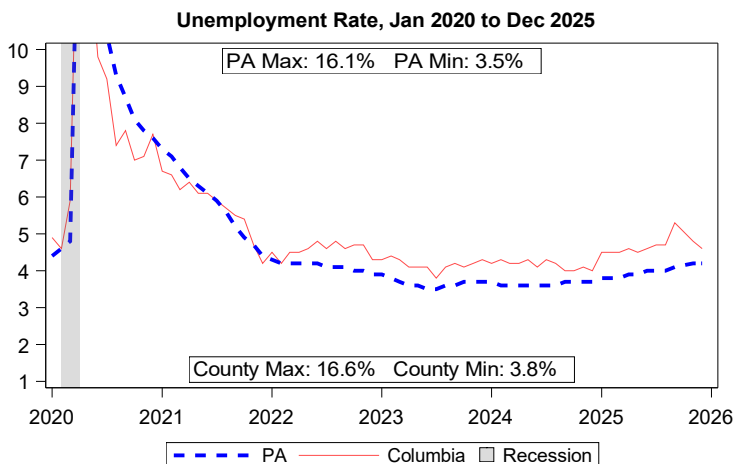
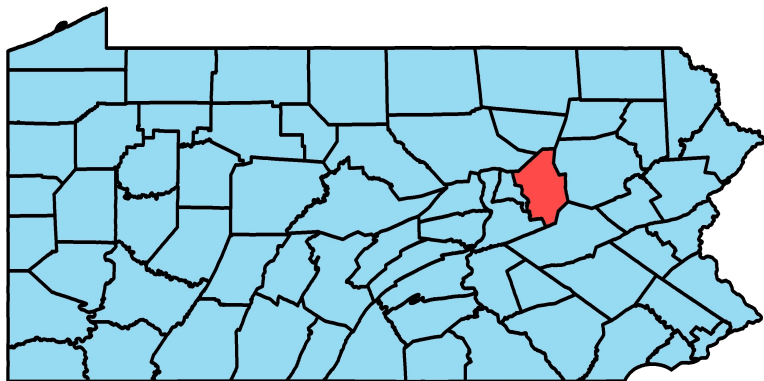


# Columbia County Profile

February 2026



2023 Population		
Demographic	County	PA
Total Population	65,055	12,986,518
Female	33,580	6,585,606
Male	31,475	6,400,912
Population by Race		
White	92.4%	75.8%
Black	1.9%	10.7%
Other	5.7%	13.5%
Hispanic Origin (all races)	3.7%	8.4%

Population by Age		
Ages 0 to 17	17.7%	20.6%
Ages 18 to 24	14.9%	8.9%
Ages 25 to 34	10.9%	13.0%
Ages 35 to 44	10.9%	12.3%
Ages 45 to 54	11.8%	12.2%
Ages 55 to 64	13.7%	13.9%
Ages 65 to 74	12.0%	11.2%
Ages 75 and Older	8.2%	7.9%
Median Age	41.4	40.9

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

Online Job Postings	County	PA
December 2025	1,004	244,001
December 2024	691	204,316
Annual Percent Change	45.3%	19.4%
Annual Volume Change	313	39,685

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

2023 Veterans	County	PA
Total Veterans	3,511	656,112
Veteran Median Income	\$41,627	\$48,257
Non-Veteran Median Income	\$32,320	\$39,875
Veteran Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.9%
Non-Veteran Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.3%

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

2023 Resident Income	County	PA
Per Capita Income	\$52,692	\$68,945
Total Personal Income (in thousands)	\$3,448,107	\$893,649,165
Total Earnings (in thousands)	\$1,988,054	\$538,362,363
Total Dividends/Interest/Rent (in thousands)	\$520,094	\$167,613,070
Total Transfer Payments (in thousands)	\$939,959	\$187,673,732

