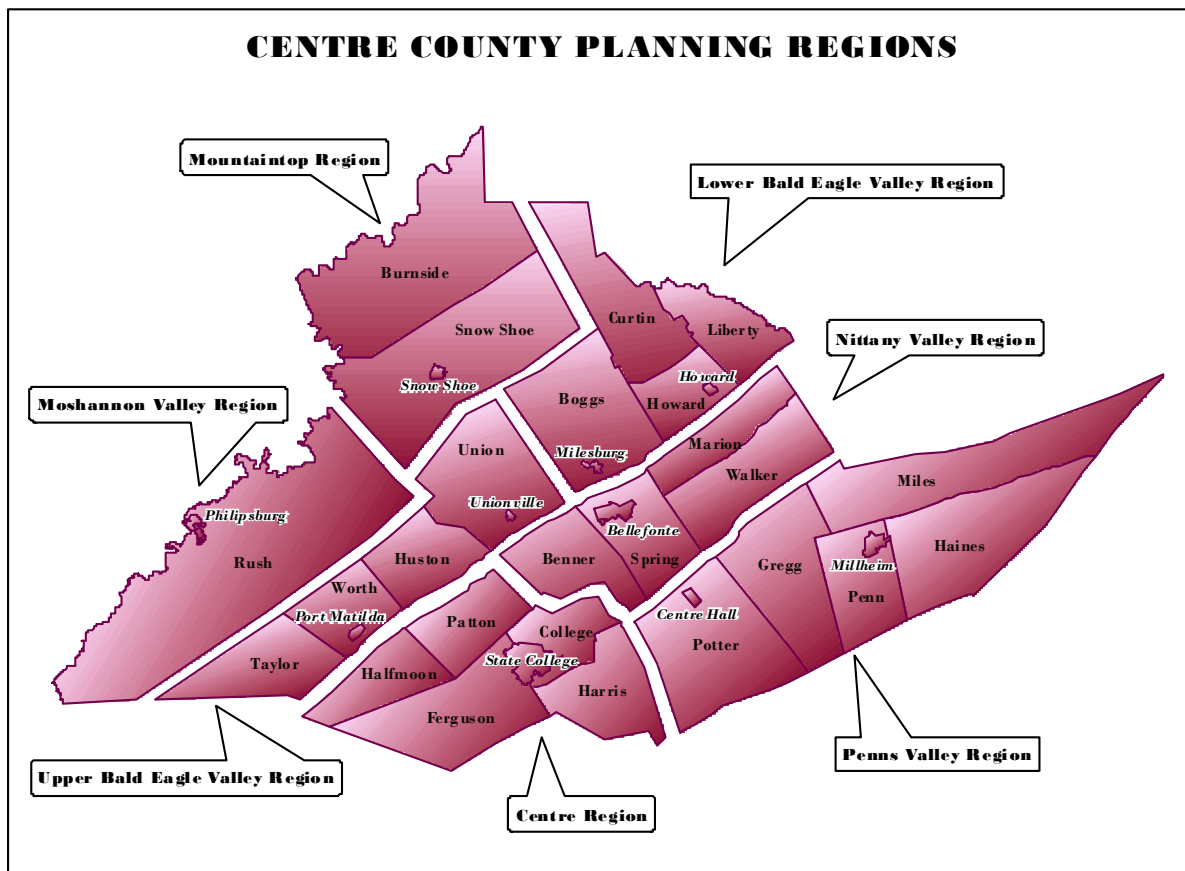


Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Activity Report 2008



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Subdivision and Land Development Activity

The *Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code* (commonly called the *MPC*) requires Planning Commissions to file an annual report with the governing body at the beginning of each year. The *MPC* does not specify the format of the annual report; however, each Planning Commission is required to provide a listing of activities regarding reviews and actions relative to their administrative duties.

Per the above, the Centre County Planning Commission performs a dual function concerning its involvement with subdivision and land development activity. The Planning Commission staff must administer and enforce the *Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance*, applicable throughout much of Centre County and they must also receive, review or monitor for review all plans originating from those municipalities having adopted their own subdivision and land development regulations (please reference the municipalities within the *2008 County and Municipal Planning Controls* chart located on page 3 for further details). Presently, there are ten (10) municipalities within the County that administer their own subdivision and land development ordinances, with the remaining twenty-five (25) municipalities under the jurisdiction of the County's Ordinance. Also, in cooperation with the County Recorder of Deeds Office, the Planning Office monitors all subdivision and land development plans to verify if they have been properly approved by the appropriate municipal officials prior to recording.

The Centre County Planning Office is also required to charge processing fees for the review of applicable subdivision and land development plans and for the reviews of applicable Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) *Sewage Facilities Planning Modules* (per the *Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act*). Accordingly, processing and review fees received in 2008 totaled \$31,742.28 (reference page 16 for additional information).

This report is a summary of subdivision and land development activity in Centre County over the past several years and an analysis of the distribution of activity throughout the County's thirty-five (35) municipalities during 2008.

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– General Summary –

- Of the 252 New Files generated in 2008, 112 files (44 percent) were created in those municipalities that fall under the jurisdiction of the Centre County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and the remaining 140 New Files (56 percent) were for subdivision or land development activity located within the ten municipalities that administer their own local SALDO.
- Of the 248 Recorded Plot Plans for 2008, 102 record plans (41 percent) were for those municipalities that fall within the administration of the County's SALDO and the remaining 146 record plans (59 percent) were for activity occurring in the ten municipalities that administer their own SALDO; however, approximately half of the plans subject to local regulation fell within the Miscellaneous Plans category (please reference the Definitions section on Page 17 for further information in this regard), thus increasing the statistical percentage in this category accordingly.
- In the Ten Year Comparison of compiled subdivision and land development activity for 2008, the total number of Subdivision Lots (267) represents a continued decrease in lots created (reference data on page 11) and depicts another significant drop from the previous year's total of 421 lots.
- In contrast to the above, a ten year comparison of Land Development Units show a county-wide total of 443 units created in 2008. This number represents only a slight decrease in land development activity from last year's total of 483 units (which was better than expected).
- Upon comparing of the data compiled for 2008 with previous year's data, it is evident that the national, state and to a lesser extent local economic conditions are having a negative effect on Centre County's subdivision and land development growth patterns.
- Per the above trends and indicators, we anticipate a continued 'wait and see' attitude among the County's developers and this office is projecting a continued easing of subdivision and land development activity until existing lot and unit inventories have been significantly reduced, coupled with tangible signs of a sustained economic rebound.

