

## Overview of Third District Metropolitan Statistical Areas

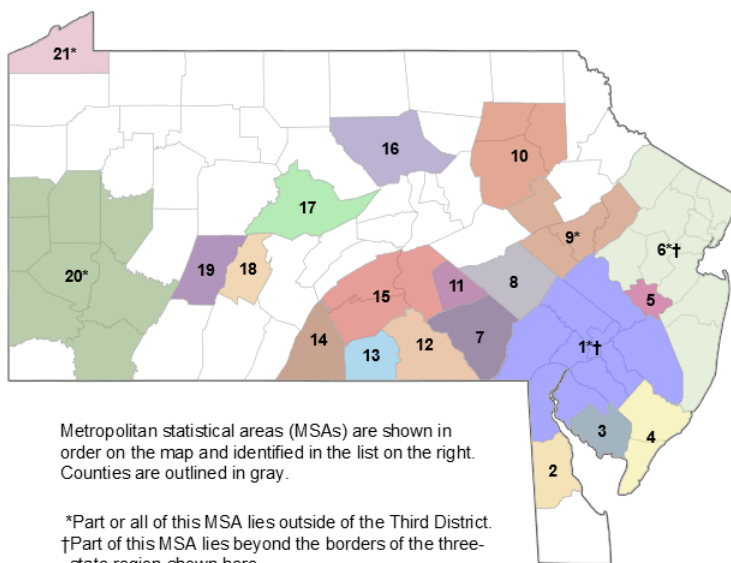
In July 2023, the Office of Management and Budget [announced revised delineations](#) for metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), metropolitan divisions (subsets of certain large MSAs), and other core-based statistical areas. These new delineations reflect demographic patterns and commuting trends from the 2020 decennial census.<sup>1</sup>

For the Third District, which covers Delaware, southern New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania, these new delineations resulted in:

- the elimination of five MSAs from within (or partially in) the District,
- revised names for four MSAs in the District,
- the addition of one county to an existing MSA, and
- the reconfiguration of the metropolitan divisions predominantly in northern New Jersey into three divisions.

Details of the changes that impact the geographies in our District follow on the next page. The maps below identify the MSAs and metropolitan divisions that currently fall within the three-state region that encompasses the Third District.

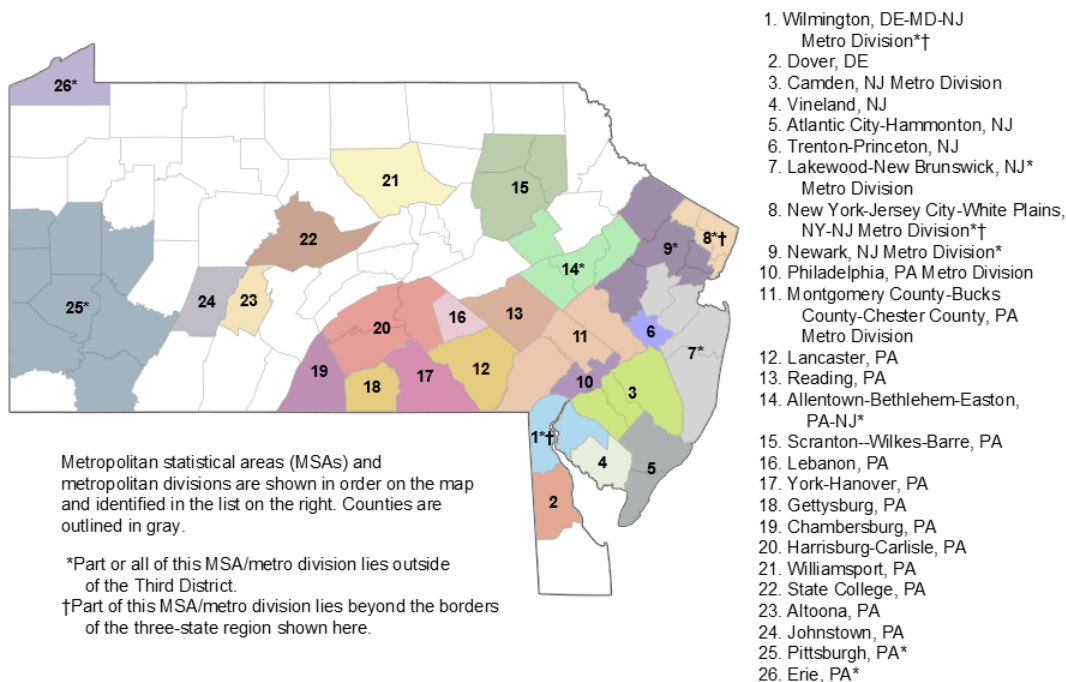
Third District MSAs — 2023 Definitions



1. Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD\*†
2. Dover, DE
3. Vineland, NJ
4. Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ
5. Trenton-Princeton, NJ
6. New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ\*†
7. Lancaster, PA
8. Reading, PA
9. Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ
10. Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA
11. Lebanon, PA
12. York-Hanover, PA
13. Gettysburg, PA
14. Chambersburg, PA
15. Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA
16. Williamsport, PA
17. State College, PA
18. Altoona, PA
19. Johnstown, PA
20. Pittsburgh, PA\*
21. Erie, PA\*

<sup>1</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics began releasing employment and unemployment data adopted using the new delineations in March 2025, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency will begin releasing regional house price data based on the new delineations with their release of 2025 Q1 data in May 2025.

### Third District MSAs and Metropolitan Divisions — 2023 Definitions



### Summary of Delineation Changes in the Third District from 2013 to 2023

**Eliminated:** Bloomsburg–Berwick, PA, and East Stroudsburg, PA, were reclassified as micropolitan statistical areas (as they were prior to their 2013 delineations as MSAs). The Salisbury, MD MSA no longer includes Sussex County, DE, and the Youngstown–Warren, OH MSA no longer contains Mercer County, PA — eliminating these from our list of Third District MSAs. The Ocean City, NJ MSA was combined into the Atlantic City–Hammonton, NJ MSA.

**Renamed:** Changes to the designation of principle cities resulted in the following name changes for MSAs: Waynesboro, Hazleton, and Bridgeton were dropped from the Chambersburg, PA, Scranton–Wilkes-Barre, PA, and Vineland, NJ MSAs, respectively; Princeton was added to the Trenton–Princeton, NJ MSA.

**Added:** Lawrence County, PA, was added to the Pittsburgh MSA (now, eight counties).

**Reconfigured:** The newly delineated New York–Newark–Jersey City, NY–NJ MSA once again consists of four metropolitan divisions predominately including New Jersey and New York counties beyond the Third District’s borders. The new Lakewood–New Brunswick, NJ, metropolitan division still includes Ocean County, NJ, a Third District county. However, Pike County, PA, has been dropped from the Newark, NJ, metropolitan division to which it previously belonged.