

Center for

RURAL
Pennsylvania

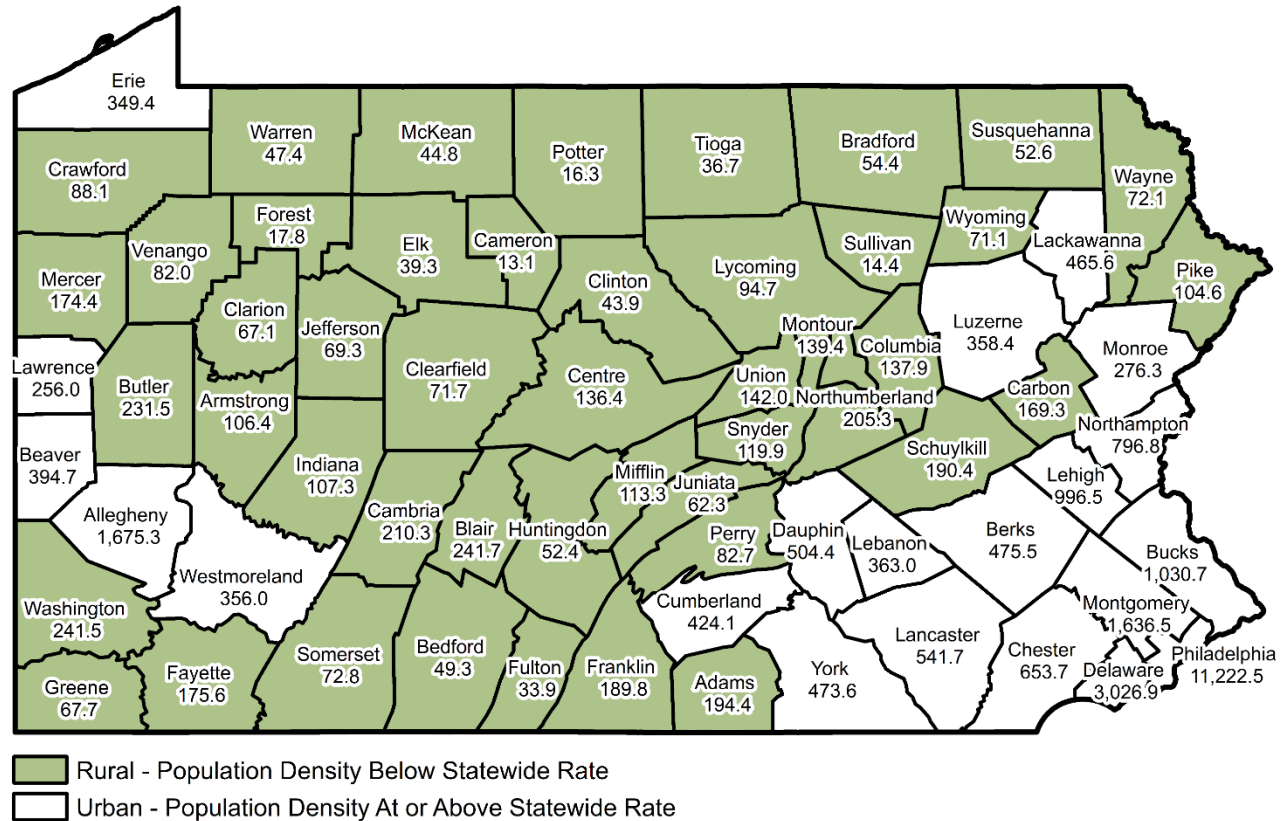


**Pennsylvania Senate
State Government Committee Hearing
May 26, 2021**

Kyle C. Kopko, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Rural Pennsylvania
kkopko@rural.pa.gov | www.rural.pa.gov