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING CONTROLS

2008

CENTRE COUNTY	Adopted Comprehensive Plan	Planning Commission	Municipal SALDO Applies	County SALDO Ordinance Applies	Zoning Ordinance	Parkland Dedication Ordinance	Building Permit Ordinance	Federal Flood Insurance Program	Ag Security Area	Storm-Water Ordinance
	X	X		X						X
CENTRE REGION										
State College Borough	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
College Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Ferguson Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Halfmoon Township	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Harris Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Patton Township	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
LOWER BALD EAGLE VALLEY REGION										
Howard Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Milesburg Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Boggs Township	X			X	X		X	X		X
Curtin Township				X			X	X		
Howard Township	X			X			X	X		
Liberty Township	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
NITTANY VALLEY REGION										
Bellefonte Borough	X	X	X		X		X	X		X
Benner Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Marion Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Spring Township	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Walker Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
MOSHANNON VALLEY REGION										
Phillipsburg Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Rush Township	X	X	X				X	X		
MOUNTAINTOP REGION										
Snow Shoe Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Burnside Township	X			X			X	X		
Snow Shoe Township	X			X	X		X	X		
PENNS VALLEY REGION										
Centre Hall Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Millheim Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Gregg Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Haines Township	X	X		X			X	X	X	
Miles Township	X	X		X			X	X	X	
Penn Township	X	X		X			X	X	X	
Potter Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
UPPER BALD EAGLE REGION										
Port Matilda Borough	X	X		X	X		X	X		
Unionville Borough				X	X		X	X		
Huston Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	
Taylor Township				X			X	X	X	
Union Township	X	X		X			X	X		
Worth Township	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	

2008 Data
RECORDED SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR 2008
(Including Miscellaneous Plans*)

Municipalities		New Files Created	Total Record Plans	-- SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT DATA --						Misc. Plans*
				Sub. Plans	Acres Subdivided	Lots Created	Land Dev. Plans	Acres Developed	Units Created	
Centre Region										
#	State College Borough	16	16	0	0.00	0	8	4.37	21	8
#	College Township	27	30	2	33.73	4	16	5.92	108	12
#	Ferguson Township	24	26	2	400.87	9	8	9.45	81	16
#	Halfmoon Township	9	9	3	103.71	7	2	0.35	2	4
#	Harris Township	7	9	3	210.74	7	1	2.55	50	5
#	Patton Township	26	26	2	29.03	21	11	15.62	84	13
Regional Total		109	116	12	778.08	48	46	38.26	346	58
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Region										
	Howard Borough	0	1	1	0.28	2	0	0.00	0	0
	Milesburg Borough	0	1	0	0.00	0	1	1.10	28	0
	Boggs Township	8	5	3	37.25	5	1	1.89	2	1
	Curtin Township	0	1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1
	Howard Township	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
#	Liberty Township	8	6	4	23.04	6	0	0.00	0	2
Regional Total		17	14	8	60.57	13	2	2.99	30	4
Nittany Valley Region										
#	Bellefonte Borough	7	8	2	1.22	6	2	2.14	2	4
	Benner Township	15	16	6	235.56	35	4	17.96	50	6
	Marion Township	3	1	1	1.64	1	0	0.00	0	0
#	Spring Township	8	12	3	267.02	9	4	9.58	10	5
	Walker Township	12	13	4	171.60	9	0	0.00	0	9
Regional Total		45	50	16	677.04	60	10	29.68	62	24
Moshannon Valley Region										
	Philipsburg Borough	2	2	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2
#	Rush Township ¹	8	5	1	773.13	3	1	0.34	1	3
Regional Total		10	7	1	773.13	3	1	0.34	1	5

