of Physicians (Medical & Surgeons)—373

Number of Dentists—132

Number of Ambulance Services—12

Number of General Hospitals—3

Locations: Canonsburg, Mon Valley, Washington

Number of Outpatient Clinics—9

Locations: Avella, Washington, Burgettstown, Claysville, Canonsburg, Hickory, Monongahela, Fredericktown, Cokeburg

Nursing Facilities—12

EDUCATION

Public Schools (2014-2015)

Number of School Districts—14
Number of Professional Personnel—2,299
Average Salary—\$59,093
Elementary Schools—29
Elementary/Secondary Schools—7
Secondary Schools—17
Vocational- Technical Schools—2
Vocational-Technical Teachers—36
Student Population—27,853

Private and NonPublic Schools (2014-2015)

Total Private and Non-Public Schools—26
Full Time Equivalent Teachers—139
Student Population: 1,936

Higher Education (2014-2015)

California University of Pennsylvania
Student Enrollment—7,978
Faculty (Full-Time Equivalent) —314
Washington and Jefferson College
Student Enrollment—1,362
Full Time Faculty—109

Branch Campuses-Colleges/Universities

Community College of Allegheny County
Waynesburg University

Career and Technology Centers—2

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries

Number of Libraries—14

Locations: Avella, Bentleyville, Burgettstown, California, Canonsburg, Charleroi, Chartiers-Houston, Donora, Fredericktown, McDonald, Marianna, Monongahela, McMurray, Washington.

Private Libraries

California University of Pennsylvania- Total # of Volumes: 317,000 (Not including Electronic books, Videos, CD's, DVD's and Electronic Databases)

Washington and Jefferson College- Total # of Volumes: 127,000

Washington County Law Library- Total # of Volumes: 25,000

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

This department is responsible for all aspects of the County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Courthouse Square Office Complex, Emergency Operations Facility, Vehicle Maintenance garage and miscellaneous storage areas including care and maintenance, custodial services and fleet management. Additional responsibilities include planning, coordination of management and construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of county buildings and grounds.

CHIEF CLERK

The Chief Clerk is appointed by the County Commissioners. All county business occurs through this office. The Chief Clerk coordinates day-to-day programs for all county operations with final authority coming from the Commissioners. This office is also responsible for record keeping of the administrative offices, conducting the schedule of meetings with the Commissioners and presiding at the opening of bids for contracts and supplies.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The three member board serves as the executive and legislative branches of county government. Elected for four-year terms, the Commissioners elect one of their members as chairman. The Commissioners are also members of the Salary Board, Sinking Fund Commission, Employees' Retirement Board, Prison Board and Election Board.

COUNTY SOLICITOR

The County Solicitor and assistants are appointed by the County Commissioners and serve as the official legal advisor and attorney for the county. The solicitor creates contracts and ordinances for the county and assesses the legal needs for all county government functions. The solicitor is required to attend all meetings involving the Commissioners to advise them on governmental laws.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

The Director of Administration oversees all County Departments, excluding row offices; represents the Commissioners to ensure that the residents of Washington County are being properly served by the county and ensuring sound financial management of county departments; to coordinate activities between the Directors and the Board of Commissioners.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This agency is responsible for developing plans and programs to cope with any type of natural or man-made disaster to befall Washington County. Included in these plans are a county-wide disaster plan, a vulnerability analysis, 53 plans, 67 municipal plans, 66 off-site response plans for facilities with "extremely hazardous substances", a hazardous material risk assessment, a program of extreme measures and community recovery program. The agency is also designed and equipped to coordinate emergency response for homeland security.

FINANCE OFFICE

The Finance Director prepares the annual budget for the county and supervises the county's budget throughout the fiscal year. The office is also responsible for scheduling budget hearings for all county departments before the County Commissioners and advising the Commissioners on fiscal matters. The Finance Office is also responsible for the applications of some state and federal grants.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The office develops policies related to benefit programs for workers, the selection of new employees, labor contracts, employee counseling and oversees training activities for employees.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Serves as a troubleshooter for the County's computer operations. The office serves the Courthouse, Health Center, Family Court Center, and Courthouse Square departments.

