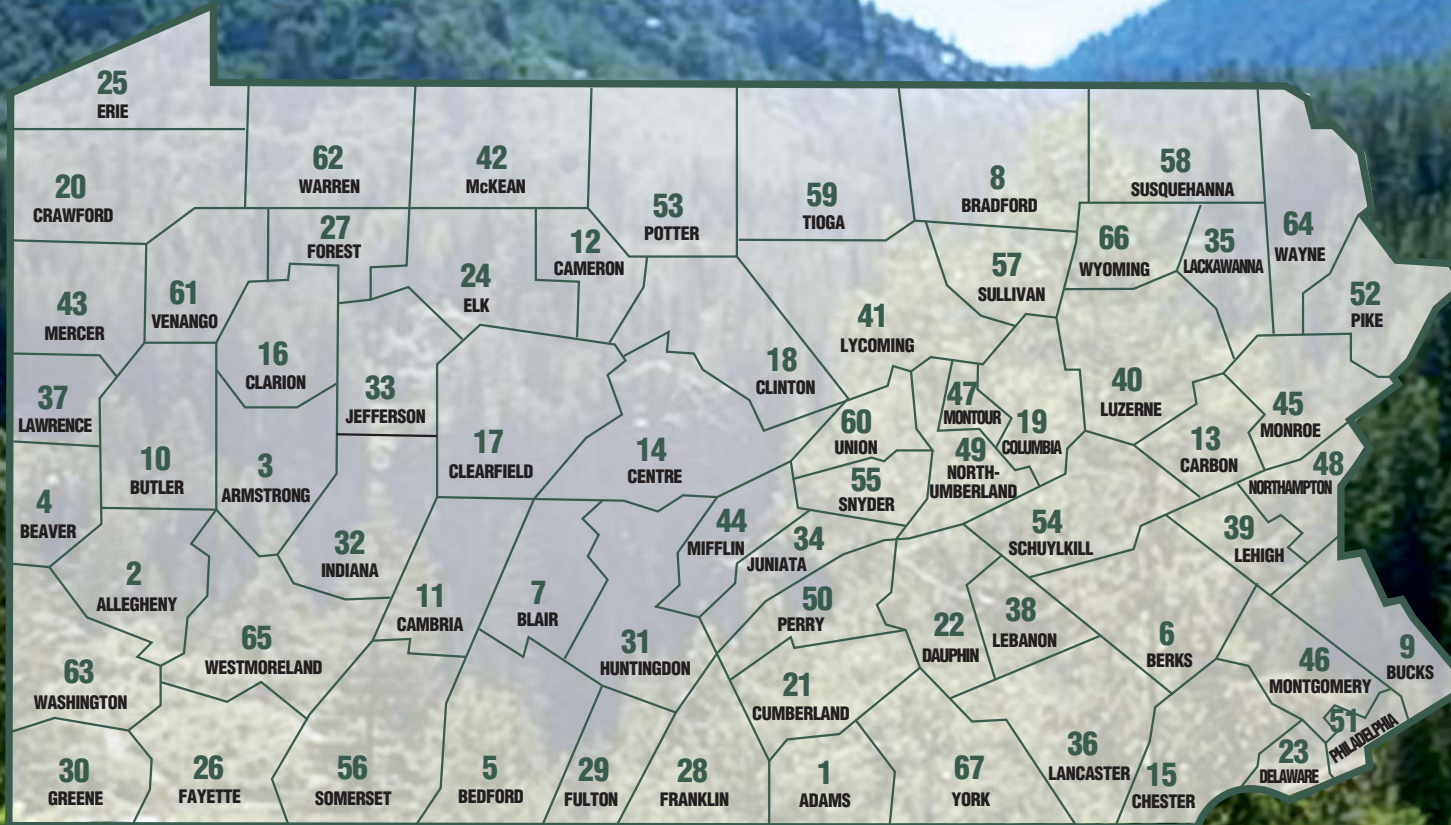




Pennsylvania's
67
County Names

Pennsylvania's history is revealed in the names of its counties. From its geological features, to Native American terms, to former U.S. presidents, Pennsylvania's county names are as diverse as the citizens who live here.



