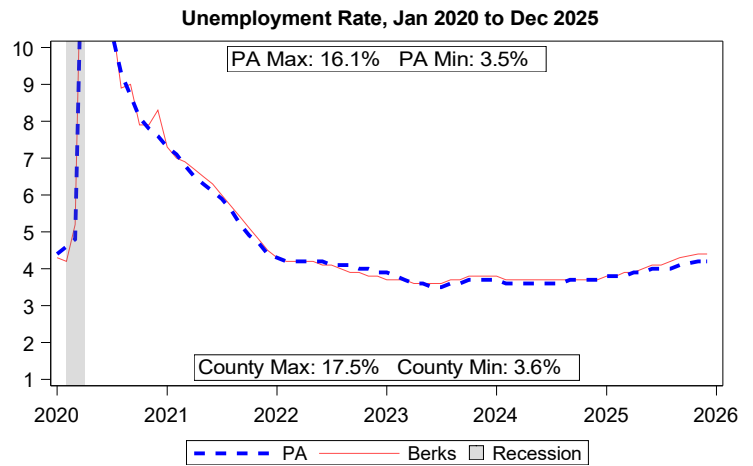
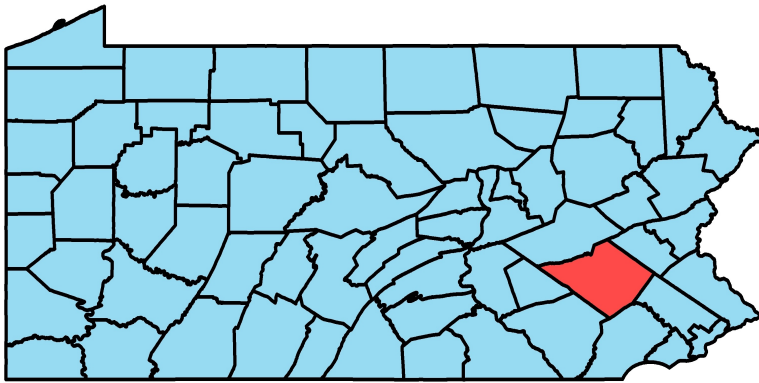


Berks County Profile

February 2026



2023 Population		
Demographic	County	PA
Total Population	429,989	12,986,518
Female	216,766	6,585,606
Male	213,223	6,400,912
Population by Race		
White	72.3%	75.8%
Black	4.7%	10.7%
Other	23.0%	13.5%
Hispanic Origin (all races)	24.0%	8.4%

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
December 2025	6,788	244,001
December 2024	5,550	204,316
Annual Percent Change	22.3%	19.4%
Annual Volume Change	1,238	39,685

Source: The Conference Board - LightCast - Help Wanted OnLine™

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		
Dec 2025	County	PA
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.2%
Labor Force	218,700	6,570,000
Employed	209,100	6,293,000
Unemployed	9,700	278,000

Notes: Current month's data are preliminary. Data are seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Compensation Exhaustees				
Jan 2025 to Dec 2025	Volume		Percent of Total	
	County	PA	County	PA
Natural Resources and Mining	20	720	0.5%	1.0%
Construction	170	7,320	5.5%	9.0%
Manufacturing	730	9,990	24.5%	12.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	780	16,540	26.0%	20.0%
Information	30	1,670	1.0%	2.0%
Financial Activities	140	4,540	4.5%	5.5%
Professional and Business Services	510	16,430	17.0%	19.5%
Education and Health Service	390	15,320	13.0%	18.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	150	6,460	5.0%	8.0%
Other Services	50	2,490	1.5%	3.0%
Public Administration	20	1,290	0.5%	1.5%
Unclassified Industry	10	500	0.5%	0.5%
Total	3,000	83,270	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 Q2 of 2024
East Penn Manufacturing Company
Reading Hospital
Amazon.com Services LLC
Carpenter Technology Corporation
Reading School District
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Berks County
Penske Truck Leasing Co LP
State Government
Redners Markets Inc

