

Economic Overview

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania



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Demographic Profile

The population in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 143,201 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 68,188 with a participation rate of 57.6%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 20.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.8% in the nation.

The median household income in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is \$63,574 and the median house value is \$127,900.

Summary¹

		Percent		Value				
	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA		
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Population (ACS)	_	_	_	143,201	12,989,208	331,097,593		
Male	51.6%	49.4%	49.6%	73,915	6,410,766	164,200,298		
Female	48.4%	50.6%	50.4%	69,286	6,578,442	166,897,295		
Median Age ²	_	_	_	44.2	40.8	38.5		
Under 18 Years	19.8%	20.5%	22.1%	28,326	2,664,562	73,213,705		
18 to 24 Years	7.3%	9.2%	9.4%	10,399	1,196,563	31,282,896		
25 to 34 Years	11.8%	13.1%	13.7%	16,934	1,697,433	45,388,153		
35 to 44 Years	12.2%	12.1%	12.9%	17,432	1,573,905	42,810,359		
45 to 54 Years	13.6%	12.4%	12.4%	19,452	1,606,942	41,087,357		
55 to 64 Years	14.7%	14.0%	12.9%	21,080	1,815,398	42,577,475		
65 to 74 Years	11.9%	10.8%	9.7%	17,008	1,404,780	32,260,679		
75 Years and Over	8.8%	7.9%	6.8%	12,570	1,029,625	22,476,969		
Race: White	90.9%	77.1%	65.9%	130,117	10,010,379	218,123,424		
Race: Black or African American	2.9%	10.8%	12.5%	4,157	1,407,814	41,288,572		
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.8%	113	20,570	2,786,431		
Race: Asian	0.4%	3.6%	5.8%	644	473,192	19,112,979		
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	19	4,256	624,863		
Race: Some Other Race	1.6%	3.1%	6.0%	2,344	405,422	20,018,544		
Race: Two or More Races	4.1%	5.1%	8.8%	5,807	667,575	29,142,780		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6.2%	8.1%	18.7%	8,813	1,055,108	61,755,866		
Population Growth								
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	_	_	_	143,786	12,961,683	334,914,895		
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	-0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	-289	18,215	1,885,495		
People per Square Mile ⁴	_	_	_	184.7	289.7	94.8		
Economic								
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	57.6%	62.8%	63.3%	68,188	6,680,740	167,857,207		
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	77.5%	84.0%	82.8%	41,683	4,091,783	106,380,520		
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	127	8,914	1,236,378		
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.4%	3.8%	4.3%	3,756	300,135	8,636,019		
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	73.2%	77.5%	77.1%	2,751	232,571	6,656,238		
Median Household Income ²	_	_	_	\$63,574	\$73,170	\$75,149		
Per Capita Income	_	_	_	\$32,316	\$41,234	\$41,261		
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	_	_	_	26.7	26.7	26.7		
Commute via Public Transportation	0.4%	4.3%	3.8%	273	266,593	5,945,723		
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64								
No High School Diploma	9.4%	7.3%	10.1%	7,039	487,694	17,373,867		
High School Graduate	42.2%	30.7%	25.1%	31,607	2,053,178	43,176,248		
Some College, No Degree	15.8%	15.9%	19.7%	11,835	1,062,434	33,916,989		

Summary¹

		Percent		Value				
	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA		
Associate's Degree	12.5%	9.7%	9.2%	9,388	648,506	15,886,884		
Bachelor's Degree	13.9%	22.4%	22.4%	10,438	1,499,135	38,451,123		
Postgraduate Degree	6.1%	14.1%	13.4%	4,591	942,731	23,058,233		
Housing								
Total Housing Units	_	_	_	67,328	5,753,908	140,943,613		
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	_	_	_	\$127,900	\$226,200	\$281,900		
Homeowner Vacancy	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	424	38,375	931,393		
Rental Vacancy	4.4%	4.9%	5.5%	620	84,266	2,623,236		
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	23.5%	30.8%	35.2%	13,373	1,600,237	44,238,593		
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	8.2%	10.6%	8.3%	4,680	548,519	10,474,870		
Total Owner Occupied Housing units	76.5%	69.2%	64.8%	43,614	3,593,490	81,497,760		
Social								
Poverty Level (of all people)	12.3%	11.8%	12.5%	16,822	1,482,439	40,521,584		
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	16.2%	13.6%	11.5%	9,234	708,782	14,486,880		
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1,937	164,209	4,476,703		
Disconnected Youth ³	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	175	16,293	430,795		
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	44.6%	34.5%	34.0%	12,047	873,654	23,568,955		
Uninsured	6.0%	5.6%	8.7%	8,252	719,332	28,315,092		
With a Disability, Age 18-64	15.1%	11.4%	10.5%	12,101	889,606	20,879,820		
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	51.3%	45.0%	45.5%	6,209	400,584	9,492,098		
Foreign Born	2.2%	7.3%	13.7%	3,158	941,805	45,281,071		
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	1.8%	4.5%	8.2%	2,485	558,725	25,704,846		

