



Hometown Portrait

Here's a goal that some people suggest for any election map of Pennsylvania: It should reflect "communities of interest," people's sense of the place they call home.

These place identities often exist apart from formal county or municipal boundaries e.g. the Lehigh Valley, the Poconos, the Mon Valley, the Laurel Highlands, the Slate Belt.

No matter where you live in our wide, diverse state, it's hard to know just how people in other parts of Pennsylvania might define their community of interest.

That's where Draw the Lines PA's Hometown Portrait comes in. Through the Hometown Portrait, we're creating an online space where people like you can help other Pennsylvanians understand how you define your community. This will come in handy for them, or for others, when they start to draw election maps.

We invite you to do your own Hometown Portrait by answering as many of these simple prompts as you like. **Don't worry about trying to do them all; do just the ones that interest you.**

When you submit your form, feel free to attach any photos, drawings, hand-drawn maps or videos that might help convey your sense of "The Place Where I Live."

HOMETOWN PORTRAIT PROMPTS

The county where I live is:

When people ask me where I live, this is what I say:

Speaking more broadly, here's what I call the general region where I live:

Here's why I live where I live and what I love about the place (up to 300 words):

I know someone comes from my community if I hear them say ... (e.g. a term, phrase or pronunciation):

A signature food dish in my community (one that everyone should try at least once) is:

The shopping complex I go to most often is:

The professional sports teams I root for are:



My local high school's main sports rivals are:

You'd only know this advertising jingle or slogan if you live around here:

A distinctive place around here that people like to visit or hang out is:

A person I'm proud to say was born or raised in my community is:

A traditional event around here that I really enjoy is:

The cultural organizations or institutions that really add a lot to this community are:

The big employers where a lot of people in my community work are:

The media outlets where I get my local news are:

If I travel beyond certain towns or places, I feel like I've left my local area. Here are the names of some of the places that mark the outer limits of my local area:

Here's a place in Pennsylvania where, if I go there, I feel uncomfortable because the people there are so different:

The generic term I use for drinks like Coca-Cola or 7-Up is (circle one): *Soda* *Pop*

My vote in Pennsylvania's "great debate" is (circle one): *WaWa* *Sheetz*

Where I live, here's how people address other people: *You* *Yinz* *Youse* *Y'all*

I would describe my community politically as: *Red* *Blue* *Purple*