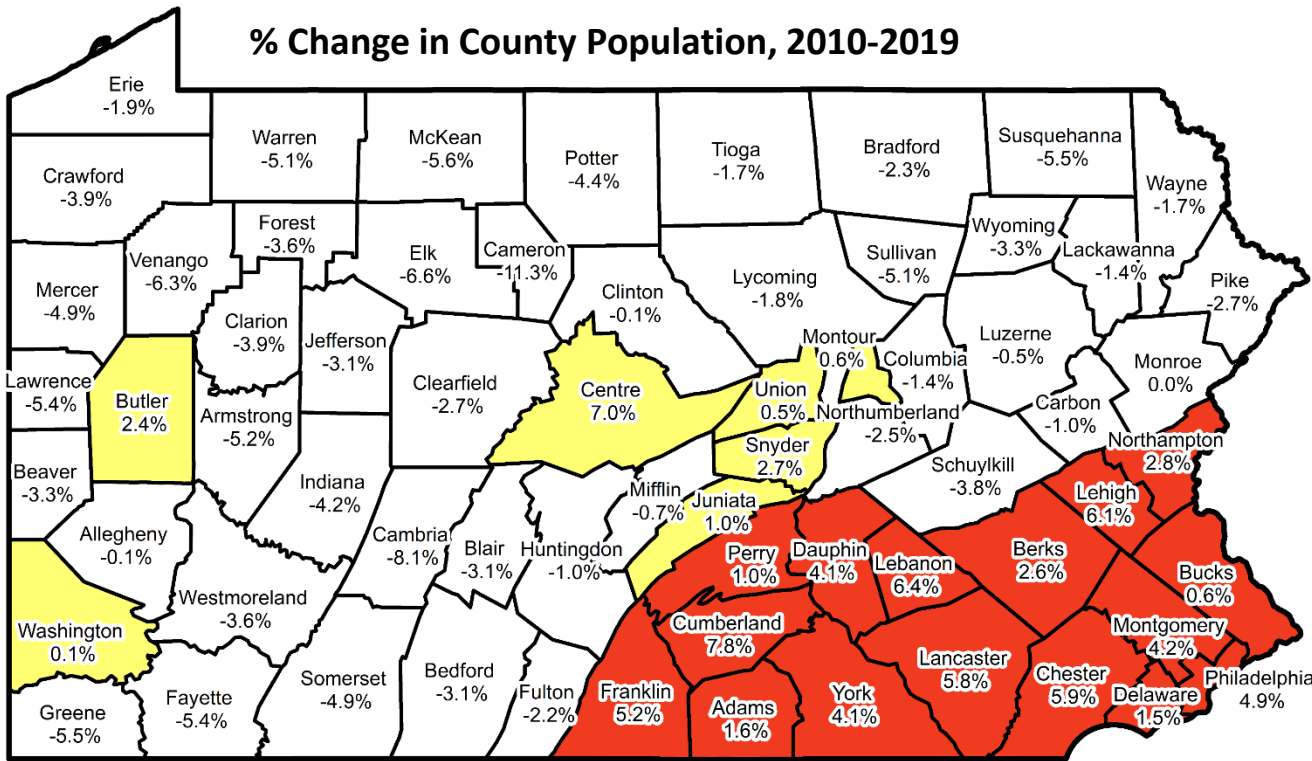
This is Rural Pennsylvania

- Rural Pennsylvanians (nearly 3.4 million) represent almost 27% of the state's population.
- Rural Pennsylvania comprises 75% of the state's land area.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania has the third largest rural population in the nation: Texas is first, followed by North Carolina.
- 48 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are classified as rural.
- Only Delaware and Philadelphia counties have no rural population.



The Center's definition of rural is based on population density. A county is rural when the number of persons per square mile within the county is less than 284 (the statewide average, as of the 2010 Census). The Center's rural definition also addresses rural school districts and municipalities.

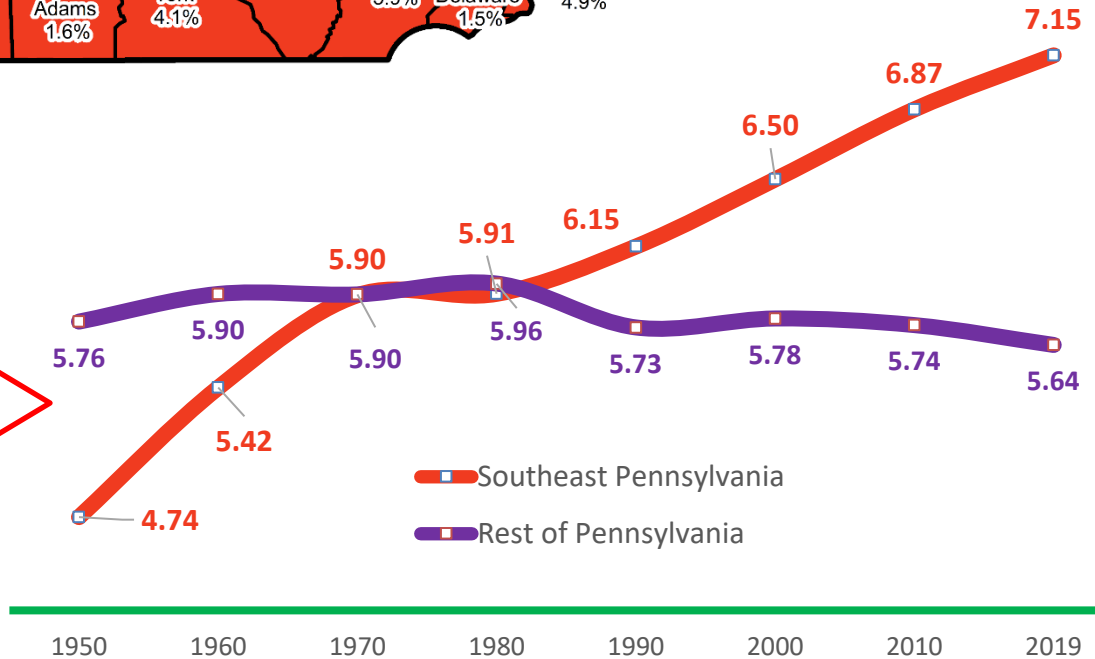
% Change in County Population, 2010-2019



Bifurcation of Pennsylvania's Population

- Population Increase in Southeastern PA
- Population Increase Outside Southeastern PA
- Population Decrease or No Change

