

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area

Standards of Definition

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area embraces a territory approximately thirty-five miles square, a total of 1,229 square miles, with Philadelphia as the

center.

As defined in these studies, it is not based on arbitrary distances selected as measurements or on groupings of convenient geographical divisions, but

by careful study of the whole question of what properly constitutes such an area.

Separate investigations were made under the following headings: population density, commuting, shopping, newspaper circulation, suburban telephone service, real estate operations and ticket agency sales.

Under each of these subjects the results were collated and expressed in a separate map. The