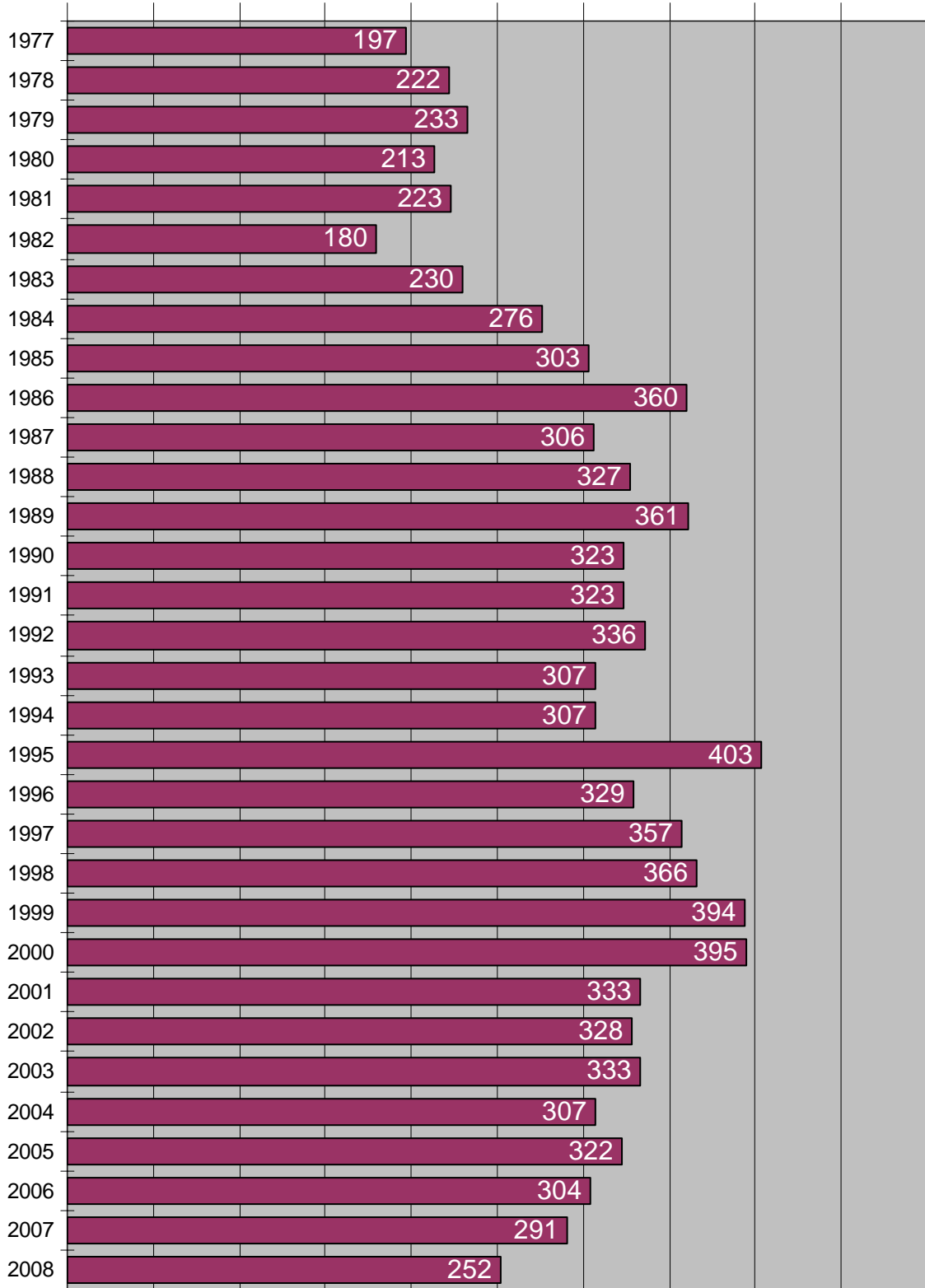
2008 Data -- continued

Municipalities	New Files Created	Total Record Plans	-- SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT DATA --							Misc. Plans*
			Sub. Plans	Acres Subdivided	Lots Created	Land Develop. Plans	Acres Developed	Units Created		
Mountaintop Region										
Snow Shoe Borough	0	1	1	0.83	3	0	0.00	0	0	
Burnside Township	2	1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	
Snow Shoe Township	7	5	3	154.91	7	1	0.00	2	1	
Regional Total	9	7	4	155.74	10	1	0.00	2	2	
Penns Valley Region										
Centre Hall Borough	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	
Millheim Borough	2	2	1	0.86	2	0	0.00	0	1	
Gregg Township	7	8	5	297.41	15	0	0.00	0	3	
Haines Township	6	4	2	255.20	3	0	0.00	0	2	
Miles Township	11	6	4	471.82	8	0	0.00	0	2	
Penn Township	4	4	3	287.80	10	0	0.00	0	1	
Potter Township	10	17	8	525.09	81	0	0.00	0	9	
Regional Total	40	41	23	1,838.18	119	0	0	0	18	
Upper Bald Eagle Region										
Port Matilda Borough	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	
Unionville Borough	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	
Huston Township	5	3	2	7.11	3	0	0.00	0	1	
Taylor Township	4	3	2	78.18	4	0	0.00	0	1	
Union Township	11	5	4	62.58	7	0	0.00	0	1	
Worth Township	2	2	0	0.00	0	1	3.00	2	1	
Regional Total	22	13	8	147.87	14	1	3	2	4	
County Totals	252	248	72	4,430.61	267	61	74.27	443	115	

* = Miscellaneous Plans:
 Replotted Lots, Lot Additions, Reclassifications, and Plans "For Recording Purposes Only" (e.g., Tract Surveys, Survey Corrections, etc.)
 # = Municipalities having their own Subdivision/Land Development Regulations.
 1 = Rush Township adopted their Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance on May 24, 2007. In 2008, five (5) plans were placed on record that were located in Rush Township; with four (4) plans being approved under Rush Township's Subdivision and Land Development regulations. One of those plans was a subdivision and the other three were classified as "Miscellaneous Plans".