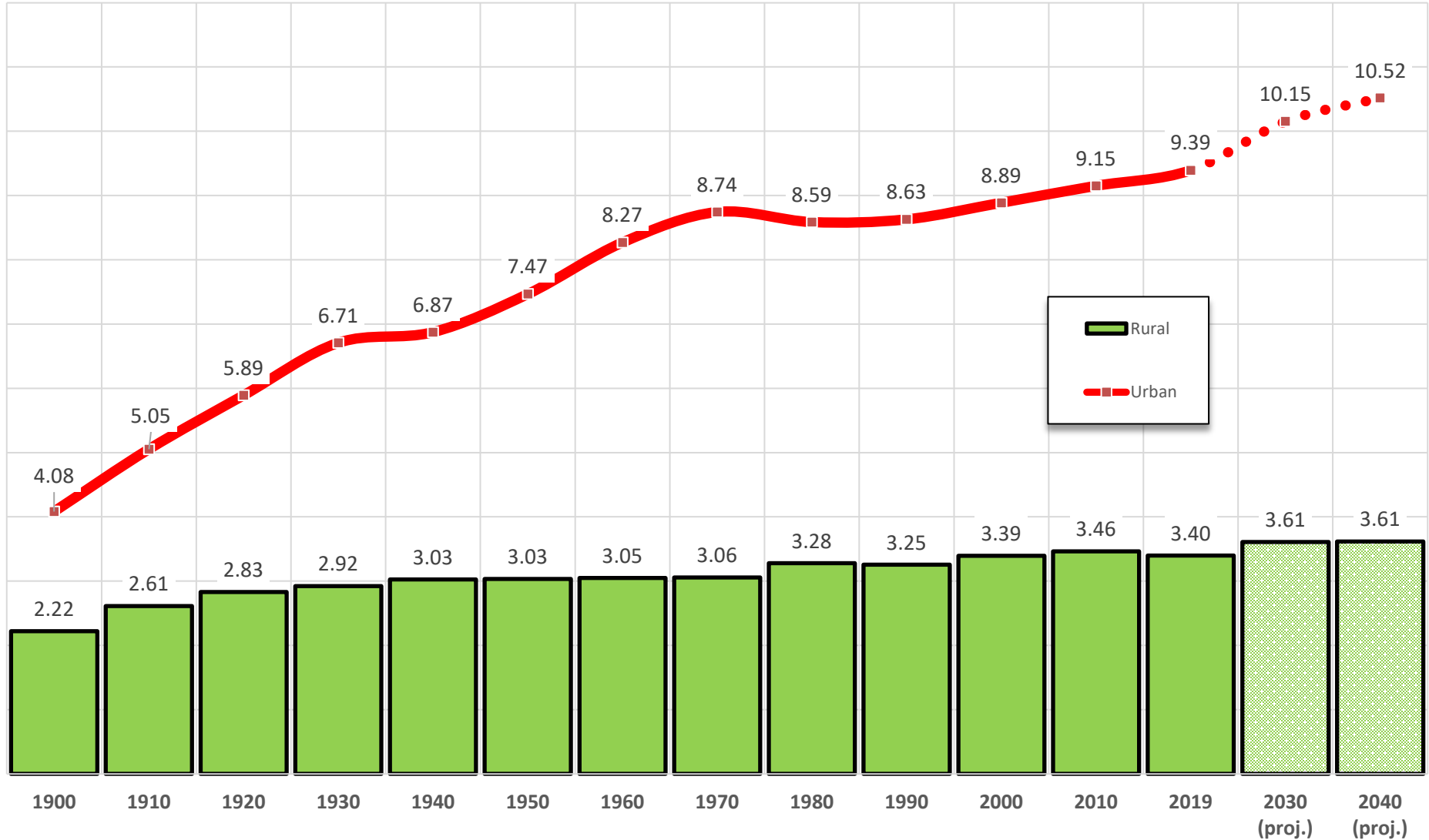
Population in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Rest of Pennsylvania 1950 to 2019 (In Millions)

