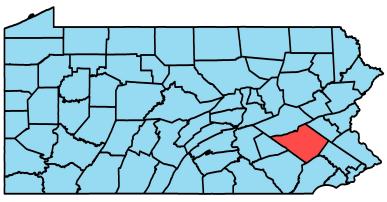
Berks County Profile



Due to BLS methodological changes and conversions to the 2020 Census-based area delineations, seasonally adjusted substate area LAUS data are not available until further notice.

2023 Population							
Demographic County PA							
Total Population	429,989	12,986,518					
Female	216,766 6,585,6						
Male	6,400,912						
Population by Race							
White	72.3%	75.8%					
Black	4.7%	10.7%					
Other	13.9%	10.0%					
Hispanic Origin (all races)	24.0%	8.4%					

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Population	by Age	
Ages 0 to 17	22.1%	20.6%
Ages 18 to 24	9.5%	8.9%
Ages 25 to 34	12.4%	13.0%
Ages 35 to 44	12.0%	12.3%
Ages 45 to 54	12.4%	12.2%
Ages 55 to 64	13.8%	13.9%
Ages 65 to 74	10.3%	11.2%
Ages 75 and Older	7.4%	7.9%
Median Age	39.9	40.9

Source: U.S. Census 5 Year Estimate 2019-2023 (Tables: DP05 and B01001)

Online Job Postings	County	PA		
February 2025	6,562	235,805		
February 2024	6,259	205,673		
Annual Percent Change	4.8%	14.7%		
Annual Volume Change	303	30,132		

Source: The Conference Board - LightCast - Help Wanted OnLine $^{\mathsf{TM}}$

2023 Veterans	County	PA
Total Veterans	19,224	656,112
Veteran Median Income	\$49,143	\$48,257
Non-Veteran Median Income	\$38,539	\$39,875
Veteran Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.9%
Non-Veteran Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.3%

Source: U.S. Census 5 Year Estimate 2019-2023 (Table: S2101)

2023 Resident Income	County	PA	
Per Capita Income	\$61,575	\$68,945	
Total Personal Income (in thousands)	\$26,651,147	\$893,649,165	
Total Earnings (in thousands)	\$16,373,649	\$538,362,363	
Total Dividends/Interest/Rent (in thousands)	\$4,385,512	\$167,613,070	
Total Transfer Payments (in thousands)	\$5,891,986	\$187,673,732	

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Local Area Unemployment Statistics						
February	2025	2024				
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.8%				
Labor Force	217,900	215,700				
Employed	208,600	207,400				
Unemployed	9,400	8,300				

Notes: Current month's data are preliminary. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees							
Mar 2024 to Feb 2025	Volu	me	Percent	of Total			
Pre-UC Industry	County	County PA		PA			
Natural Resources and Mining	40	650	1.5%	1.0%			
Construction	180	7,370	7.0%	10.0%			
Manufacturing	580	8,510	23.0%	11.5%			
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	590	14,140	23.5%	19.5%			
Information	30	1,610	1.0%	2.0%			
Financial Activities	130	4,240	5.0%	6.0%			
Professional and Business Services	450	14,810	18.0%	20.5%			
Education and Health Service	310	11,800	12.5%	16.0%			
Leisure and Hospitality	130	5,670	5.0%	8.0%			
Other Services	50	2,000	2.0%	2.5%			
Public Administration	40	1,590	1.5%	2.0%			
Unclassified Industry	0	370	0.0%	0.5%			
Total	2,530	72,760	100%	100%			

Note: Percentages less than 0.5% will be displayed as 0.0%. Source: Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation System

Top 10 Employers by Employment in Q3 of 2024

East Penn Manufacturing Company
Reading Hospital
Amazon.com Services LLC
Carpenter Technology Corporation
Reading School District
County of Berks
Wal-Mart Associates Inc