The Origins of Pennsylvania's 67 County Names

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| 1. ADAMS , in honor of President John Adams | 13. CARBON , alludes to its deposits of anthracite coal | 24. ELK , for the herd of elk that used to roam the county |
| 2. ALLEGHENY , for the Allegheny River | 14. CENTRE , refers to its geological location at the center of the state | 25. ERIE , named for Lake Erie |
| 3. ARMSTRONG , in honor of General John Armstrong | 15. CHESTER , derives from Chesire, England | 26. FAYETTE , in honor of the Marquis de la Fayette |
| 4. BEAVER , for the Beaver River | 16. CLARION , for the Clarion River | 27. FOREST , for its extensive forests |
| 5. BEDFORD , named for Fort Bedford | 17. CLEARFIELD , named for Clearfield Creek | 28. FRANKLIN , in honor of Benjamin Franklin |
| 6. BERKS , for Berkshire, England | 18. CLINTON , named for NY Governor DeWitt Clinton | 29. FULTON , in honor of steamboat inventor, Robert Fulton |
| 7. BLAIR , in honor of prominent citizen, John Blair | 19. COLUMBIA , a poetic allusion to America | 30. GREENE , in honor of General Nathaniel Greene |
| 8. BRADFORD , second U.S. Attorney General William Bradford | 20. CRAWFORD , in honor of Colonel William Crawford, a frontier hero | 31. HUNTINGDON , named for its county seat of Huntingdon |
| 9. BUCKS , named after Buckinghamshire, England | 21. CUMBERLAND , for Cumberland County, England | 32. INDIANA , named for the Territory of Indiana |
| 10. BUTLER , in honor of General Richard Butler | 22. DAUPHIN , the title of the eldest son of the French King | 33. JEFFERSON , in honor of President Thomas Jefferson |
| 11. CAMBRIA , named for Cambria Township of Somerset County | 23. DELAWARE , named for the Delaware River | 34. JUNIATA , named for the Juniata River |
| 12. CAMERON , in honor of U.S. Senator Simon Cameron | | 35. LACKAWANNA , named for the Lackawanna River |

36. **LANCASTER**, named for Lancashire, England
37. **LAWRENCE**, named for Perrys flagship, *Lawrence*
38. **LEBANON**, named for old Lebanon Township
39. **LEHIGH**, derived from the German “Lecha,” which comes from the Indian “Lechauwekind,” meaning “where there are forks”
40. **LUZERNE**, in honor of the French Minister to the US, Chevalier de La Luzerne
41. **LYCOMING**, derived from a Delaware Indian word meaning “sandy or gravelly creek”
42. **McKEAN**, in honor of Governor Thomas McKean
43. **MERCER**, in honor of General Hugh Mercer
44. **MIFFLIN**, in honor of Governor Thomas Mifflin
45. **MONROE**, in honor of President James Monroe
46. **MONTGOMERY**, named after Revolutionary War General Montgomery.
47. **MONTOUR**, in honor of Madame Montour, a prominent woman of both Indian and French decent
48. **NORTHAMPTON**, was subsequently named for Northamptonshire, England
49. **NORTHUMBERLAND**, probably named for the English county of the same name
50. **PERRY**, in honor of Oliver Hazard Perry, victor in the Battle of Lake Erie
51. **PHILADELPHIA**, the name signified “brotherly love” to PA founder, William Penn
52. **PIKE**, in honor of General Zebulon Pike
53. **POTTER**, in honor of General James Potter
54. **SCHUYLKILL**, named for the Schuylkill River
55. **SNYDER**, in honor of Governor Simon Snyder

56. **SOMERSET**, named for Somersetshire, England
57. **SULLIVAN**, in honor of Senator Charles C. Sullivan
58. **SUSQUEHANNA**, named for the Susquehanna River
59. **TIOGA**, named for the Tioga River
60. **UNION**, allusion to the Federal Union
61. **VENANGO**, comes from the Indian name for French Creek
62. **WARREN**, in honor of General Joseph Warren
63. **WASHINGTON**, in honor of George Washington
64. **WAYNE**, in honor of General Anthony Wayne
65. **WESTMORELAND**, named for a county in England
66. **WYOMING**, named for Wyoming Valley
67. **YORK**, named either for the Duke of York, an early patron of the Penn family, or for the city and shire of York in England