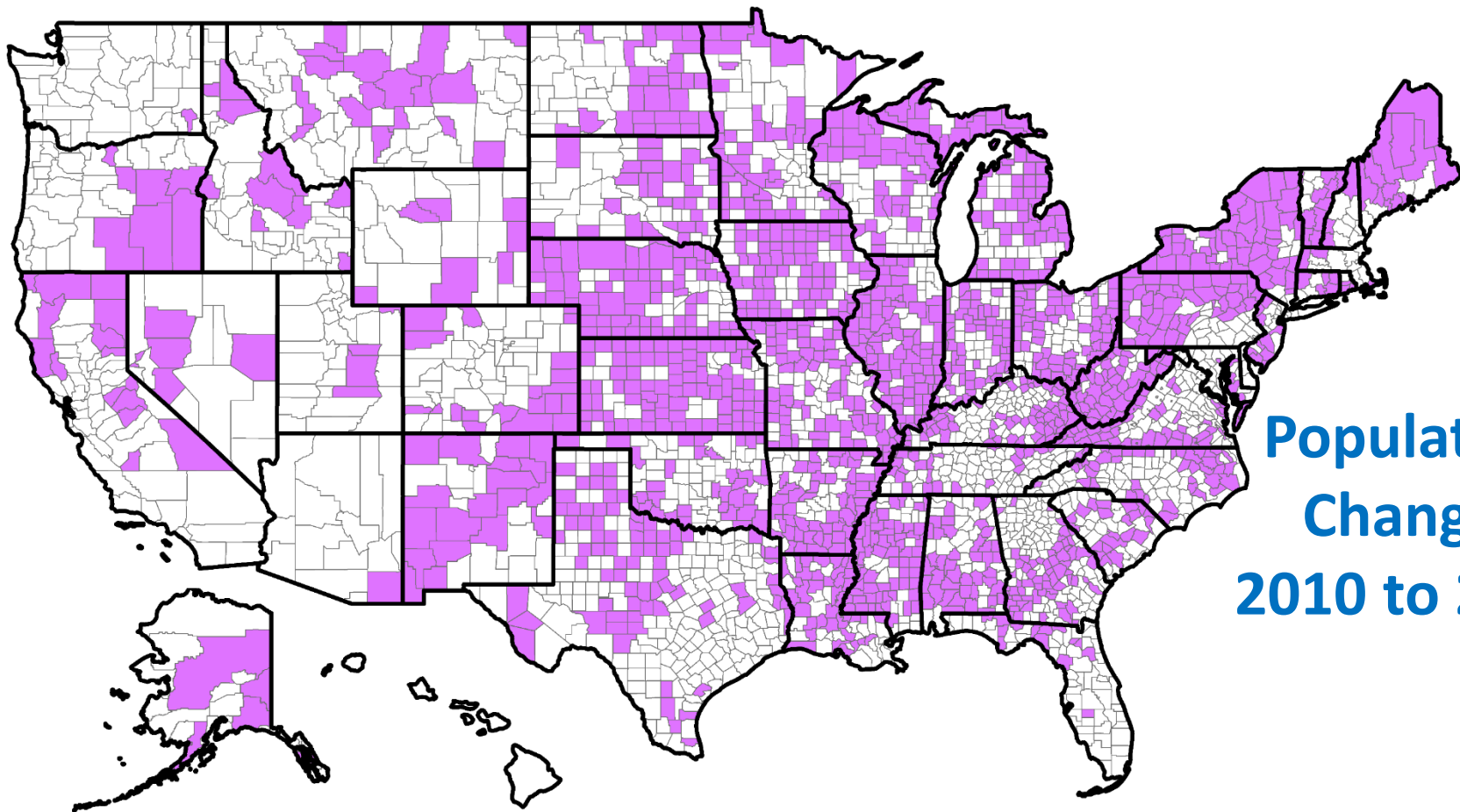


Data sources: Decennial Censuses and the 2019, 5-year Average, American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

Rural and Urban Pennsylvania Population, 1900 to 2040 (projected)

(Population in Millions, Current Rural Definition)





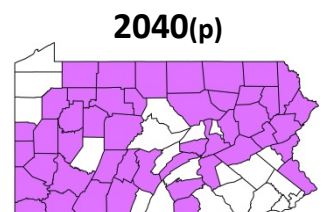
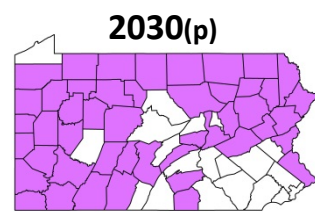
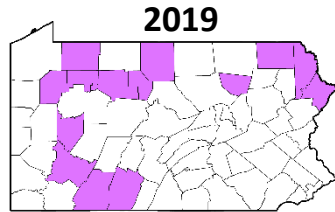
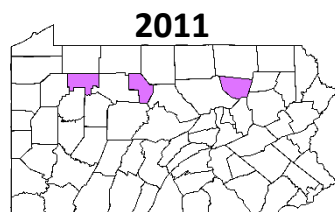
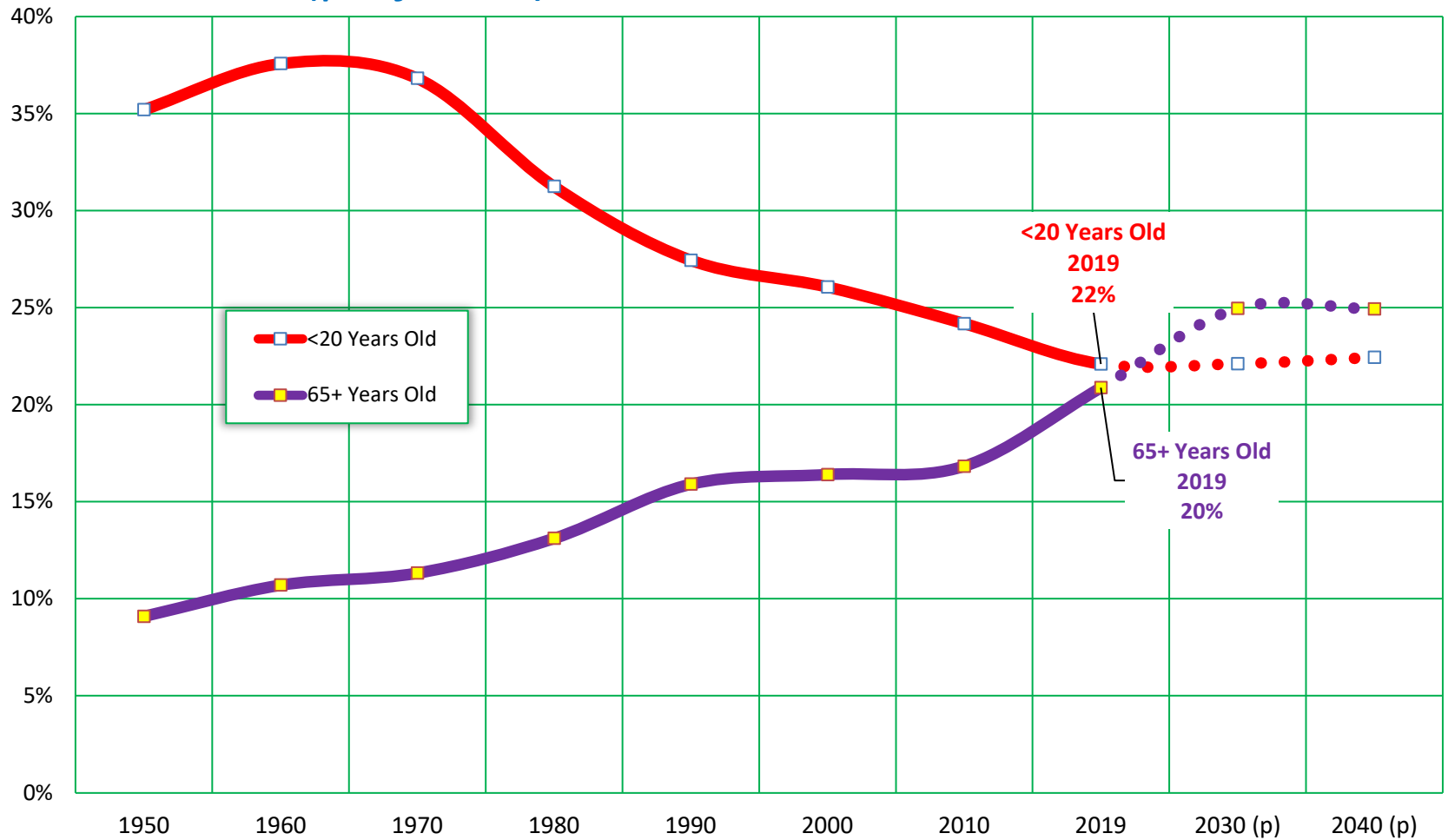
Population Change, 2010 to 2019