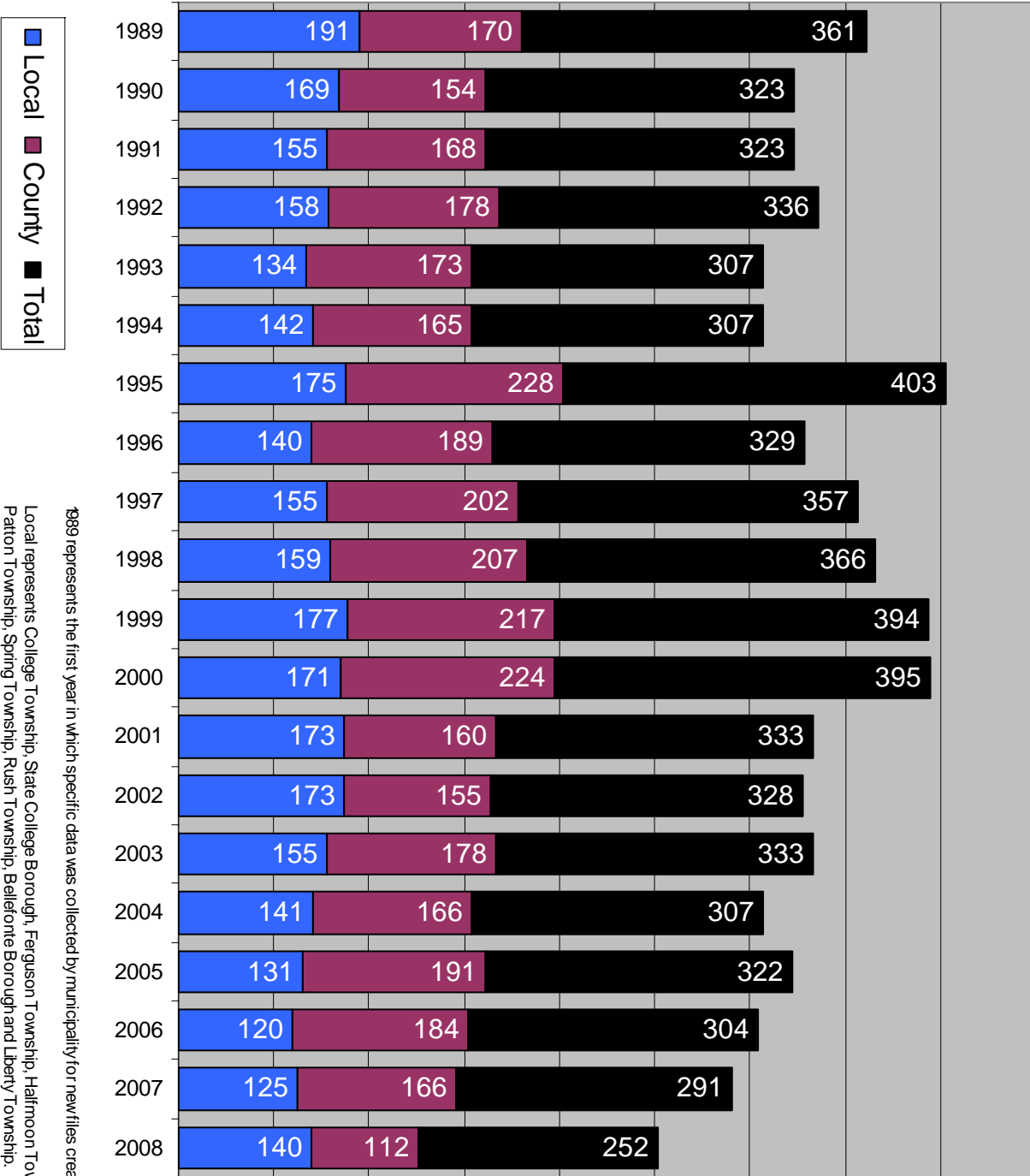
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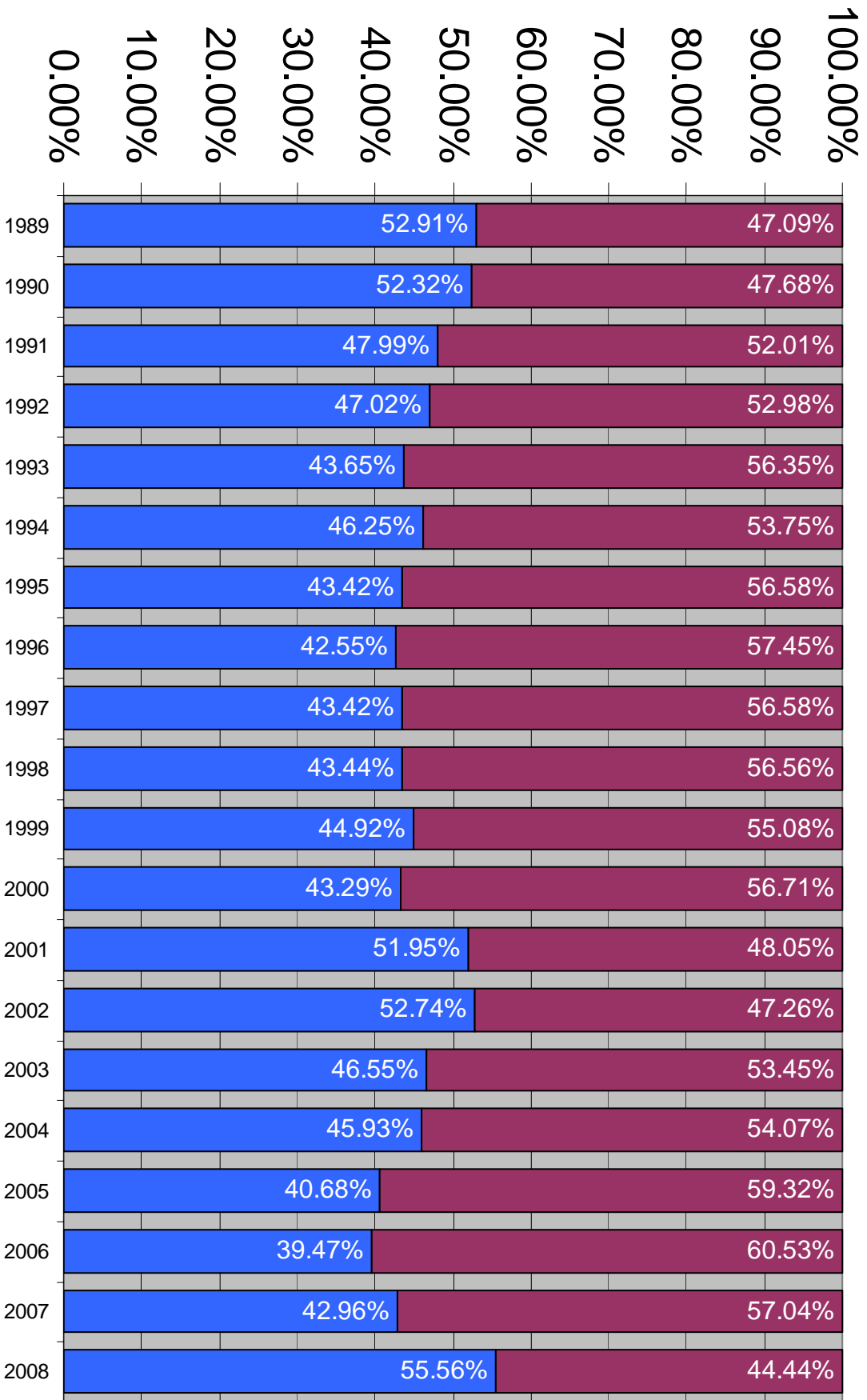
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 Local represents College Township, State College Borough, Ferguson Township, Halfmoon Township, Harris Township, Patton Township, Spring Township, Rush Township, Bellefonte Borough and Liberty Township.