Penske Truck Leasing Co LP State Government

Saint Joseph Medical Center

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2023 Annual Averages									
		Estab.		Employment		Employment %		Wages	
NAICS	NAICS Description	County	LQ	County	PA	County	PA	County	PA
	Total, All Industries	8,920	1.00	171,176	5,963,025	100.0%	100.0%	\$61,399	\$69,252
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	122	3.32	2,596	27,249	1.5%	0.5%	\$43,162	\$44,014
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas	9	0.35	223	22,118	0.1%	0.4%	\$87,421	\$101,711
22	Utilities	41	0.70	689	34,054	0.4%	0.6%	\$111,712	\$110,867
23	Construction	874	0.99	7,631	268,718	4.5%	4.5%	\$74,763	\$77,927
31-33	Manufacturing	512	1.94	31,623	566,896	18.5%	9.5%	\$73,908	\$74,597
42	Wholesale Trade	390	0.96	5,984	216,986	3.5%	3.6%	\$74,839	\$99,656
44-45	Retail Trade	1,091	1.08	18,614	601,132	10.9%	10.1%	\$35,094	\$36,721
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	366	0.98	9,704	345,491	5.7%	5.8%	\$55,621	\$59,247
51	Information	107	0.33	918	96,556	0.5%	1.6%	\$57,354	\$119,947
52	Finance and Insurance	427	0.53	4,159	273,127	2.4%	4.6%	\$96,473	\$118,105
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	289	1.00	1,953	67,704	1.1%	1.1%	\$95,618	\$74,573
54	Professional and Technical Services	715	0.54	6,170	398,002	3.6%	6.7%	\$84,728	\$117,065
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	95	1.11	4,716	147,596	2.8%	2.5%	\$130,359	\$153,152
56	Administrative and Waste Services	522	0.99	8,601	303,622	5.0%	5.1%	\$43,135	\$51,067
61	Educational Services	234	0.96	13,342	485,148	7.8%	8.1%	\$59,010	\$67,022
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,176	0.93	29,617	1,108,490	17.3%	18.6%	\$66,639	\$63,414
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	154	0.79	2,324	102,276	1.4%	1.7%	\$25,871	\$43,044
72	Accommodation and Food Services	756	0.95	12,556	461,744	7.3%	7.7%	\$21,929	\$24,729
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	902	0.93	5,416	203,144	3.2%	3.4%	\$39,536	\$43,903
92	Public Administration	141	0.65	4,340	232,974	2.5%	3.9%	\$67,569	\$73,804
	Total, Suppressed Local Industries	0		0		0.0%			
		Comp	any Ow	nership					
Total, All	Ownership	8,920	1.00	171,176	5,963,025	100.0%	100.0%	\$61,399	\$69,252
Private O	wnership	8,545	1.00	152,920	5,301,081	89.3%	88.9%	\$61,096	\$69,300
Federal O	Ownership	63	0.29	834	101,636	0.5%	1.7%	\$83,271	\$90,018
State Owr	nership	30	0.73	2,641	126,229	1.5%	2.1%	\$70,669	\$71,770
Local Ow	nership	282	1.19	14,781	434,079	8.6%	7.3%	\$61,640	\$63,079

Notes: 'Estab.'-Establishments. 'LQ'-(Location Quotient) is the percent of county employment by sector divided by the percent of PA's employment by sector.

Occupational Wages, 2023 Annual Averages						
		Entry-Level Wage		Average W	/age	
SOC Code	Major Occupational Group	County	PA	County	PA	
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	\$29,920	\$29,860	\$57,440	\$61,920	
11-0000	Management	\$62,870	\$64,540	\$127,080	\$131,660	
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	\$45,500	\$47,270	\$78,920	\$82,990	
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	\$50,810	\$54,840	\$90,280	\$98,060	
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	\$59,020	\$57,460	\$89,310	\$92,950	
19-0000	Life, Physical, & Social Science	\$44,130	\$48,260	\$70,830	\$82,210	
21-0000	Community & Social Service	\$37,280	\$36,700	\$55,150	\$55,040	
23-0000	Legal	\$45,330	\$51,470	\$103,940	\$120,620	
25-0000	Educational Instruction & Library	\$32,880	\$34,430	\$63,130	\$68,610	
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	\$31,020	\$32,120	\$56,770	\$61,640	
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$47,930	\$48,400	\$98,890	\$97,160	
31-0000	Healthcare Support	\$26,730	\$26,680	\$36,110	\$35,120	
33-0000	Protective Service	\$30,470	\$30,510	\$55,810	\$56,120	
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$21,130	\$21,170	\$30,780	\$31,550	
37-0000	Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	\$27,960	\$27,390	\$37,670	\$37,490	
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	\$21,840	\$22,380	\$35,450	\$35,260	
41-0000	Sales & Related	\$25,340	\$24,850	\$47,920	\$50,440	
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	\$31,760	\$31,640	\$46,040	\$46,810	
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	\$21,290	\$25,510	\$34,940	\$41,590	
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	\$40,770	\$40,300	\$60,850	\$61,810	
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	\$38,980	\$36,690	\$57,710	\$57,200	
51-0000	Production	\$34,020	\$32,920	\$47,090	\$48,120	
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	\$31,220	\$30,290	\$44,500	\$45,770	

Note: 'ND' represents Non-Disclosable information.