Population Decline or No Change
 Population Increase

	United States	Rural Counties	Urban Counties
Population, 2010 (In millions)	304.0	79.6	224.3
Population, 2019 (In millions)	324.7	81.4	243.3
% Change, 2010-2019	6.8%	2.2%	8.5%
Total # Counties	3,142	2,362	780
# Counties with Population Gains, 2010-2019	1,559	928	631
# Counties with Population Loss or No Change, 2010-2019	1,583	1,434	149

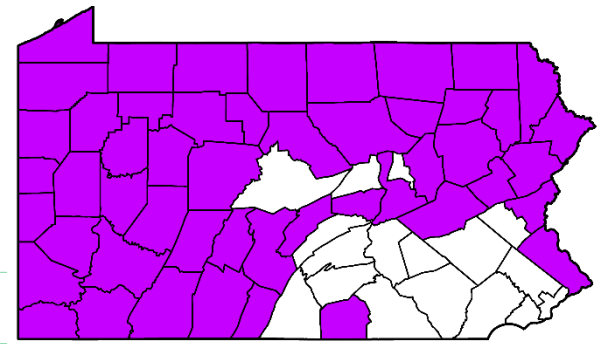
Data source: 2010 Census and 2019, 5-year Average, American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

Percent of Youth and Older Residents in Rural Pennsylvania, 1950 to 2040 (projected)