% of New Files Created



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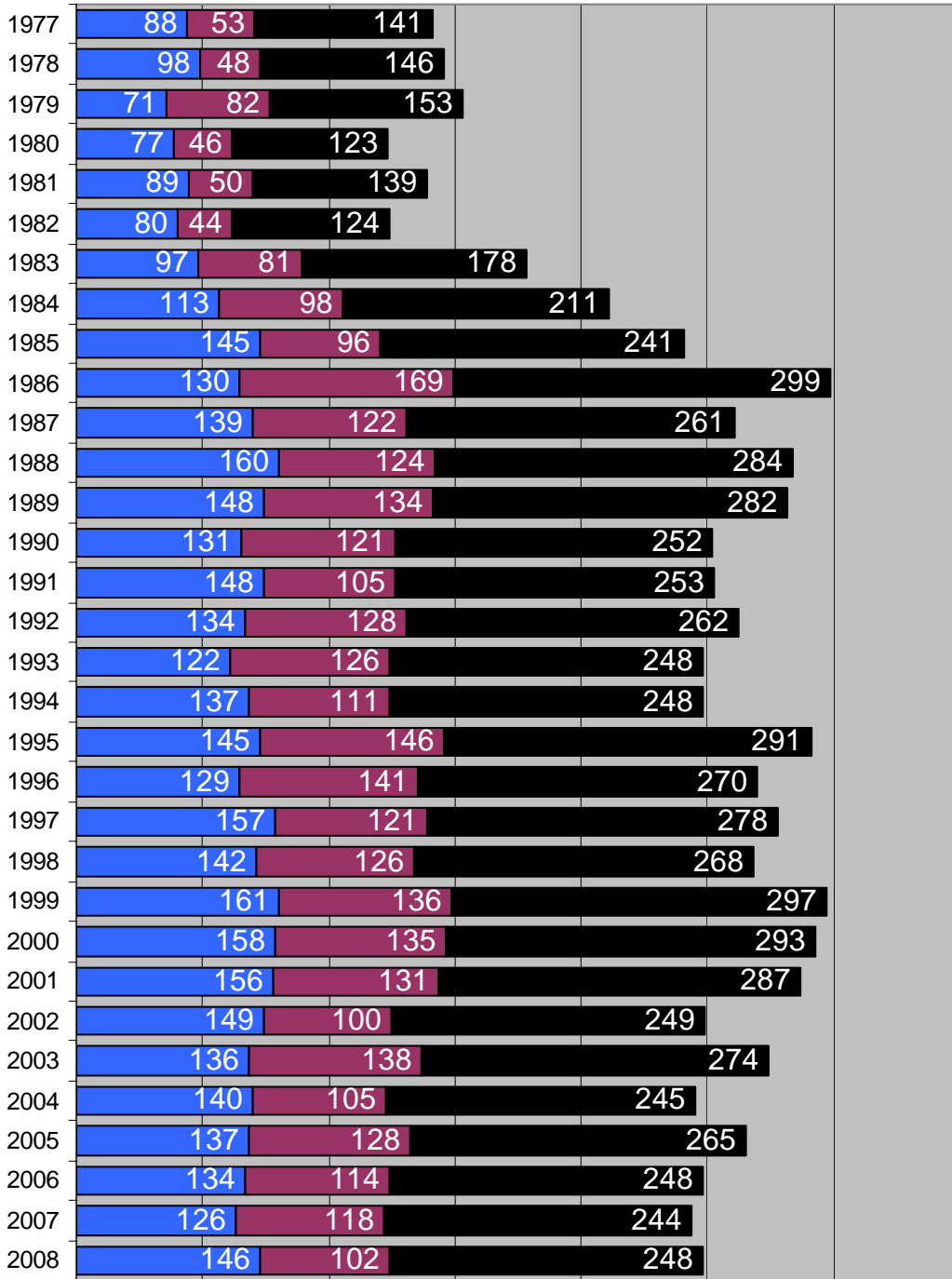
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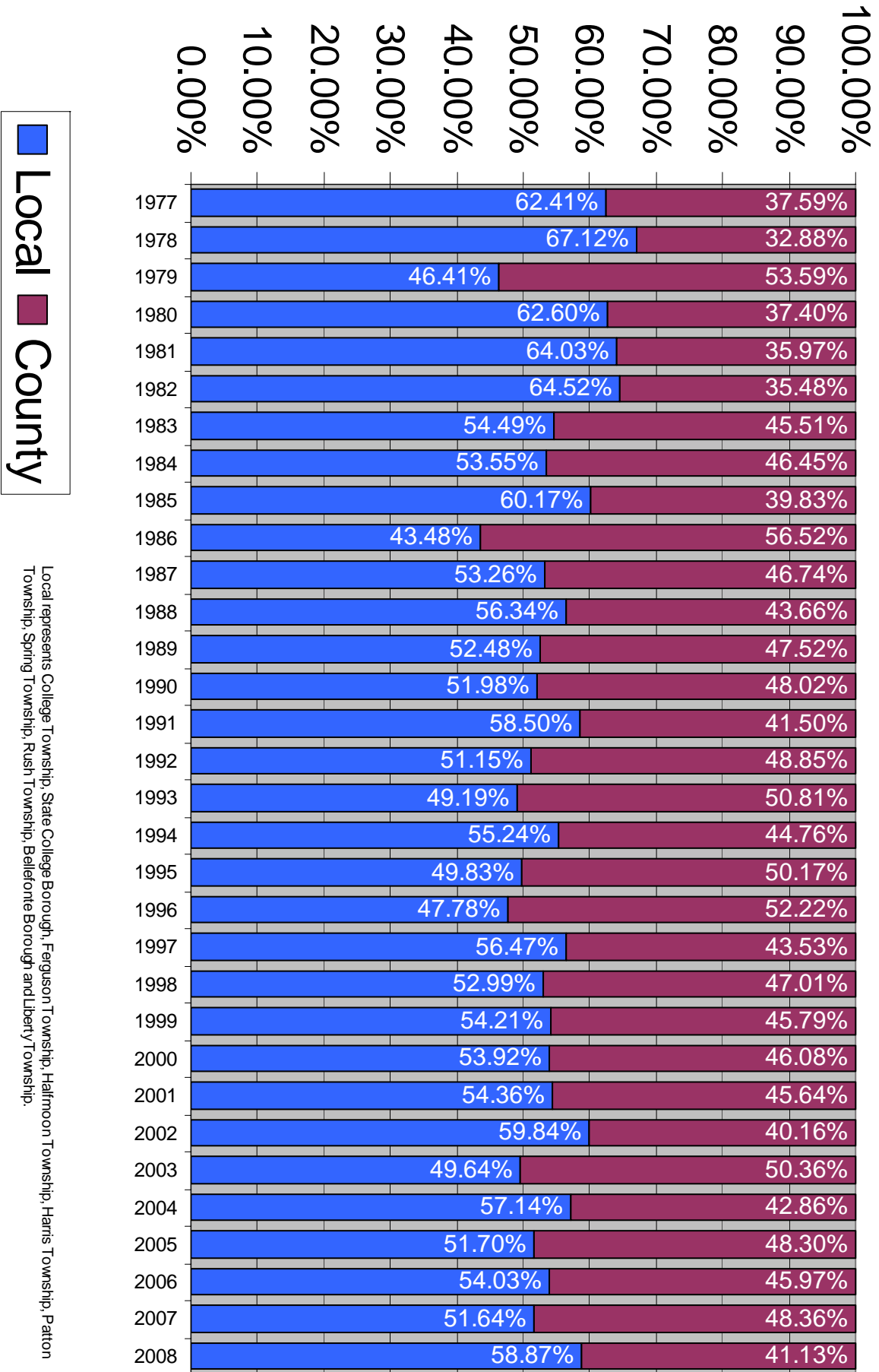
Number of Recorded Plot Plans