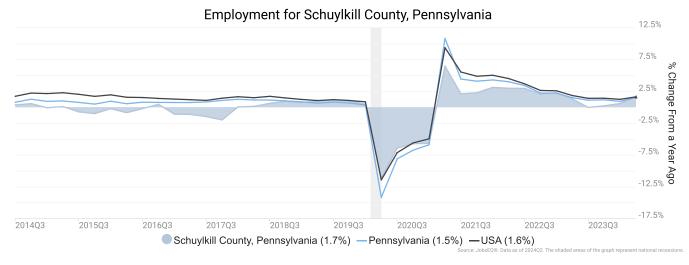
Source: JobsEQ®

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 Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.
 Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.
 Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013.
 The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

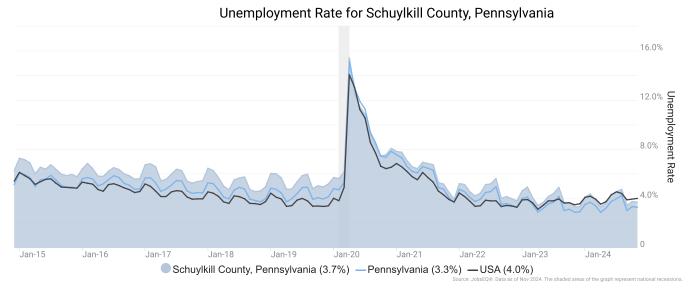
As of 2024Q2, total employment for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 52,904 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q2, employment increased 1.7% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

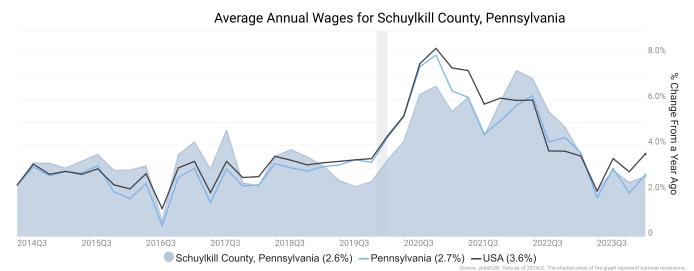
The unemployment rate for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 3.7% as of November 2024. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 4.0%. One year earlier, in November 2023, the unemployment rate in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 3.3%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through November 2024.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania earned annual wages of \$52,844 as of 2024Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.6% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$72,405 in the nation as of 2024Q2.



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q2.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 11.4% lower in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

		Cost of Living Inde	x
	Annual Average Salary	(Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	\$52,844	88.6	\$59,622
Pennsylvania	\$69,247	99.0	\$69,940
USA	\$72,405	100.0	\$72,405

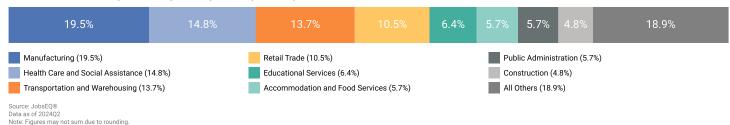
Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q2

Cost of Living per COLI, data as of 2024Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is Manufacturing, employing 10,315 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Health Care and Social Assistance (7,849 workers) and Transportation and Warehousing (7,255). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (LQ = 3.36), Transportation and Warehousing (2.75), and Manufacturing (2.46).

Total Workers for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania by Industry



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Sectors in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$92,036), Utilities (\$81,819), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$81,779). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+1,022 jobs), Construction (+430), and Accommodation and Food Services (+161).

Over the next 1 year, employment in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is projected to contract by 148 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +0.4% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+32 jobs), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+1), and Management of Companies and Enterprises (+1).

