

York County

Created on August 19, 1749, from part of Lancaster County and named either for the Duke of York, an early patron of the Penn family, or for the city and shire of York in England. The name may have been suggested by the proximity to Lancaster County, as the names are used together often in English history. York, the county seat, was laid out in 1741 and incorporated as a borough on September 24, 1787. It was chartered as a city on January 11, 1887.

Pennsylvania's 1736 purchase from the Iroquois encompassed this area. The town of York was termed "Yorktown" in the colonial period. Cresap's War showed Maryland's desire to have the area, but it was yielded in 1760, and the matter finalized by the Mason-Dixon Line. York was the capital of the U.S. from September 1777 to June 1778, where the Articles of Confederation were adopted. Agriculturally abundant from the start, York was very productive in corn, wheat, hemp, and whiskey. There was a canal from York to the Susquehanna in 1833. Five railroads served the county, and in the 1920s the Lincoln Highway boosted truck transportation. Products could be sold in both the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets and, later on, Pittsburgh as well. Early iron manufacturing did not lead to steel making but spawned metal products specialties such as farm implements that are still productive. Cigar making was a leading business until the 1930s. Wagonmaking led to truck, auto, and railroad car manufacture. Building water wheels led to making turbines. Papermaking began early, followed by a printing industry. Ice cutting spawned refrigeration and air conditioners. Confections, safe vaults, barbells, quarried slate, chains, organs and pianos, rope, and silk were produced. Inventors and innovators gravitated toward York. High-speed steel, metal building panels and the Jeep were conceived here. The "York Plan" was a World War II system for cooperation to mobilize small industry to win the war; it was replayed for the Korean War. Deindustrialization has been less severe than other Pennsylvania industrial counties, although local ownership dropped. York is the sixth Pennsylvania county in value added to the economy from manufactures. Farms cover 48 percent of the land. Long the second most productive farm county (behind Lancaster), it is now seventh. About half the county is farmed; York is second only to Lancaster in number of farms. It is the leader in wheat and soybeans, and strong in corn, hogs, cattle, fruit and sheep.

YORK COUNTY - 4th Class

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Third Class City

<u>Name of City</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Prior Status</u>
York	Jan. 11, 1887	Laid out as a town in October 1741. Incorporated as a borough on September 24, 1787

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Cross Roads	Oct. 16, 1899 ^{1, 2} 1867 ³	1844	East Hopewell Township
Dallastown	1867 ^{1, 4} Aug. 31, 1866 ²	1842	York Township
Delta	June 24, 1880	S 1744	Peach Bottom Township
Dillsburg	Apr. 9, 1833	1800	Carroll Township
Dover	Nov. 11, 1864	1764	Dover Township
East Prospect	1874 ^{1, 3} Aug. 13, 1873 ²	1849	Lower Windsor Township
Fawn Grove	June 6, 1881 ¹ Oct. 10, 1881 ²	S 1763	Fawn Township
Felton	June 2, 1899 ¹ May 8, 1899 ²		Chanceford, Lower Windsor and North Hopewell Twps.
Franklinton	Apr. 29, 1869	1813	Franklin Township
Glen Rock	Sept. 3, 1859 ¹ Aug. 29, 1859 ²	S 1838	Shrewsbury Township
Goldsboro	1873 ¹ Aug. 23, 1864 ²	1850	Newberry Township
Hallam	May 25, 1908	1770	Hallam Township
Hanover	Mar. 4, 1815 ^{1, 3, 4} Apr. 29, 1856 ²	1763-1764	Penn Township
Jacobus	Nov. 29, 1929		Springfield Township
Jefferson	Dec. 11, 1866	1812	Codorus Township
Lewisberry	Apr. 2, 1832	1798	Newberry Township
Loganville	Apr. 2, 1852 ¹ Apr. 8, 1852 ²	1820	Springfield Township
Manchester	Aug. 27, 1869	1814	East Manchester Township
Mount Wolf	Aug. 23, 1910	1867	East Manchester Township