■ Local
 ■ County
 ■ Total

Local represents College Township, State College Borough, Ferguson Township, Halfmoon Township, Harris Township, Patton Township, Spring Township, Rush Township, Bellefonte Borough and Liberty Township.



% of Recorded Plot Plans



■ Local
 ■ County

Local represents College Township, State College Borough, Ferguson Township, Halfmoon Township, Harris Township, Patton Township, Spring Township, Rush Township, Bellefonte Borough and Liberty Township.

	New Files Created	Total Record Plans	-- SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT DATA --							Misc. Plans*
			Sub. Plans	Acres Subdivided	Lots Created	Land Develop. Plans	Acres Developed	Units Created		
2008	252	248	72	4,430.61	267	61	74.27	443	115	
2007	291	244	83	3,899.04	421	59	168.96	483	102	
2006	304	248	79	3,128.83	727	61	151.17	327	108	
2005	322	265	95	4,591.43	735	55	158.10	870	115	
2004	307	245	97	4,936.45	630	75	68.13	325	73	
2003	333	274	100	5,203.18	556	70	131.20	572	104	
2002	328	249	95	5,601.87	522	79	127.58	1,794	75	
2001	333	287	131	9,326.42	618	69	104.79	688	87	
2000	395	293	118	7,148.81	622	69	82.68	365	106	
1999	394	297	147	12,766.06	683	68	192.68	899	82	

* = Miscellaneous Plans:
 Replotted Lots, Lot Additions, Reclassifications, and Plans "For Recording Purposes Only" (e.g., Tract Surveys, Survey Corrections, Condominium Declarations, etc.)

**Subdivision and Land Development Data by Planning Region
(Including Miscellaneous Plans*)
2005 - 2008**

Year	New Files Created	Total Record Plans	-- SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT DATA --						Misc. Plans*	
			Sub. Plans	Acres Subdivided	Lots Created	Land Dev. Plans	Acres Developed	Units Created		
Centre Region										
2005	110	124	25	497.94	346	40	92.78	690	59	
2006	89	109	19	833.51	237	37	69.16	93	53	
2007	98	106	19	619.86	176	39	131.49	343	15	
2008	109	116	12	778.08	48	46	38.26	346	58	
Regional Total	406	455	75	2,729.39	807	162	331.69	1,472	185	
Lower Bald Eagle Valley Region										
2005	14	13	5	68.66	17	1	3.31	17	7	
2006	26	9	5	97.23	12	0	0.00	0	4	
2007	18	12	9	347.09	22	0	0.00	0	3	
2008	17	14	8	60.57	13	2	2.99	30	4	
Regional Total	75	48	27	573.55	64	3	6.30	47	18	
Nittany Valley Region										
2005	75	44	20	2,013.38	238	7	38.36	148	17	
2006	63	47	21	1,003.11	361	15	68.64	111	11	
2007	67	49	23	934.11	115	10	19.59	122	16	
2008	45	50	16	677.04	60	10	29.68	62	24	
Regional Total	250	190	80	4,627.64	774	42	156.27	443	68	
Moshannon Valley Region										
2005	18	6	2	24.91	3	2	3.00	2	2	
2006	14	19	9	203.67	46	3	3.22	26	7	
2007	10	10	2	12.49	3	2	9.36	1	6	
2008	10	7	1	773.13	3	1	0.34	1	5	
Regional Total	52	42	14	1,014.20	55	8	15.92	30	20	