PURCHASING

The Purchasing Department is responsible for the purchase of the county's government needs in terms of supplies, equipment and certain services. Purchase orders, bids, contracts, leases, surplus property and inventory of assets are included in the responsibilities associated with this office.

TAX ASSESSMENT

The Tax Assessment Office appraises all real estate values in Washington County. These values are used by the office as a basis for county, municipal and school district real estate taxation.

TAX CLAIM BUREAU

The bureau operates under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Act and serves as the collecting agent for all liened real estate taxes for the taxing districts across Washington County. The office is also responsible for consolidating matters pertaining to the collection and sale of property for non-payment of taxes. The office serves as property owner by making arrangements for the payment of liened taxes prior to a sale. It serves the county's interest by the sale of delinquent real estate through several types of sale processes. Properties not sold at tax sale auctions may be purchased directly from the Bureau by prospective buyers submitting bids.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

This office processes all voter registrations and places them in a permanent file. The office also prepares for all elections held in Washington County including the national, state and county levels. All election results are tabulated here.

AUTHORITIES

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

This Authority assists in the financing to acquire, construct, furnish, maintain, lease and operate hospitals and hospital clinics at locations within the county or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as directed by the County Commissioners.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority develops and administers low rent public housing for the low-income families and senior citizens. The housing includes conventional multiple-family communities for low-income families and units for senior citizens. Family Public Housing consists primarily of one-bedroom apartments.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Redevelopment Authority's purpose is to promote community, economic and housing development. This authority also administers the Federally funded Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Programs under which it provides housing rehabilitation assistance to low and moderate income homeowners and undertakes eligible public improvement projects in all Washington County communities.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AUTHORITY

The Washington County Authority is a seven (7) member board, each serving three-year terms. Responsibilities include securing funds and bond issues for projects involving county buildings.

WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Offers curb-to-curb transportation services for medical appointments, shopping, work, visiting, church or recreational trips. Eligible residents who participate in one of the following subsidized programs receive either free or reduced fares: Medical Assistance, Welfare to Work, Senior Citizens Shared Ride, Persons with Disabilities and Veterans. Services are also available to the general public for full fare.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD

A three (3) member board appointed by the County Commissioners responsible for hearing and deciding appeals on the revision of tax assessments on real estate within the County. Appeals from the decisions made by the board may be taken to the Common Pleas Court.

ELECTIONS

The County Commissioners head the Elections Board and preside over the orderly conduct of elections. The board makes arrangements for drawings for positions on ballots, awards contracts for the printing of ballots names, a tabulation board to make an official count of the votes cast, arranges for polling places and names workers for the polls. In election years when the County Commissioners are candidates, all responsibilities are handled by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INSTITUTE BOARD

Comprised of volunteer members who study the status of emergency medical care in the county and recommend appropriate action for the improvement of the care when necessary.

FAIR BOARD

An eleven (11) member board serving three-year terms who are elected by stockholders in the Washington County Fair. This board leases from the county and is responsible for operating the fairgrounds which is home to the annual Agricultural Fair and Exhibition located in Arden.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

This seven (7) member board was established to secure the preservation of the most viable farmland within Washington County through the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

LIBRARY BOARD

Comprised of representatives of the member libraries in the county and is responsible for supervising the county-wide library system. The board administers funding from the county and state levels for the member libraries.

COUNTY PRISON BOARD

A seven (7) member board including the three (3) County Commissioners, Controller, District Attorney, Sheriff and one (1) Judge from the Court of Common Pleas. Meeting on a monthly basis, the board reviews prison policies and authorizes the purchase of food and supplies at the County Correctional Facility.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Is an advisory board established to increase the involvement of the business community in employment and training activities. The council is made up of representatives of industry, small and large businesses, organized labor, community based organizations and educational institutions.