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2024Q21

			Current		5-Year History						
			Avg Ann		Empl		Total			Empl	Ann %
NAICS	Industry	Empl	Wages	LQ	Change	Ann %	Demand	Exits	Transfers	Growth	Growth
31	Manufacturing	10,315	\$69,571	2.46	-773	-1.4%	1,005	382	655	-33	-0.3%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	7,849	\$49,758	1.00	-211	-0.5%	796	348	416	32	0.4%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	7,255	\$55,744	2.75	1,022	3.1%	780	318	467	-4	-0.1%
44	Retail Trade	5,552	\$32,790	1.07	-118	-0.4%	698	317	438	-57	-1.0%
61	Educational Services	3,405	\$50,019	0.80	-96	-0.6%	308	144	174	-10	-0.3%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	3,032	\$19,376	0.66	161	1.1%	531	229	309	-6	-0.2%
92	Public Administration	2,992	\$63,629	1.21	-96	-0.6%	259	109	164	-14	-0.5%
23	Construction	2,529	\$62,209	0.80	430	3.8%	212	80	136	-3	-0.1%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,907	\$29,554	0.85	-161	-1.6%	213	88	128	-3	-0.2%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,632	\$41,542	0.50	-96	-1.1%	180	74	111	-5	-0.3%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,100	\$67,546	0.28	41	0.8%	88	33	56	0	0.0%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,051	\$52,716	1.62	-50	-0.9%	122	61	68	-7	-0.6%
42	Wholesale Trade	907	\$56,108	0.46	-107	-2.2%	87	34	57	-4	-0.4%
52	Finance and Insurance	774	\$65,119	0.37	-134	-3.1%	60	24	39	-4	-0.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	646	\$81,779	3.36	118	4.1%	28	20	38	-31	-4.7%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	536	\$21,095	0.50	137	6.1%	79	31	47	1	0.1%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	504	\$92,036	0.61	47	2.0%	43	16	27	1	0.1%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	370	\$54,933	0.39	53	3.2%	34	16	20	-1	-0.3%
22	Utilities	354	\$81,819	1.30	-43	-2.2%	24	11	19	-7	-1.9%
51	Information	194	\$46,319	0.19	-80	-6.7%	16	6	11	-1	-0.4%
	Total - All Industries	52,904	\$52,844	1.00	47	0.0%	5,580	2,357	3,371	-148	-0.3%

Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2024Q2

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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^{1.} All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is Transportation and Material Moving Occupations, employing 8,894 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Production Occupations (5,880 workers) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (5,365). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Production Occupations (LQ = 2.04), Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.94), and Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (1.61).

Occupation groups in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$109,900), Legal Occupations (\$102,100), and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$94,300). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 0.9% among Legal Occupations to 6.1% among Transportation and Material Moving Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.9% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+24 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+6). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1,096 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (641).

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2024Q21

			Current					5-Year	History		1-Year Forecast			
			Mean Ann			Unempl	Online	Empl		Total			Empl	Ann %
SOC	Occupation	Empl	Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Rate	Job Ads ³	Change	Ann %	Demand	Exits	Transfers	Growth	Growth
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	8,894	\$47,200	1.94	654	6.1%	294	796	1.9%	1,079	418	678	-17	-0.2%
51-0000	Production	5,880	\$48,500	2.04	266	3.9%	119	-605	-1.9%	589	225	396	-33	-0.6%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	5,365	\$46,000	0.87	224	3.2%	182	-413	-1.5%	514	246	319	-50	-0.9%
41-0000	Sales and Related	3,857	\$44,100	0.83	238	4.7%	308	-204	-1.0%	470	222	287	-39	-1.0%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	3,406	\$30,900	0.78	245	5.8%	196	108	0.6%	634	275	366	-7	-0.2%
11-0000	Management	3,131	\$109,900	0.77	56	1.7%	181	211	1.4%	247	91	156	-1	0.0%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	2,775	\$36,200	1.14	131	3.7%	185	163	1.2%	406	179	203	24	0.9%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,760	\$94,300	0.88	51	1.5%	588	-21	-0.2%	161	79	76	6	0.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	2,692	\$60,400	0.94	64	2.4%	71	-125	-0.9%	222	104	124	-6	-0.2%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	2,423	\$55,100	1.03	147	4.9%	59	211	1.8%	181	73	124	-16	-0.7%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2,332	\$56,500	1.13	81	2.5%	137	9	0.1%	193	82	115	-3	-0.1%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	1,983	\$74,400	0.58	51	2.3%	88	103	1.1%	160	55	105	1	0.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,473	\$63,000	1.30	55	3.4%	33	12	0.2%	141	64	86	-9	-0.6%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,242	\$37,900	0.72	84	4.9%	87	-78	-1.2%	162	72	93	-2	-0.2%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	950	\$34,700	0.70	49	3.8%	25	11	0.2%	159	60	98	1	0.1%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	920	\$54,900	0.95	19	2.2%	171	-109	-2.2%	86	34	47	5	0.5%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	678	\$84,400	0.81	17	2.2%	51	-22	-0.6%	44	16	27	0	0.1%