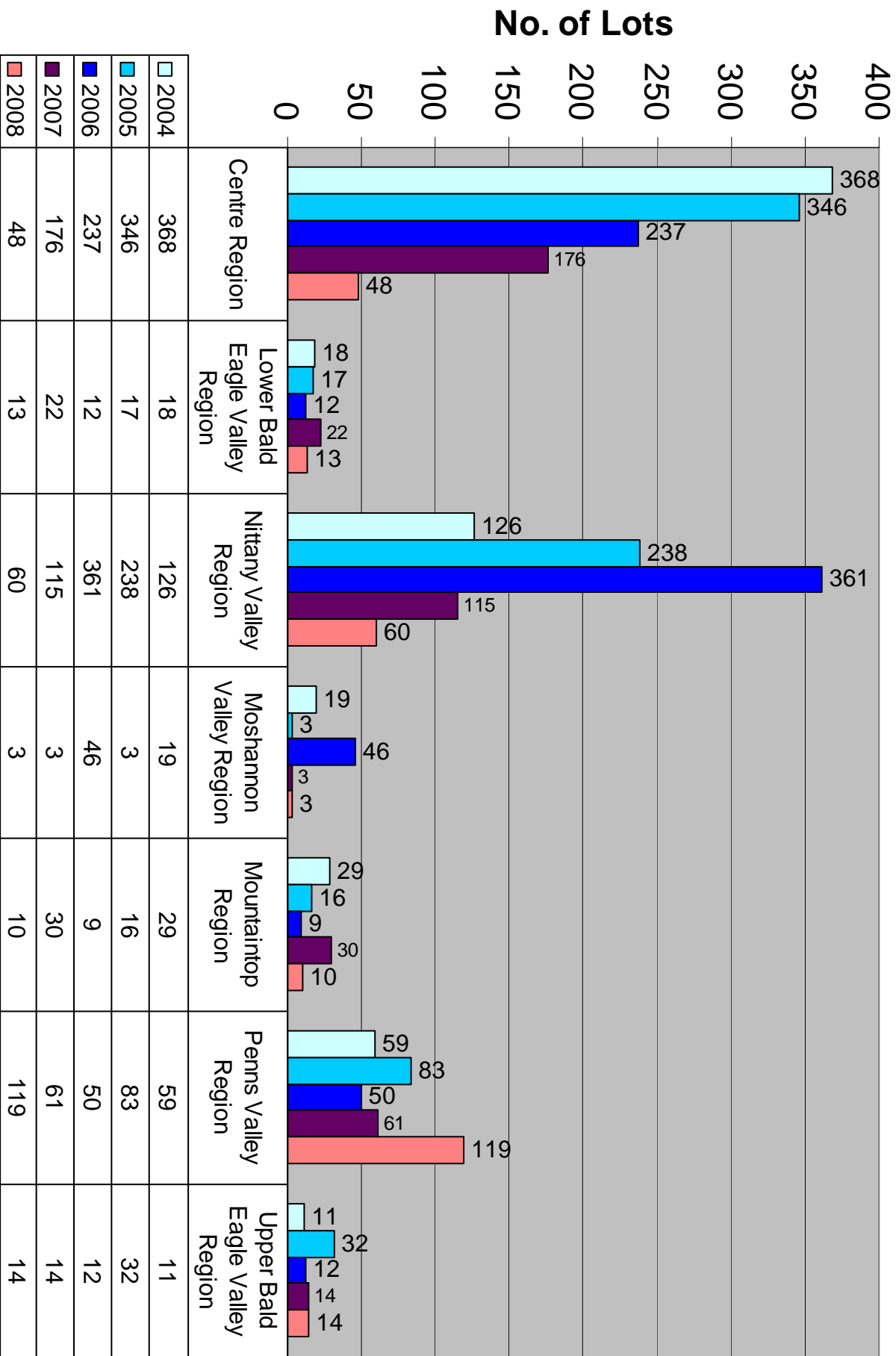
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(Including Miscellaneous Plans*)
2005 - 2008**

Year	New Files Created	Total Record Plans	-- SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT DATA --							Misc. Plans*
			Sub. Plans	Acres Subdivided	Lots Created	Land Develop. Plans	Acres Developed	Units Created		
Mountaintop Region										
2005	26	17	7	314.46	16	2	11.48	3	8	
2006	16	12	4	150.37	9	0	0.00	0	8	
2007	9	9	5	465.99	30	1	0.90	1	3	
2008	9	7	4	155.74	10	1	0.00	2	2	
Regional Total	60	45	20	1,086.56	65	4	12.38	6	21	
Penns Valley Region										
2005	54	32	21	1,110.96	83	1	3.57	1	10	
2006	69	36	15	715.83	50	5	7.40	5	16	
2007	67	39	18	1,307.46	61	5	2.76	8	16	
2008	40	41	23	1,838.18	119	0	0.00	0	18	
Regional Total	230	148	77	4,972.43	313	11	13.73	14	60	
Upper Bald Eagle Region										
2005	25	29	15	559.12	32	2	5.60	9	12	
2006	27	16	6	125.11	12	1	2.75	92	9	
2007	22	19	7	212.04	14	2	4.86	8	10	
2008	22	13	8	147.87	14	1	3.00	2	4	
Regional Total	96	77	36	1,044.14	72	6	16.21	111	35	
County Totals	1,169	1,005	329	16,047.91	2,150	236	552.50	2,123	407	

