

Table 1.
Reading MSA
(Berks county)
Labor Force Characteristics*
Employment and Unemployment by Sex, Age and Minority Status

2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Sex, Age and Minority Status		Labor Force	Employed	Unemp - loyed	Percent Distribution			Unemp - loyment Rate ⁵
					Labor Force	Employed	Unemp - loyed	
Both Sexes								
1.	Total	218,539	206,343	12,196	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.6
2.	White ¹	179,318	170,814	8,504	82.1	82.8	69.7	4.7
3.	Black or African America	10,851	9,989	862	5.0	4.8	7.1	7.9
4.	Other Races ²	28,370	25,540	2,830	13.0	12.4	23.2	10.0
5.	Hispanic or Latino ³	41,057	36,817	4,240	18.8	17.8	34.8	10.3
6.	Minority Group ⁴	80,278	72,346	7,932	36.7	35.1	65.0	9.9
7.	Total Veteran	7,071	6,818	253	3.2	3.3	2.1	3.6
Age								
8.	16 to 19 years	11,068	9,384	1,684	5.1	4.5	13.8	15.2
9.	20 to 21 years	8,780	7,844	936	4.0	3.8	7.7	10.7
FEMALE								
10.	Total	102,980	97,234	5,746	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.6
11.	Percent of both sexes	--	--	--	47.1	47.1	47.1	--
12.	White	85,104	81,239	3,865	82.6	83.5	67.3	4.5
13.	Black	5,117	4,702	415	5.0	4.8	7.2	8.1
14.	Other Races	12,759	11,293	1,466	12.4	11.6	25.5	11.5
15.	Hispanic 1/	18,844	16,766	2,078	18.3	17.2	36.2	11.0
16.	Minority Group 2/	36,720	32,761	3,959	35.7	33.7	68.9	10.8
MALE								
17.	Total	115,559	109,109	6,450	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.6
18.	Percent of both sexes	--	--	--	52.9	52.9	52.9	--
19.	White	94,214	89,575	4,639	81.5	82.1	71.9	4.9
20.	Black	5,734	5,287	447	5.0	4.8	6.9	7.8
21.	Other Races	15,611	14,247	1,364	13.5	13.1	21.1	8.7
22.	Hispanic 1/	22,213	20,051	2,162	19.2	18.4	33.5	9.7
23.	Minority Group 2/	43,558	39,585	3,973	37.7	36.3	61.6	9.1

*Labor force, employed, unemployed, and all related calculations include civilian labor force participants. The civilian

(1) White including Hispanics and Latinos

(2) American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander or other racer or two or more

(3) Individuals of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin

(4) Total of all non white (alone) races and individuals of Hispanic or Latino origin. Since Hispanic or Latino individuals

(5) Number of unemployed individuals divided by the number of individuals in the labor force