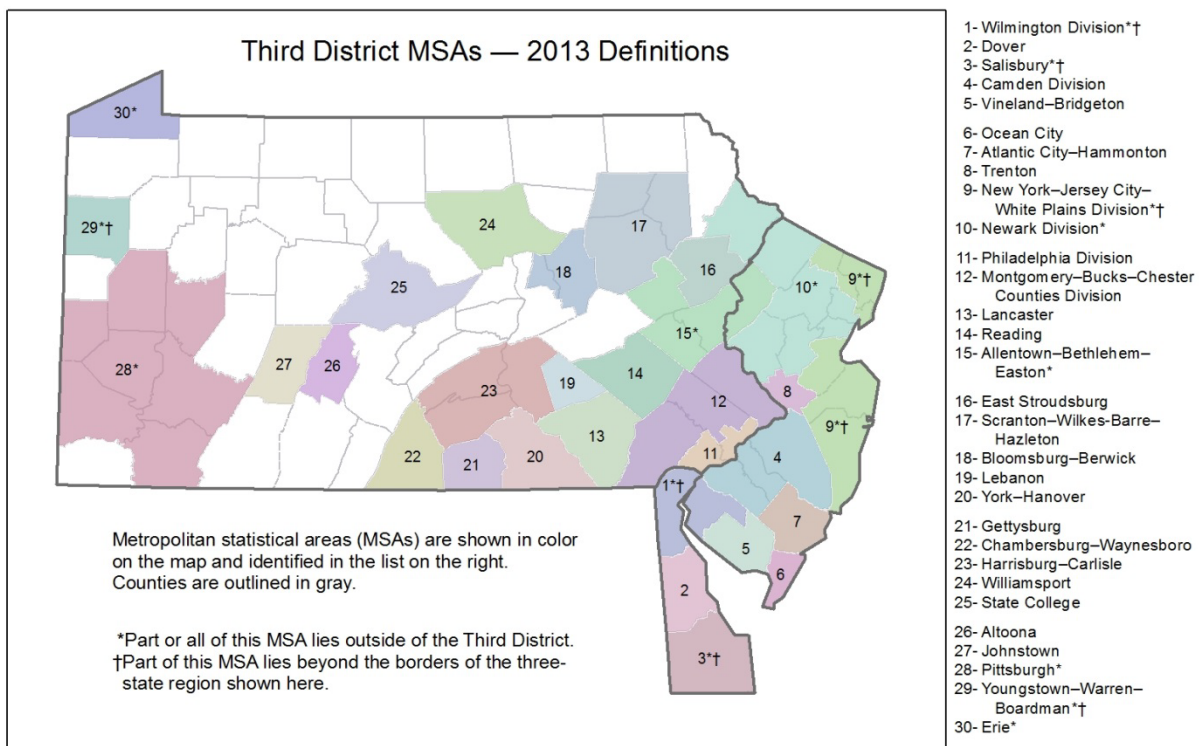


In February 2013, the Office of Management and Budget announced [new metropolitan delineations](#). These new delineations reflect demographic patterns and commuting trends from the 2010 decennial census. For the Third District, which covers eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware, these new delineations resulted in:

- the addition of four new metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) within the District;
- the partition of the Philadelphia metropolitan division into two divisions;
- the reconfiguration of three metropolitan divisions predominately in northern New Jersey into two divisions; and
- the expansion of a Maryland metropolitan division to include a Delaware county.

The map below identifies the MSAs that fall within the three-state region that encompasses the Third District.



New MSAs within the Third District include East Stroudsburg, PA (16 on the map); Bloomsburg–Berwick, PA (18); Gettysburg, PA (21); and Chambersburg–Waynesboro, PA (22). The Philadelphia metropolitan division (11) is now composed of Philadelphia and Delaware counties, while Philadelphia’s outlying suburban counties make up the Montgomery–Bucks–Chester Counties Division (12). The New York–Jersey City–White Plains, NY–NJ, metropolitan division (9) predominately includes New Jersey and New York counties beyond the Third District’s borders, but it also includes Ocean County, NJ, a Third District county. Similarly, the Newark, NJ, metropolitan division (10) includes the Third District’s Pike County, PA, but consists largely of counties beyond the Third District boundary. Finally, Sussex County in southern Delaware became part of the preexisting Salisbury, MD, MSA (3).

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which releases regional house price data, adopted the new delineations in August 2013, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics began releasing employment and unemployment data based on the new delineations in March 2015.