Demographics of the Delaware Basin

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The Delaware River Basin

- 13,000 sq mi
- 8.2 million people
- 11th most populous state
- Drinking water: 5% of U.S.
- 1st, 7th largest metro. economies
- Del. (74% of pop.)
- NJ (35% of pop.)
- NY (55% of pop.)
- Pa. (43% of pop.)
Population in the Delaware River Basin
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- Pa., 5,478,577 (66%)
- NJ, 1,945,966 (24%)
- NY, 121,160 (1%)
- Md., 6,339 (0%)
- Del., 703,963 (9%)
Population Change
Delaware Basin, 2000-2010

- Delaware: 12.8%
- Maryland: 15.3%
- New Jersey: 5.1%
- New York: 3.2%
- Pennsylvania: 6.1%
- Del Basin: 6.3%
Ecosystem Goods and Services

- Wetlands - $6.8 billion
- Farms - $4.8 billion
- Forests – $8.6 billion
Ecosystems Area (acres)
Delaware River Basin, 2005

- Freshwater wetlands: 422,838 ac
- Open water: 92,615 ac
- Saltwater wetland: 145,765 ac
- Urban: 1,206,504 ac
- Forest: 4,343,190 ac
- Farmland: 1,926,524 ac
- Marine: 16,588 ac
Population Change
Delaware Basin, 2000-2010

- Delaware: 80,155
- Maryland: 843
- New Jersey: 94,752
- New York: 3,708
- Pennsylvania: 313,485
- Del. Basin: 492,942
Forest Cover in the Delaware River Basin

Percent Forest Cover
- 0 - 11
- 12 - 22
- 23 - 33
- 34 - 44
- 45 - 56
- 57 - 67
- 68 - 78
- 79 - 89
- 90 - 100

[Scale and legend for meters]
Estuary Region
Land Use Change 1996-2006

Square Miles

Developed
Cultivated
Forest
Water/Wetlands

-40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40
Change in Land Use Area in the Delaware River Basin
1996 - 2006