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New Freedom	1879 ^{1, 3, 4} May 2, 1873 ²	S 1783	Shrewsbury Township
New Salem	July 24, 1876		North Codorus Township
North York	Apr. 17, 1899	1888	Manchester Township
Railroad	Aug. 31, 1871	S 1792	Shrewsbury Township
Red Lion	Jan. 16, 1880	S 1852	York Township
Seven Valleys	Aug. 23, 1892	S 1740	Springfield Township
Shrewsbury	Apr. 9, 1834	S 1800	Shrewsbury Township
Spring Grove	Aug. 28, 1882	S 1740	Jackson Township
Stewartstown	1851 ^{1, 3} Feb. 24, 1853 ²	1814	Hopewell Township
Wellsville	June 30, 1892 ^{1, 3} Nov. 14, 1892 ²	S 1737	Warrington Township
West York	1905 ¹ June 20, 1904 ²		West Manchester Township
Windsor	June 5, 1905 ^{1, 3} July 3, 1905 ²	1830	Windsor Township
Winterstown	Jan. 2, 1871	1830	Hopewell Township
Wrightsville	Apr. 11, 1834 ^{1, 3, 4} Apr. 14, 1834 ²	1811	Hallam Township
Yoe	Oct. 23, 1893	S 1815	York Township
Yorkana	1913 ¹ Aug. 26, 1912 ²	1800	Lower Windsor Township
York Haven	Dec. 1, 1892	1814	Newberry Township

First Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Became First Class Twp.</u>	<u>Incorporated as a Twp.</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Penn	Nov. 8, 1960	1880	1825	Heidelberg Township
Spring Garden		Nov. 1821 1822 ⁴	1750	Hallam and York Townships
York	Nov. 4, 1958	1753	1748	Hallam Township

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Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Carroll	Aug. 3, 1831	1740	Franklin and Monaghan Twps.
Chanceford	1747 ^{1, 3} 1745 ²	1735	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Codorus	1747	1734	
Conewago	Jan. 8, 1818	1767	Newberry and Dover Twps.
Dover	1747	About 1736	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
East Hopewell	June 1885	About 1734	Hopewell Township
East Manchester	Jan. 8, 1887	About 1735	Manchester Township
Fairview	Feb. 1803	1730	Newberry Township
Fawn	1745	About 1734	
Franklin	1809	1740	Monaghan Township
Heidelberg	1750	1738	Manheim Township
Hellam	Aug. 7, 1739	1721	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Hopewell	July 1767	About 1734	Shrewsbury Township
Jackson	1857	1756	Paradise Township
Lower Chanceford	1805	About 1734	Chanceford Township
Lower Windsor	1838	1722	Windsor Township
Manchester	1742	About 1738	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Manheim	1747	1732	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Monaghan	1745	1735	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Newberry	1742	1734	
North Codorus	Jan. 6, 1838	1832	Codorus Township
North Hopewell	June 1885	About 1734	Hopewell Township
Paradise	1747	About 1738	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Peach Bottom	Apr. 5, 1815	About 1735	Fawn Township
Shrewsbury	1742	1739	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Springettsbury	Apr. 20, 1891	About 1737	Spring Garden Township
Springfield	Apr. 9, 1835	About 1763	Shrewsbury Township
Warrington	1744	1735	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Washington	1803 ^{1, 3} 1802 ²	About 1738	Warrington Township

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West Manchester	Dec. 5, 1799	1735	Manchester Township
West Manheim	1858	1762	Manheim Township
Windsor	July 1758	1735	Hellam Township

1 Godcharles

2 George R. Prowell, History of York County, Pennsylvania, Vol. I (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Company, 1907).

3 John Gibson, History of York County, Pennsylvania (Chicago: F. A. Battey Publishing Company, 1886).