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Local Area Unemployment Statistics		
Dec 2025	County	PA
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%
Labor Force	32,700	6,570,000
Employed	31,200	6,293,000
Unemployed	1,500	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	0	720	0.0%	1.0%	
Construction	40	7,320	10.0%	9.0%	
Manufacturing	90	9,990	22.5%	12.0%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	90	16,540	22.5%	20.0%	
Information	0	1,670	0.0%	2.0%	
Financial Activities	10	4,540	2.5%	5.5%	
Professional and Business Services	70	16,430	17.5%	19.5%	
Education and Health Service	60	15,320	15.0%	18.5%	
Leisure and Hospitality	30	6,460	7.5%	8.0%	
Other Services	10	2,490	2.5%	3.0%	
Public Administration	0	1,290	0.0%	1.5%	
Unclassified Industry	0	500	0.0%	0.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>83,270</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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
Geisinger System Services
PA State System of Higher Education
Wise Foods Inc
The Webstaurant Store
Dollar Tree Stores Distribution Ctr
Mom Brands Company LLC
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital
Met Express Inc
Kawneer Company 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	1,571	1.00	24,393	6,019,749	100.0%	100.0%	\$50,570	\$71,731	
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	25	ND	ND	28,038	ND	0.5%	ND	\$45,430	
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas	1	ND	ND	20,860	ND	0.3%	ND	\$105,671	
22	Utilities	13	2.17	301	34,275	1.2%	0.6%	\$93,733	\$117,912	
23	Construction	133	0.94	1,023	269,524	4.2%	4.5%	\$66,343	\$81,495	
31-33	Manufacturing	74	1.67	3,821	563,767	15.7%	9.4%	\$65,249	\$77,222	
42	Wholesale Trade	46	0.53	469	217,225	1.9%	3.6%	\$44,880	\$103,433	
44-45	Retail Trade	229	1.35	3,244	595,107	13.3%	9.9%	\$32,151	\$37,566	
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	64	1.75	2,467	348,451	10.1%	5.8%	\$51,851	\$61,475	
51	Information	15	0.71	270	94,435	1.1%	1.6%	\$53,013	\$127,563	
52	Finance and Insurance	74	0.46	513	273,363	2.1%	4.5%	\$67,120	\$125,012	
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	43	0.58	160	67,751	0.7%	1.1%	\$46,424	\$75,745	
54	Professional and Technical Services	84	0.55	885	396,986	3.6%	6.6%	\$60,000	\$122,816	
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	24	2.01	1,202	147,358	4.9%	2.4%	\$71,541	\$161,330	
56	Administrative and Waste Services	73	0.40	486	299,369	2.0%	5.0%	\$39,793	\$51,366	
61	Educational Services	43	1.13	2,253	492,429	9.2%	8.2%	\$66,560	\$69,268	
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	219	0.63	2,958	1,154,466	12.1%	19.2%	\$51,203	\$64,842	
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	23	0.52	224	106,263	0.9%	1.8%	\$18,327	\$44,444	
72	Accommodation and Food Services	166	1.33	2,512	465,024	10.3%	7.7%	\$19,383	\$25,518	
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	143	0.90	757	207,747	3.1%	3.5%	\$31,194	\$45,440	
92	Public Administration	81	0.73	704	237,313	2.9%	3.9%	\$51,585	\$77,037	
	Total, Suppressed Local Industries	26		145		0.6%				

Company Ownership										
	Total, All Ownership	1,571	1.00	24,393	6,019,749	100.0%	100.0%	\$50,570	\$71,731	
	Private Ownership	1,427	0.98	21,166	5,345,897	86.8%	88.8%	\$48,742	\$71,761	
	Federal Ownership	14	0.37	154	103,709	0.6%	1.7%	\$69,810	\$93,356	
	State Ownership	20	2.06	1,065	127,747	4.4%	2.1%	\$82,299	\$75,454	
	Local Ownership	110	1.12	2,008	442,396	8.2%	7.3%	\$51,532	\$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	\$28,520	\$30,780	\$53,010	\$63,690	
11-0000	Management	\$56,540	\$64,230	\$111,120	\$131,730	
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	\$44,670	\$49,780	\$71,960	\$86,650	
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	\$50,380	\$56,410	\$85,620	\$100,280	
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	\$57,600	\$59,380	\$83,120	\$94,890	
19-0000	Life, Physical, & Social Science	\$47,340	\$50,040	\$72,180	\$85,750	
21-0000	Community & Social Service	\$37,520	\$39,030	\$54,590	\$57,940	
23-0000	Legal	\$40,190	\$49,940	\$94,320	\$116,900	
25-0000	Educational Instruction & Library	\$34,280	\$33,960	\$64,110	\$67,240	
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media	\$32,350	\$33,610	\$58,100	\$65,180	
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40,170	\$48,760	\$86,540	\$97,430	
31-0000	Healthcare Support	\$27,020	\$26,910	\$34,330	\$35,900	
33-0000	Protective Service	\$34,890	\$32,510	\$60,220	\$58,460	
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$20,640	\$22,160	\$30,320	\$33,140	
37-0000	Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	\$26,760	\$28,100	\$36,130	\$38,190	
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	\$20,570	\$22,620	\$30,700	\$36,000	
41-0000	Sales & Related	\$23,670	\$25,890	\$38,450	\$50,110	
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	\$30,400	\$32,920	\$44,530	\$48,410	
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	\$27,350	\$29,230	\$38,980	\$42,730	
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	\$39,030	\$42,180	\$56,940	\$64,370	
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	\$36,830	\$39,410	\$55,990	\$60,180	
51-0000	Production	\$34,790	\$34,480	\$47,350	\$50,090	
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	\$30,750	\$30,700	\$44,720	\$46,820	

Note: 'ND' represents Non-Disclosable information.