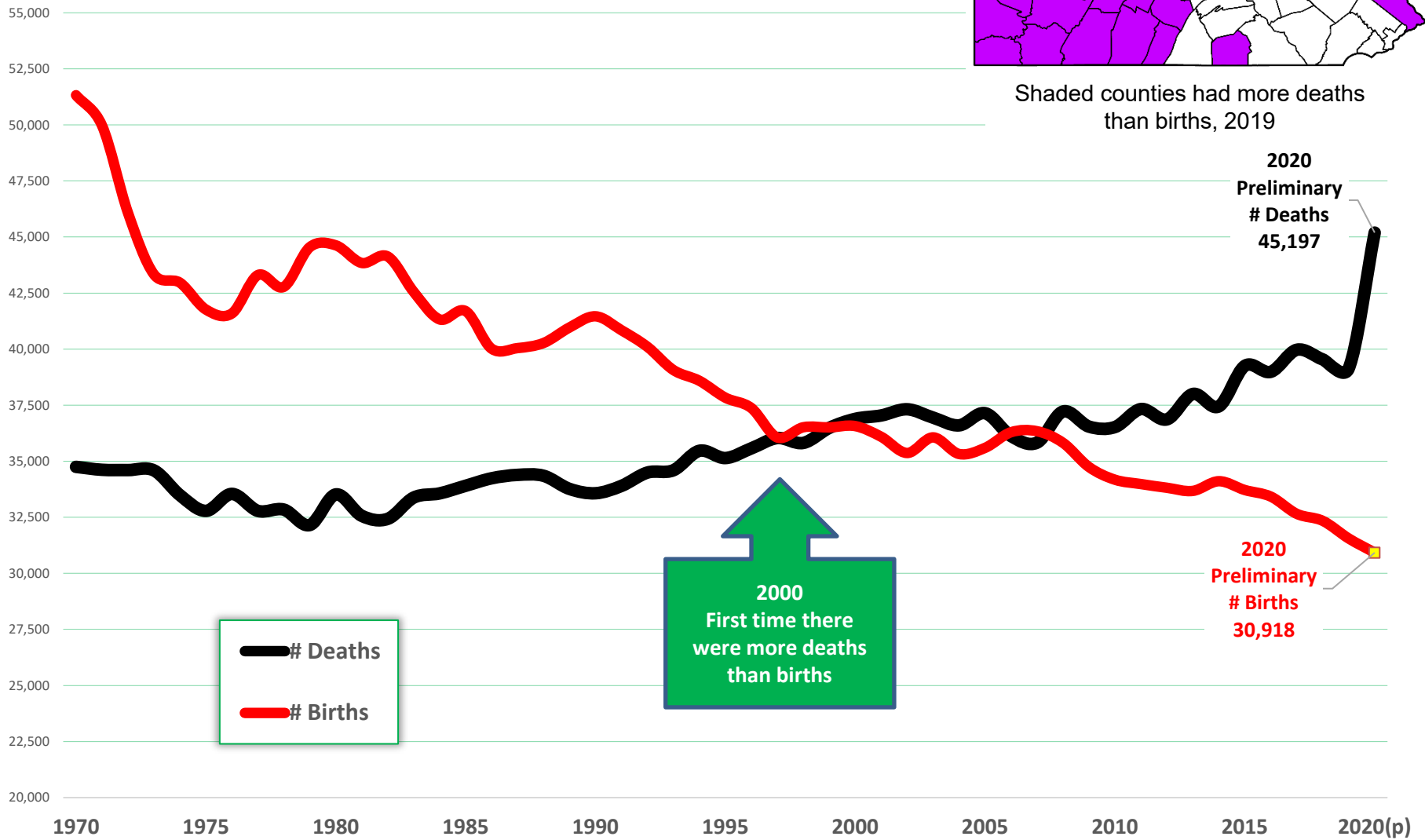


Shaded counties have more residents 65+ than residents <20 years old.

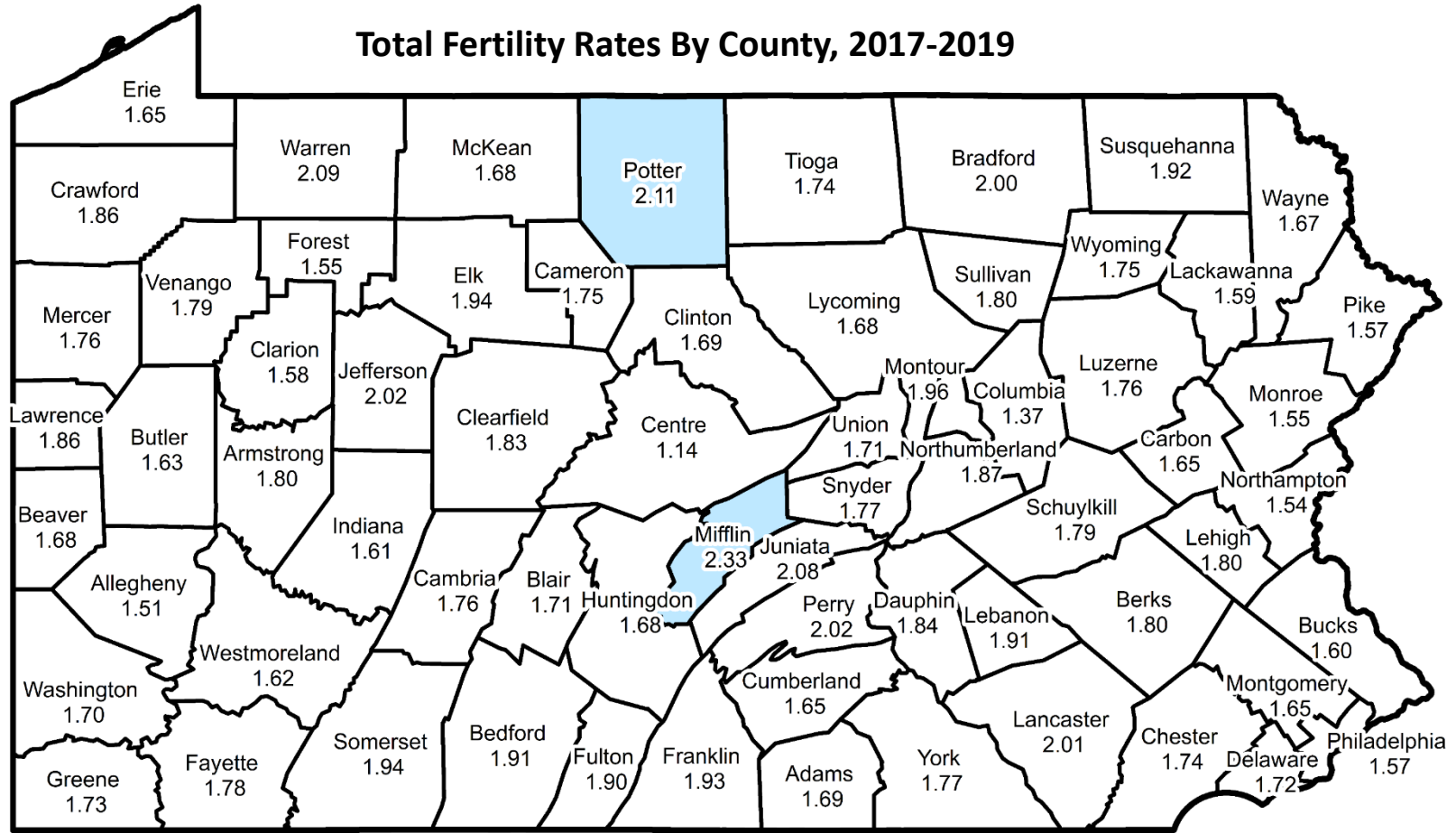
Number of Births and Deaths in Rural Pennsylvania, 1970 to 2020



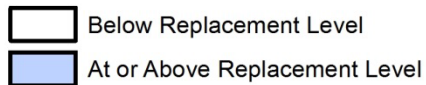
Shaded counties had more deaths than births, 2019