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2024 Annual Averages

NAICS	NAICS Description	Estab.		Employment		Employment %		Wages	
		County	LQ	County	PA	County	PA	County	PA
	Total, All Industries	8,917	1.00	173,694	6,019,749	100.0%	100.0%	\$63,605	\$71,731
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	121	3.04	2,462	28,038	1.4%	0.5%	\$44,410	\$45,430
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas	9	0.38	226	20,860	0.1%	0.3%	\$91,634	\$105,671
22	Utilities	45	0.72	714	34,275	0.4%	0.6%	\$117,194	\$117,912
23	Construction	887	0.98	7,614	269,524	4.4%	4.5%	\$78,384	\$81,495
31-33	Manufacturing	508	1.94	31,480	563,767	18.1%	9.4%	\$77,950	\$77,222
42	Wholesale Trade	387	0.91	5,723	217,225	3.3%	3.6%	\$77,576	\$103,433
44-45	Retail Trade	1,096	1.09	18,714	595,107	10.8%	9.9%	\$35,691	\$37,566
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	364	1.14	11,418	348,451	6.6%	5.8%	\$56,861	\$61,475
51	Information	110	0.34	923	94,435	0.5%	1.6%	\$58,449	\$127,563
52	Finance and Insurance	426	0.49	3,883	273,363	2.2%	4.5%	\$103,310	\$125,012
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	279	0.87	1,694	67,751	1.0%	1.1%	\$98,011	\$75,745
54	Professional and Technical Services	737	0.54	6,224	396,986	3.6%	6.6%	\$88,457	\$122,816
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	99	1.13	4,792	147,358	2.8%	2.4%	\$145,054	\$161,330
56	Administrative and Waste Services	519	1.02	8,817	299,369	5.1%	5.0%	\$41,907	\$51,366
61	Educational Services	233	0.95	13,482	492,429	7.8%	8.2%	\$61,715	\$69,268
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,127	0.92	30,548	1,154,466	17.6%	19.2%	\$67,685	\$64,842
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	154	0.76	2,338	106,263	1.3%	1.8%	\$28,334	\$44,444
72	Accommodation and Food Services	774	0.94	12,632	465,024	7.3%	7.7%	\$22,059	\$25,518
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	903	0.93	5,557	207,747	3.2%	3.5%	\$40,596	\$45,440
92	Public Administration	143	0.65	4,452	237,313	2.6%	3.9%	\$70,925	\$77,037
	Total, Suppressed Local Industries	0		0		0.0%			

Company Ownership

Total, All Ownership	8,917	1.00	173,694	6,019,749	100.0%	100.0%	\$63,605	\$71,731
Private Ownership	8,541	1.01	155,073	5,345,897	89.3%	88.8%	\$63,248	\$71,761
Federal Ownership	62	0.29	859	103,709	0.5%	1.7%	\$81,446	\$93,356
State Ownership	31	0.73	2,694	127,747	1.6%	2.1%	\$75,085	\$75,454
Local Ownership	283	1.18	15,068	442,396	8.7%	7.3%	\$64,205	\$65,225

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, 2024 Annual Averages

SOC Code	Major Occupational Group	Entry-Level Wage		Average Wage	
		County	PA	County	PA
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	\$30,970	\$30,780	\$59,380	\$63,690
11-0000	Management	\$62,650	\$64,230	\$125,160	\$131,730
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	\$47,870	\$49,780	\$81,760	\$86,650
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	\$53,650	\$56,410	\$93,900	\$100,280
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	\$60,080	\$59,380	\$89,960	\$94,890
19-0000	Life, Physical, & Social Science	\$50,060	\$50,040	\$78,050	\$85,750
21-0000	Community & Social Service	\$39,930	\$39,030	\$57,790	\$57,940
23-0000	Legal	\$46,860	\$49,940	\$102,900	\$116,900
25-0000	Educational Instruction & Library	\$33,430	\$33,960	\$62,510	\$67,240
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	\$33,890	\$33,610	\$64,220	\$65,180
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$49,130	\$48,760	\$103,810	\$97,430
31-0000	Healthcare Support	\$27,240	\$26,910	\$36,900	\$35,900
33-0000	Protective Service	\$32,220	\$32,510	\$57,970	\$58,460
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$22,250	\$22,160	\$32,480	\$33,140
37-0000	Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	\$28,680	\$28,100	\$38,670	\$38,190
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	\$21,900	\$22,620	\$35,770	\$36,000
41-0000	Sales & Related	\$26,040	\$25,890	\$47,390	\$50,110
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	\$33,100	\$32,920	\$47,920	\$48,410
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	\$23,080	\$29,230	\$38,260	\$42,730
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	\$41,990	\$42,180	\$62,130	\$64,370
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	\$41,710	\$39,410	\$61,270	\$60,180
51-0000	Production	\$36,920	\$34,480	\$51,410	\$50,090
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	\$31,990	\$30,700	\$46,140	\$46,820

Note: 'ND' represents Non-Disclosable information.



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