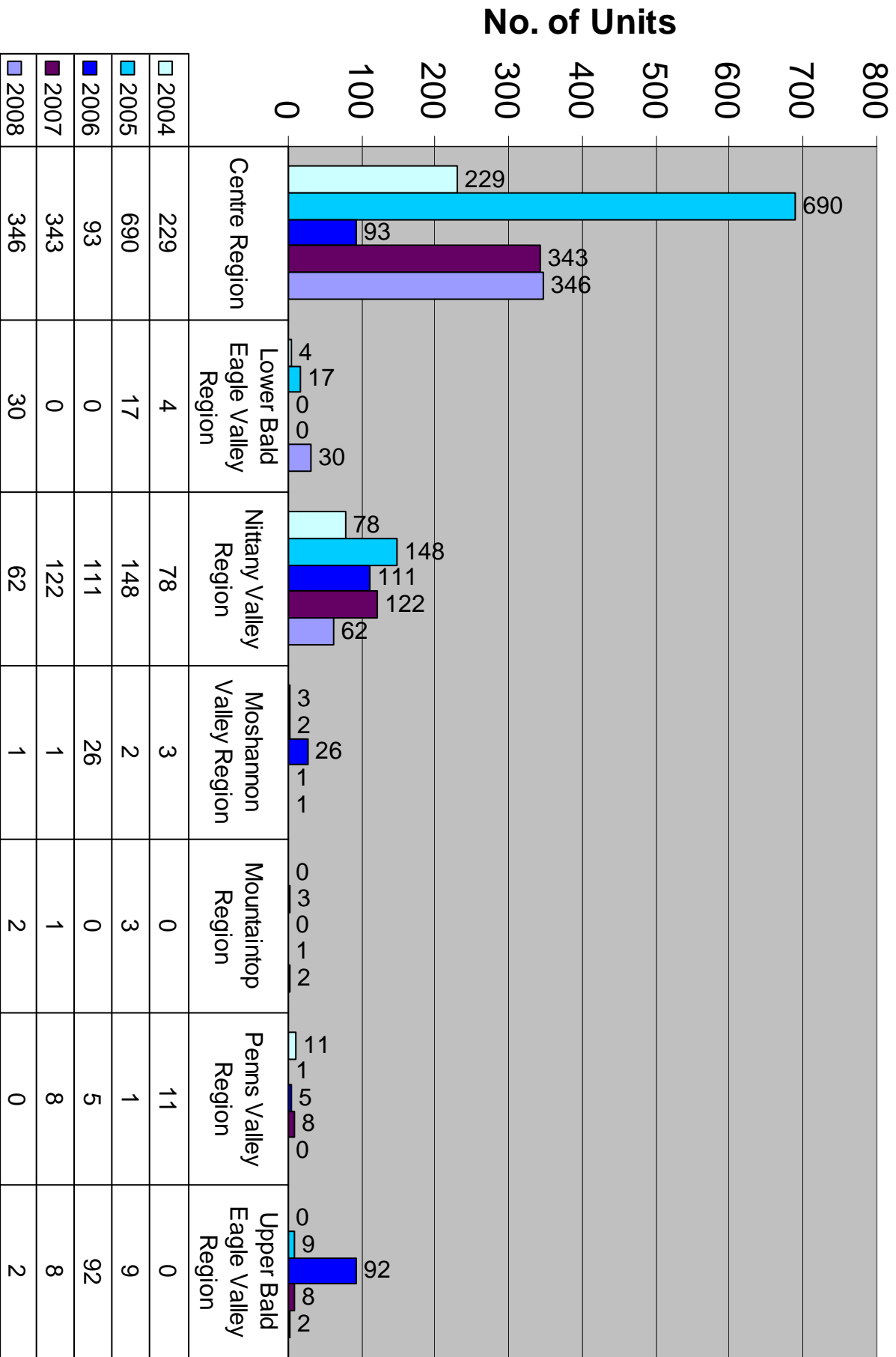
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Lots Created by Planning Region



Units Created by Planning Region



- PROCESSING FEES -

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Subdivision and Land Development Plan Review Fees Received					
County Jurisdiction	\$42,857.00	\$48,520.00	\$34,640.00	\$30,020.00	\$27,130.00
Local Jurisdiction	\$1,200.00	\$2,652.50	\$3,250.00	\$1,085.00	\$1,037.50
SUB-TOTAL	\$44,057.00	\$51,172.50	\$37,890.00	\$31,105.00	\$28,167.50
DEP Planning Module Review Fees Received	\$1,125.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,175.00	\$950.00	\$825.00
Engineer Review / Inspection Fees Received*	\$5,654.47	\$8,401.73	\$14,766.08	\$3,203.76	\$2,699.78
Subdivision / Land Development Ordinances Sold	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
TOTALS	\$51,336.47	\$61,424.23	\$54,131.08	\$35,358.76	\$31,742.28

*** NOTE:** Applicants submitting plans under the jurisdiction of the County's Ordinance that involve required engineering details must execute a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the Centre County Board of Commissioners (and the local municipality, when applicable). This agreement represents a commitment that the applicant shall reimburse the county/municipality for all actual costs of the engineering services provided by the county/municipality in the forl processing of the plan (i.e., engineering reviews and site inspections).

- DEFINITIONS -

Land Development: Any of the following activities:

- (1) The improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts, or parcels of land for any purpose involving:
 - (a) A group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure; or,
 - (b) The division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups, or other features.
- (2) A subdivision of land.

Lot Addition: A parcel of land that is conveyed, sold, or transferred to an existing lot of record for the purpose of increasing lot size.

Miscellaneous Plan: A recorded plot plan that depicts lot additions, replotted lots, reclassifications and/or represents a plan approved “for recording purposes only” (e.g., a miscellaneous declaration plan, tract survey plan, and/or a corrective survey plan).

New Files Created: For record keeping purposes, new files are created whenever the following occurs:

- a) Public contact resulting in correspondence from the County Planning Office related to the administration of the County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; or,
- b) Reviews and/or acknowledgments of subdivision and land development plans, as generated from municipalities having their own local subdivision/land development ordinance, resulting in correspondence from the County Planning Office; or,
- c) Reviews and/or acknowledgments of DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Modules.

Record Plan (or) Recorded Plan: The original plot plan as approved, acknowledged as such by approval signatures, and as recorded in the County Recorder of Deeds Office.

Replot: The change of lot lines between lots of separate ownership or between subdivided lots of common ownership, not creating any additional “new” lots.

Resubdivision: The subdivision of an approved “lot of record” into two or more lots.

Subdivision: The division or re-division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels, or other divisions of land, including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, or lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisee, transfer of ownership, or building or lot development; provided, however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted.

