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Cumberland County Remains Fastest Growing County in the Commonwealth

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County continues to lead the Commonwealth as the fastest growing county in the state. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s recently released 2022 population estimates, and a report published by the [Pennsylvania State Data Center](#), Cumberland County has grown by 3.5% from 2020 - 2022. This has increased the county’s population by more than 9,115 people over the last two years. Cumberland County’s population is currently estimated at 268,579 people, according to the latest census data.

“Cumberland County continues to be one of the best counties to live and work,” said Kirk Stoner, Director of Planning. “We have strong economic growth, a great balance between this growth and the preservation of prime farmland and other natural resources. Contemporary land-use planning techniques like mixed-uses or higher-density developments all make sense, and all give us a better capacity for growth while protecting the quality of life that we currently have.”

Cumberland County has many features making it a hub for growth, including:

- A 3.3% unemployment rate;
- One of the lowest county taxes of any county in the south central region;
- The seventh highest median household income in the state;
- Financial stability of county government, which retains a AAA bond rating, the best possible;
- The eighth highest college graduation rate in the state;
- Partnerships with county school districts, healthcare facilities, and manufacturing industries to coordinate workforce development programs through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation;
- Partnerships with the local military installations to expand impacts;
- Over 200 miles of trails, including the Appalachian Trail and Cumberland Valley Rail Trail;
- Approximately 54,000 acres of parks and natural areas, including world-class fly-fishing; and
- More than 22,500 acres of preserved farmland.

To learn more about living and working in Cumberland County, and the work of county government, visit our website at cumberlandcountypa.gov.

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