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consisting of leaders in Washington County's business, industry, education and civic as well as governmental agencies, this council was formed as a non-profit corporation to promote and enhance the economic development of Washington County.

RETIREMENT BOARD

This five (5) member board includes the three (3) County Commissioners, County Controller and County Treasurer. Meeting on a quarterly basis, the board administers the county employees retirement funds and makes certain the funds are invested and distributed in accordance with laws governing retirement funds.

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SALARY BOARD

Comprised of four (4) permanent members, including the three (3) County Commissioners and the Controller. Each elected Row Officer or Judge becomes the fifth board member when matters of salary or employment are reviewed which pertain to that official's department. The Salary Board holds annual reorganization meetings and subsequent meetings throughout the year, as needed, to discuss matters of personnel and compensation.

SINKING FUND COMMISSION

Comprised of the County Commissioners, Controller and County Treasurer, this commission is responsible for applying all interest received on sinking fund deposits and any other income towards the reduction of debts and long-term bonds against the County. When new bonds are issued by the County, the Sinking Fund Commission is empowered to make investments that will be used toward the fund. The Commission is also empowered to sell any bonds it holds in order to serve the best interests of other sinking funds.

The Commission is also responsible for the payment of all long term debts for which taxes have been specifically raised by the County Commissioners.

HUMAN SERVICES

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This office oversees the coordination of the human services through elimination of service duplication as well as the improvement and development of new services. The Department works closely with the private non-profit sector to maximize community resources through effective utilization of multiple sources of available funding.

AGING SERVICES

Provides community based services to older individuals living in Washington County. Services include Senior Community Centers, Nutrition Services, Transportation, Care Management and Ombudsman.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES (CCIS)

CCIS offers free information about child care and children's services in Washington County. CCIS incorporates a state-wide computerized system which allows personalized referrals to parents looking for child care. CCIS also offers subsidized child care (infants through age 12) for working parents who meet the eligibility criteria.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Services offered focus on keeping the family unified or trying to reunite parents and their children. Counseling is directed towards preventing or alleviating conditions that put the child at risk for running away or parental abuse.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

This office sub-contracts with state licensed drug and alcohol agencies to offer services to citizens of Washington and Greene counties.

HOMELESS SERVICES & HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Focuses on prevention and intervention services to address various housing needs and the need of other supportive services.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Provides assistance in finding the information you need for your personal situation and can refer you to which department best fills those needs.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Contracts with outside agencies who provide services related to the care of mentally challenged patients.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

This office is responsible for compiling and maintaining records of death and burial of Washington County wartime veterans, and also assists in securing rights and benefits as established by Federal and State regulations. Funeral and burial assistance is offered to veterans and their widows, as well as a fixed amount offered for the foundation and installation of headstones for veterans. Free flag and emblem markers are provided to organizations that assume responsibility for placing them on graves.

WASHINGTON/GREENE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

This office contracts with outside agencies who provide services related to the care of mentally challenged patients.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

This 288 bed long-term care facility provides skilled nursing care, rehabilitation services, residential nursing home care, and residential services for individuals with special needs, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Health Center also offers such services as Adult Day Care, and training and support for caregivers and families.

COUNTY ROW OFFICES

CLERK OF COURTS

All records of the county courts involving criminal cases are kept in the clerk's office. Juvenile cases are also docketed by the Clerk of Courts. Also kept on file are petitions for election districts, appointments of elected officials, tax collection bonds and other related documents.

CONTROLLER

The Controller is responsible for filing the financial statements of the county. All contracts and "bills" are first approved by the County Commissioners. These statements are then sent to the Controller for payment.

CORONER

The Coroner investigates questionable deaths in Washington County and completes all autopsy, coroner and toxicology reports. The Coroner then rules the cause of death and the accused will face trial for any crime committed.