Total Fertility Rates By County, 2017-2019



Total Fertility Rate Replacement Level = 2.10+



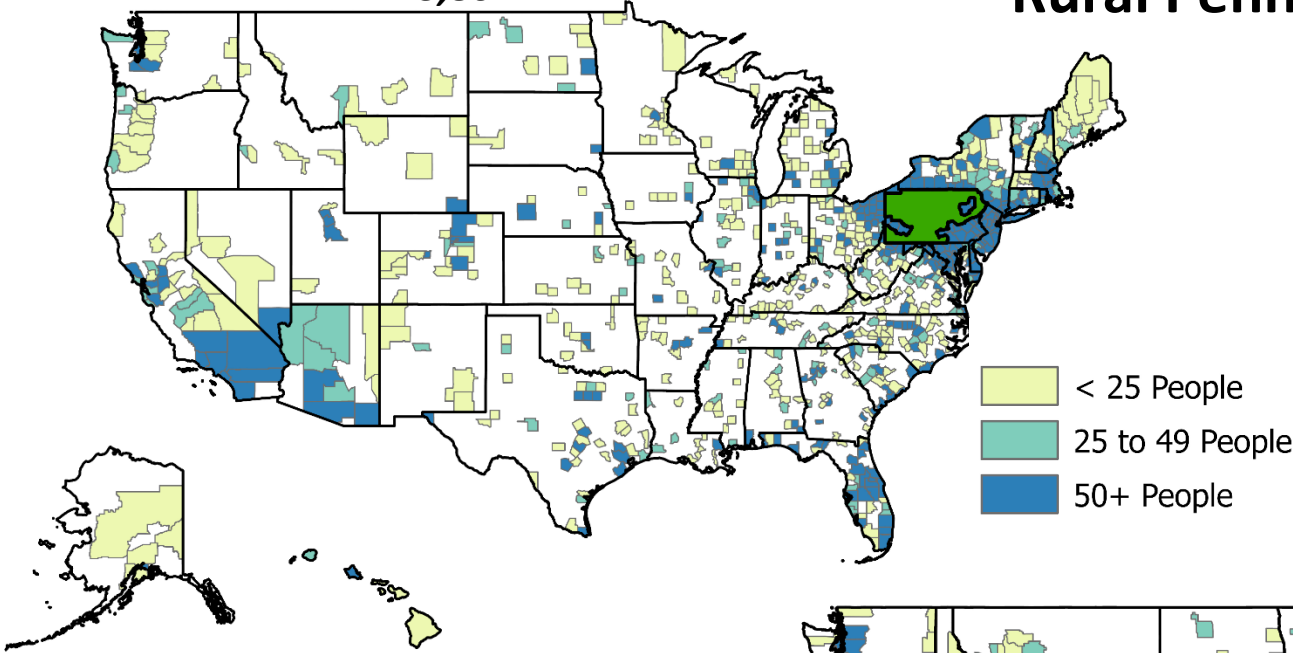
Top Five States with the Highest Total Fertility Rates, 2019

1. South Dakota = 2.08
2. North Dakota = 2.00
3. Utah = 1.99
4. Nebraska = 1.97
5. Alaska = 1.94
- ...
39. Pennsylvania = 1.65

According to the CDC, the total fertility rate (TFR) estimates the number of births that a hypothetical group of women would have over their lifetimes, based on age-specific birth rates in a given year. Replacement level for the TFR is the level at which a given generation can exactly replace itself (generally considered to be 2.1 births per woman). Data for Pennsylvania counties is for women age 15 to 44 years old. Data sources: Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In-Migration into Rural Pennsylvania

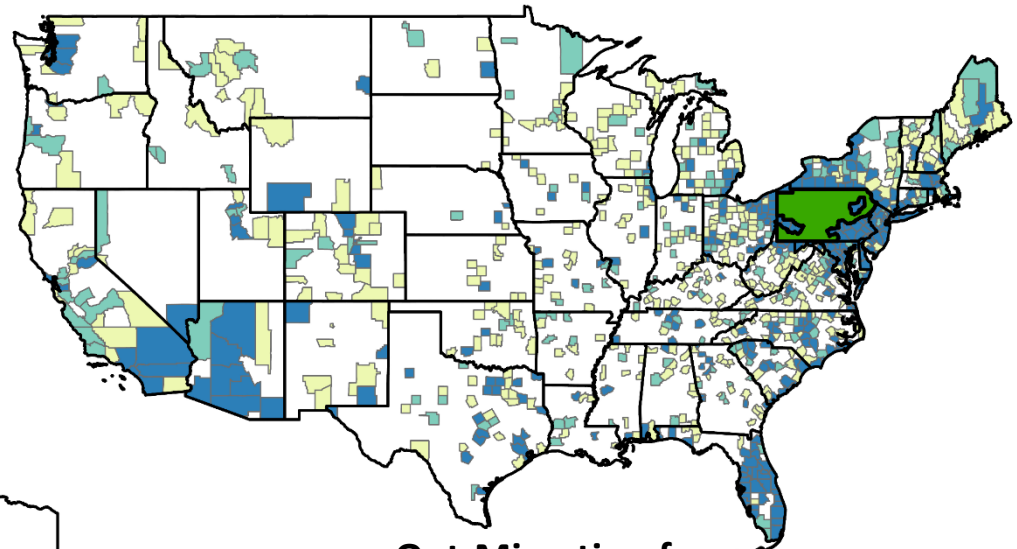
n=173,862



Domestic In- and Out-Migration from Rural Pennsylvania, 2018

66% of people who moved out of rural Pennsylvania went to a county <100 miles away