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2024Q21

			Current					5-Year History				1-Year Forecast			
soc	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth	
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	562	\$85,800	0.33	15	2.0%	22	22	0.8%	33	12	20	1	0.2%	
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	497	\$43,000	1.61	19	4.5%	5	-7	-0.3%	69	30	43	-4	-0.8%	
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	495	\$58,200	0.52	18	3.3%	25	-26	-1.0%	46	20	28	-1	-0.3%	
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	317	\$76,600	0.66	5	1.7%	40	12	0.7%	28	5	23	1	0.2%	
23-0000	Legal	272	\$102,100	0.62	3	0.9%	4	0	0.0%	14	6	9	-1	-0.3%	
	Total - All Occupations	52,904	\$55,500	1.00	2,495	3.9%	2,872	47	0.0%	5,644	2,367	3,424	-148	-0.3%	

Source: JobsEQ®

Data as of 2024Q2 unless noted otherwise

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- 2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

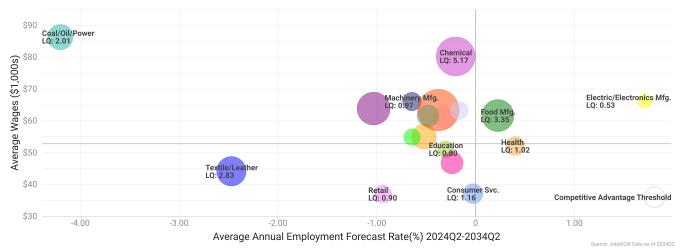
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^{3.} Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania with the highest relative concentration is Metal & Product Mfg. with a location quotient of 5.94. This cluster employs 2,274 workers in the region with an average wage of \$63,363. Employment in the Metal & Product Mfg. cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.4% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania as of 2024Q2

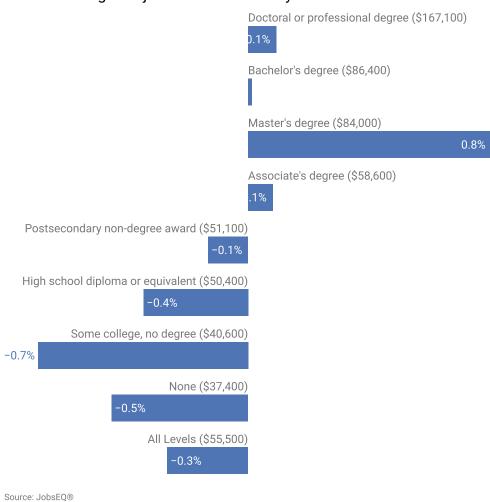


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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is projected to contract 0.3% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.1% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.0% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.1% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

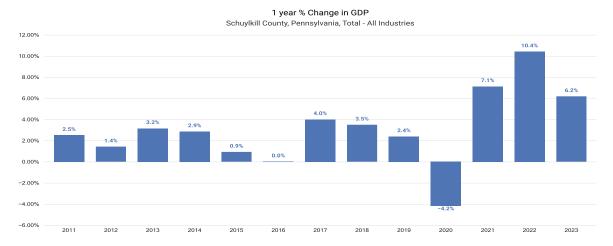


Employment by occupation data are estimates are as of 2024Q2. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Data as of 2024Q2

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2023, nominal GDP in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania expanded 6.2%. This follows growth of 10.4% in 2022. As of 2023, total GDP in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was \$5,957,387,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Of the sectors in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2023, \$1,638,781,000 The next-largest contributions came from Transportation and Warehousing (\$633,629,000); Health Care and Social Assistance (\$553,435,000); and Retail Trade (\$472,535,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2023

Manufacturing (31)

\$1,639

Transportation and Warehousing (48)

\$634

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

\$553

Retail Trade (44)

\$473

Public Administration (92)

\$330

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$326

Educational Services (61)

\$304

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (21)

\$279

Construction (23)

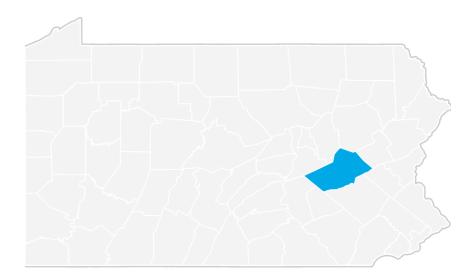
\$254

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11)

\$161

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Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania Regional Map



FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the "all industry" level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the "sector," which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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