COUNTY TREASURER

The Treasurer's office is the mailing agent of "bills" for the Commonwealth; it issues payroll and disbursement checks. Collecting county taxes, receiving money for state and federal grants and issuing licenses are among the major responsibilities.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The District Attorney (D.A.) is the chief prosecuting attorney for all crimes committed in Washington County. Every incident in which a person is charged with a felony, such as a murder, rape or robbery; or a misdemeanor, such as aggravated assault, simple assault, or theft is processed through the D.A.'s Office. All extradition proceedings and summary offenses are also handled by the D.A.'s Office.

PROTHONOTRY OFFICE

In this office all files related to the civil divisions of the courts are kept, including court cases involving divorce, custody of children, abuse, petitions for property disputes, car accidents, malpractice and tax, liens and judgments, tenant and landlord appeals.

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Assembles and preserves documents containing deeds, mortgages, and taxes in an orderly archive accessible to the public.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Administrates and executes the inventory for all wills and estates. In addition to these services, this office collects inheritance taxes for the Commonwealth; certifies the assets of the estates to the heirs and pays the "bills" which will be distributed by the Treasurer's Office and transferred to the heirs' bank accounts; conducts hearings to determine the named administrator of the estate of the deceased. Another important function of this office is the issuance of marriage licenses.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff is called upon for courthouse security, parks patrol and the transportation of prisoners, juveniles and mental patients. The Sheriff also approves the licensing of firearms and serves warrants and writs.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

Conducts and prepares studies regarding environmental, economic and general issues that impact development and natural resources of the county. Other responsibilities include the mapping of the county, the review of land development and subdivisions and the orderly development of land, and maintaining population and demographic data for the county, providing comprehensive information to potential developers and the general public.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AIRPORT

A County owned and operated facility, the airport serves as a reliever for other airports such as Allegheny and Pittsburgh International.

PARKS AND RECREATION

This office is presently responsible for Cross Creek, Mingo Creek and Ten Mile Creek County Parks, as well as providing recreational and environmental education facilities for the public.

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

The Bridge Department directs the repair, maintenance and replacement of all county owned bridges including our historic covered bridges.

GRAPHICS DEPARTMENT

The Graphics Department is responsible for in-house design and printing various forms, brochures, booklets and educational materials. This department also makes various PADOT approved signs.

FLOOD CONTROL

The Flood Control Department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of designated creeks and flood control dam sites in Washington County.

MORE BOARDS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS...

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Washington County Airport Advisory Board

Washington County Board of Arbitrators

Washington County Canvas Board

Washington County Children & Youth Advisory Board

Washington County Conservation District Board of Directors

Washington County Drug & Alcohol Planning Commission

Washington County Food Bank

Washington County Growth Alliance Committee

Washington County Collaboration Projects Advisory Board

Washington County MH/MR Board

Washington County Organization of Disability

Washington County Overall Economic Development Committee

Washington County Planning Commission Board

Washington County Solid Waste Advisory Board

Washington County Tourism Board of Directors

Washington County Transportation Advisory Board

Washington County Veterans Advisory Council

Washington County 9-1-1 Planning Committee

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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The Court of Common Pleas is comprised of five (5) judges who sit on the court. They share a variety of responsibilities in the trial of criminal and civil matters. They preside over domestic relations, orphans' court, divorce court, equity and juvenile courts as well.

ADULT PROBATION & PAROLE OFFICE (APO)

APO's dual missions are protection of the community and rehabilitation of the offender. Probation/Parole Officers (PO's) supervise client in the community but are authorized to arrest and detain them if new offenses or serious violations are committed.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, the Court Administrator prepares court calendars and the management of court operations. The Court Administrator also implements policies set by the State Court Administrator, prepares reports for the President Judge and State Court Administrator, and prepares civil and criminal trial lists.

DISTRICT JUSTICES

The District Justices are elected officials who hear civil suits filed by individual citizens or businesses where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$8,000.00. The District Justices also hear traffic cases, landlord tenant disputes, and the first phase of all criminal proceedings. The District Justice can also perform a marriage ceremony.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

The Domestic Relations Office processes and manages child and/or spousal support, provides application, location, petition processing, paternity establishment, financial assessment, establishment of support, medical support, enforcement, and inter/intrastate services as required.

