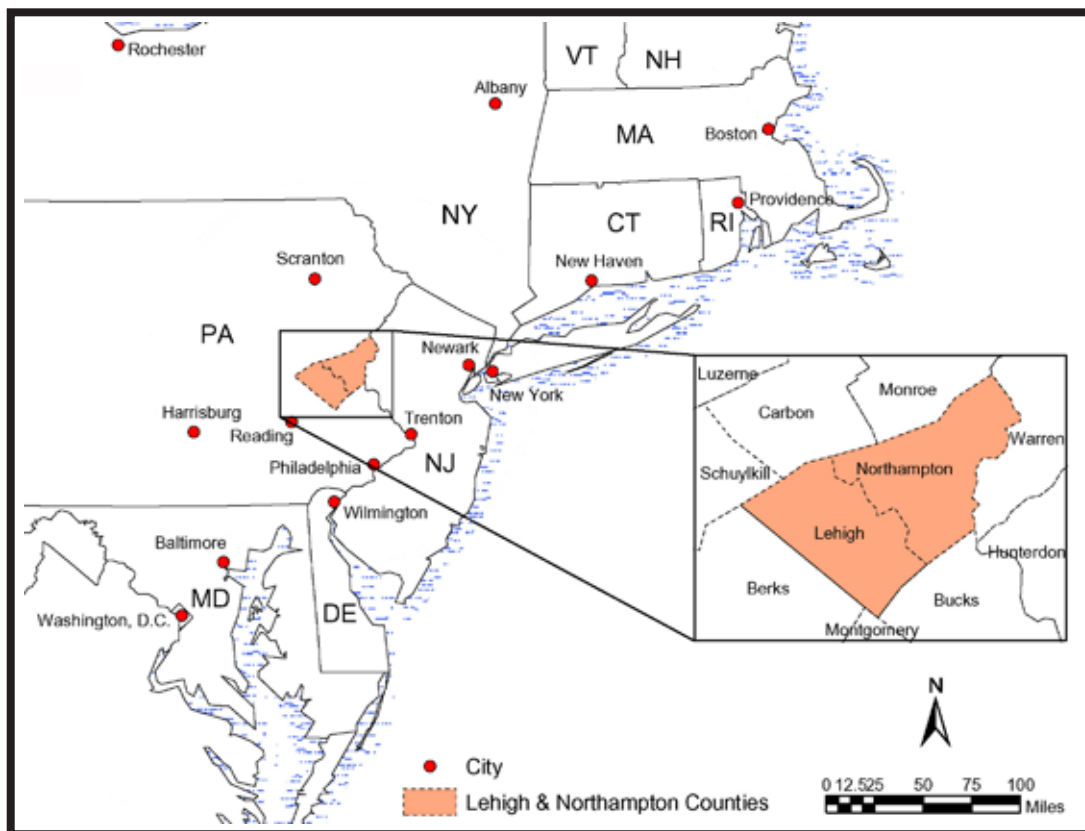


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## PREFACE

This report provides a compilation of statistics and graphics which summarize existing conditions and past and projected trends in the “Lehigh Valley” (Lehigh and Northampton counties). It is designed for use by planners, public officials, private organizations and individuals interested in growth and development in the Lehigh Valley. The topics of the data chapters are: Introduction to the Lehigh Valley, Demographics, The Economy, Land Development, and Utilities and Transportation.

In September 2006, the LVPC updated the population forecasts through 2030 for Lehigh and Northampton counties. Municipal population forecasts were updated in 2007. The forecasts were developed using the official 2005 Census estimate as the benchmark year. According to the forecasts, the Lehigh Valley is expected to gain 123,508 people between 2010 and 2030, a growth rate of about 19.2%. This would bring the total number of people in the valley to 767,856. In Lehigh County, Upper Macungie Township is forecasted to gain the most people followed by Lower Macungie Township during this time period. In Northampton County, Bethlehem Township is forecasted to gain the most people followed by Palmer Township. The availability of land, quick access to the regional highway network and proximity to New Jersey are making these two townships attractive for development. The forecasts will be updated every five years with major updates coinciding with the decennial census data release.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission publishes numerous informational, analytical and policy-oriented planning reports which address subjects such as: demographics, land use planning, community facilities and utilities, transportation, recreation/natural features and the environment. For more details, refer to the listing, *Maps and Publications for Sale by LVPC*. To obtain a copy, contact the LVPC offices (610) 264-4544 or our website at <http://www.lvpc.org>. The e-mail address is [lvpc@lvpc.org](mailto:lvpc@lvpc.org).

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