

Turning Harrisburg Around

- * Rank of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on a 1980 list of the most distressed cities in the US: 2.
- * Value of new investment in Harrisburg buildings since 1982: \$3.2 billion.
- * Number of businesses on Harrisburg's tax rolls in 2002: 5,976.
- * Number of businesses on Harrisburg's tax rolls in 1980: 1,908.
- * Number of new restaurants that opened in downtown Harrisburg in 2002: 12.
- * New homes currently being built on formerly vacant lots in the Capitol Heights neighborhood: 58.
- * Percentage increase in the total assessed value of taxable real estate in Harrisburg, 1982-2003: 754.
- * Percentage drop in Harrisburg's fire rate since 1982: 76.3.
- * Year in which Harrisburg had the fewest fires in its history: 2002.
- * Minimum number of special events sponsored or co-sponsored by the city in its municipal park system each year: 200.
- * Percentage of land in Harrisburg that cannot be taxed because it is state, county or non-profit real estate: 45.
- * Ratio of land portion to building portion of Harrisburg's property tax in 1975: 1.4:1.
- * Ratio in 2003: 6:1.



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