JURY MANAGEMENT

Oversees the selection of jurors which employs the use of the voter's registration list and Department of Transportation Licensed Motor Vehicle list.

JUVENILE PROBATION

The Juvenile Probation Department sponsors a wide variety of programs within the new juvenile justice philosophy of balanced and restorative justice—i.e. equal service to the concerns of the offending youth, protection of the community and the victim..

LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library serves the legal research needs of the bench, bar and citizens of Washington County. The Law Library staff also helps genealogist and historians access county records and local materials.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Appointed through the demands of the state constitution, this office represents any individual who is arrested and/or sentenced to a jail term and cannot afford an attorney. If the court orders it, the Public Defender counsels and defends the defendant throughout the trial and conducts summary appeals if warranted. The Public Defender also represents clients at mental health hearings, juvenile hearings and child welfare hearings.



**WASHINGTON COUNTY 2016 CERTIFIED ASSESSED
VALUE BY MUNICIPALITY**

**Washington County Total 2016
Certified Assessed Value
\$1,657,121,256**

ALLENPORT	\$ 2,609,832	CECIL	\$ 161,358,502	DUNLEVY	\$ 1,777,296	HOUSTON	\$ 5,601,010	N BETHLEHEM	\$ 9,770,972	S STRABANE	\$ 115,898,096
AMWELL	\$ 24,009,791	CENTERVILLE	\$ 15,322,828	E BETHLEHEM	\$ 7,332,004	INDEPENDENCE	\$ 8,413,598	N CHARLEROI	\$ 4,266,184	SPEERS	\$ 9,895,553
BEALLSVILLE	\$ 1,762,415	CHARLEROI	\$ 15,557,627	EAST FINLEY	\$ 11,984,549	JEFFERSON	\$ 6,583,679	N FRANKLIN	\$ 35,871,249	STOCKDALE	\$ 1,728,504
BENTLEYVILLE	\$ 11,683,320	CHARTIERS	\$ 62,731,284	E WASHINGTON	\$ 10,618,676	LONG BRANCH	\$ 2,362,927	N STRABANE	\$ 201,588,655	TWILIGHT	\$ 1,093,708
BLAINE	\$ 3,465,509	CLAYSVILLE	\$ 2,786,425	ELCO	\$ 956,231	MARIANNA	\$ 994,306	NOTTINGHAM	\$ 28,018,094	UNION	\$ 37,028,023
BUFFALO	\$ 14,038,249	COAL CENTER	\$ 395,073	ELLSWORTH	\$ 2,895,748	MIDWAY	\$ 3,806,415	PETERS	\$ 346,802,274	W BETHLEHEM	\$ 6,108,263
BURGETTSTOWN	\$ 6,374,762	COKEBURG	\$ 1,832,778	FALLOWFIELD	\$ 22,902,724	MONONGAHELA	\$ 17,359,315	ROBINSON	\$ 11,477,287	W BROWNSVILLE	\$ 4,018,728
CALIFORNIA	\$ 21,889,059	CROSS CREEK	\$ 8,853,463	FINLEYVILLE	\$ 2,278,056	MORRIS	\$ 11,118,394	ROSCOE	\$ 2,766,618	W FINLEY	\$ 7,519,157
CANONSBURG	\$ 48,467,806	DEEMSTON	\$ 3,488,977	GREENHILLS	\$ 795,205	MT PLEASANT	\$ 25,670,960	SMITH	\$ 21,010,569	W MIDDLETON	\$ 571,272
CANTON	\$ 46,542,268	DONEGAL	\$ 14,438,310	HANOVER	\$ 17,941,523	MCDONALD	\$ 7,489,775	SOMERSET	\$ 18,983,098	W PIKE RUN	\$ 7,958,539
CARROLL	\$ 35,763,341	DONORA	\$ 16,712,282	HOPEWELL	\$ 5,922,643	NEW EAGLE	\$ 8,526,981	S FRANKLIN	\$ 25,049,067	WASHINGTON	\$ 56,281,430