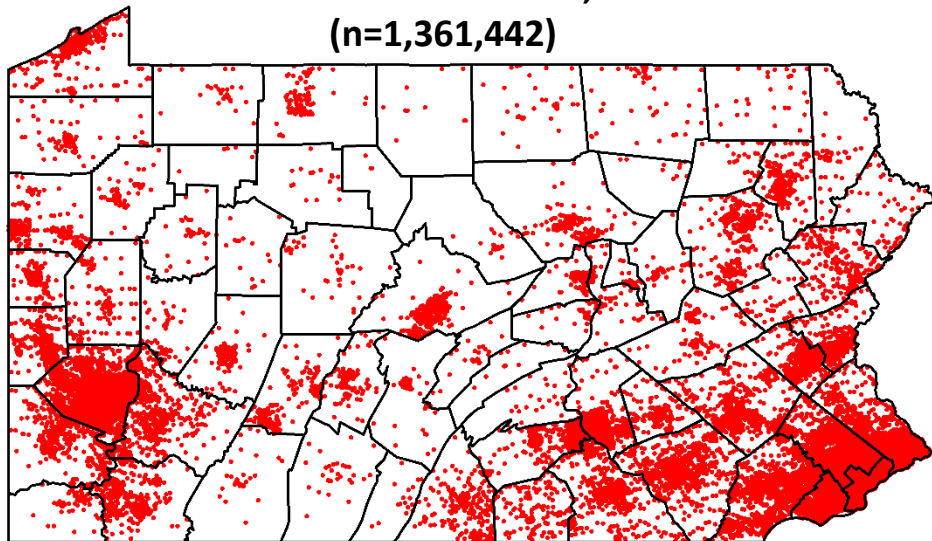
78% of people who moved into rural Pennsylvania came from a county <100 miles away



Out-Migration from Rural Pennsylvania

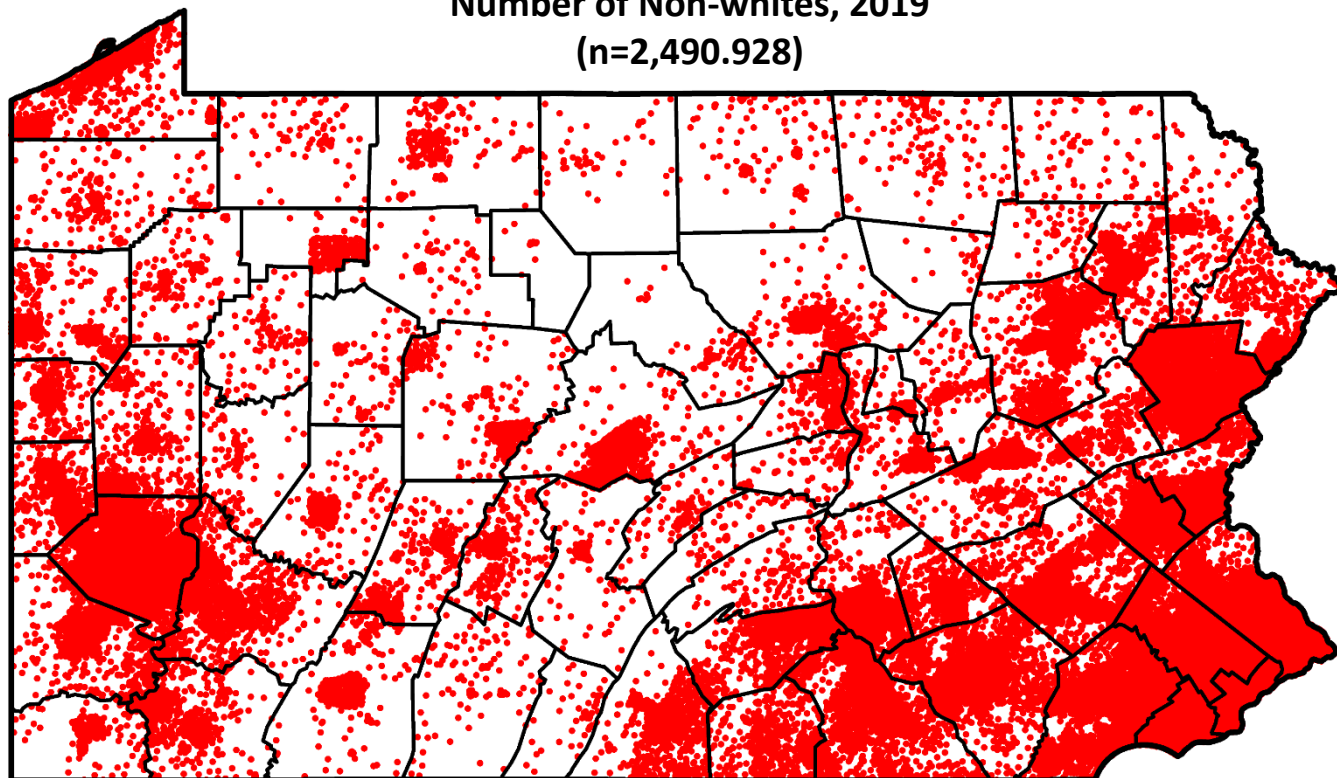
n=160,921

Number of Non-whites, 1990
(n=1,361,442)



Number of Non-whites by Municipality, 1990 and 2019

Number of Non-whites, 2019
(n=2,490,928)



1 Dot = 10 People

Data sources: 1990 Census and the 2019, 5-year Average, American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

Center for

RURAL
Pennsylvania



Thank You

Kyle C. Kopko, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Rural Pennsylvania
kkopko@rural.pa.gov | www.rural.pa.gov