



Economic Overview

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania



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Demographic Profile

The population in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 143,259 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 68,201 with a participation rate of 57.7%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 20.7% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is \$66,901 and the median house value is \$140,400.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	143,259	12,986,518	332,387,540
Male	51.6%	49.3%	49.5%	73,971	6,400,912	164,545,087
Female	48.4%	50.7%	50.5%	69,288	6,585,606	167,842,453
Median Age ²	—	—	—	43.9	40.9	38.7
Under 18 Years	19.9%	20.6%	22.2%	28,528	2,673,811	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	7.3%	8.9%	9.1%	10,529	1,159,561	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	11.9%	13.0%	13.7%	17,093	1,693,031	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	12.2%	12.3%	13.1%	17,431	1,602,618	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	13.2%	12.2%	12.3%	18,899	1,577,924	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	14.6%	13.9%	12.8%	20,941	1,803,332	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	12.1%	11.2%	10.0%	17,397	1,449,939	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	8.7%	7.9%	6.8%	12,441	1,026,302	22,676,920
Race: White	89.7%	75.8%	63.4%	128,550	9,844,085	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	2.9%	10.7%	12.4%	4,152	1,393,616	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%	0.2%	0.9%	121	23,921	2,924,996
Race: Asian	0.5%	3.7%	5.8%	646	480,439	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	21	4,614	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	1.9%	3.4%	6.6%	2,718	445,130	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	4.9%	6.1%	10.7%	7,051	794,713	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6.8%	8.4%	19.0%	9,744	1,087,732	63,131,589
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	144,523	13,078,751	340,110,988
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	-0.1%	0.2%	0.7%	-88	28,636	2,172,466
People per Square Mile ⁴	—	—	—	185.6	292.3	96.3
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	57.7%	62.8%	63.3%	68,201	6,665,571	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	77.6%	84.1%	83.0%	41,428	4,094,128	107,055,165
Work from Home	6.2%	13.8%	13.5%	3,914	853,137	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	119	9,390	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.3%	3.7%	4.2%	3,633	292,333	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	76.2%	77.1%	77.0%	2,769	225,385	6,478,181
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$66,901	\$76,081	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$33,769	\$43,104	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	27.2	26.6	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.3%	3.9%	3.5%	222	241,812	5,528,841
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	9.3%	7.2%	10.0%	6,923	479,504	17,176,172
High School Graduate	42.3%	30.3%	25.0%	31,469	2,025,789	43,057,491

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	Percent			Value		
	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA
Some College, No Degree	15.3%	15.6%	19.3%	11,412	1,040,645	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	12.3%	9.6%	9.2%	9,169	644,017	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	14.0%	22.8%	22.8%	10,384	1,521,148	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	6.7%	14.5%	13.8%	5,007	965,802	23,764,438
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	67,292	5,779,663	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$140,400	\$240,500	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	333	34,429	850,724
Rental Vacancy	4.3%	4.9%	5.5%	616	83,610	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	23.7%	30.7%	35.0%	13,644	1,605,715	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	76.3%	69.3%	65.0%	43,821	3,629,624	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	7.9%	10.5%	8.3%	4,568	547,253	10,602,826
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	12.5%	11.8%	12.4%	17,055	1,480,981	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	16.7%	14.0%	11.8%	9,616	734,855	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1,681	160,058	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth ³	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	148	15,296	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	44.7%	34.5%	34.0%	12,083	876,904	23,701,745
Uninsured	6.3%	5.6%	8.6%	8,638	715,495	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	15.7%	11.7%	10.7%	12,555	905,409	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	51.0%	46.4%	47.0%	6,409	420,359	10,001,264
Foreign Born	2.2%	7.4%	13.9%	3,130	961,247	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	2.0%	4.7%	8.4%	2,693	580,080	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

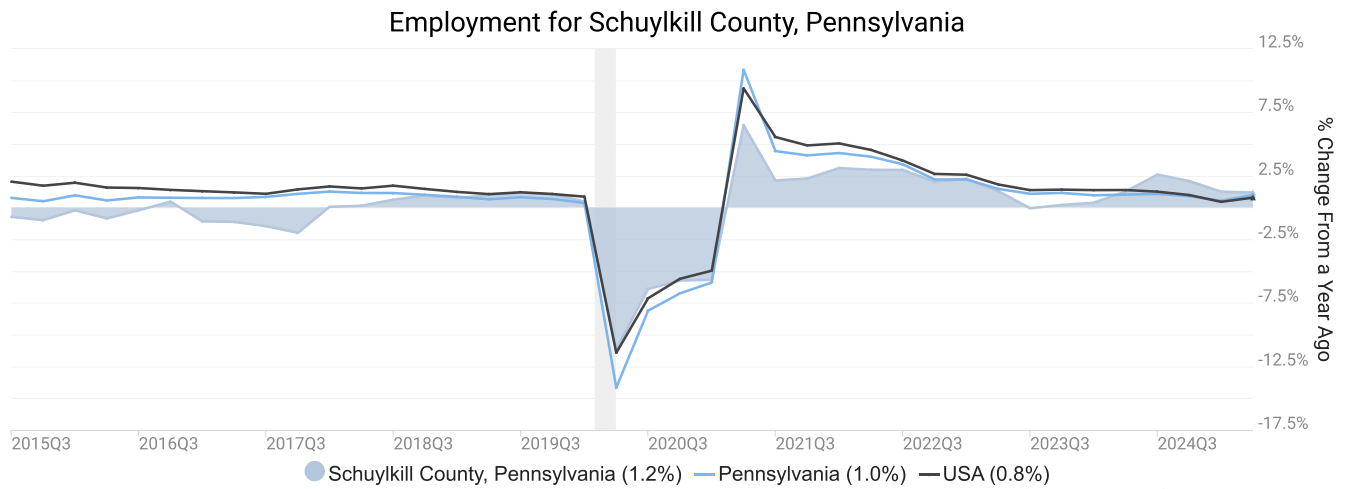
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. 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

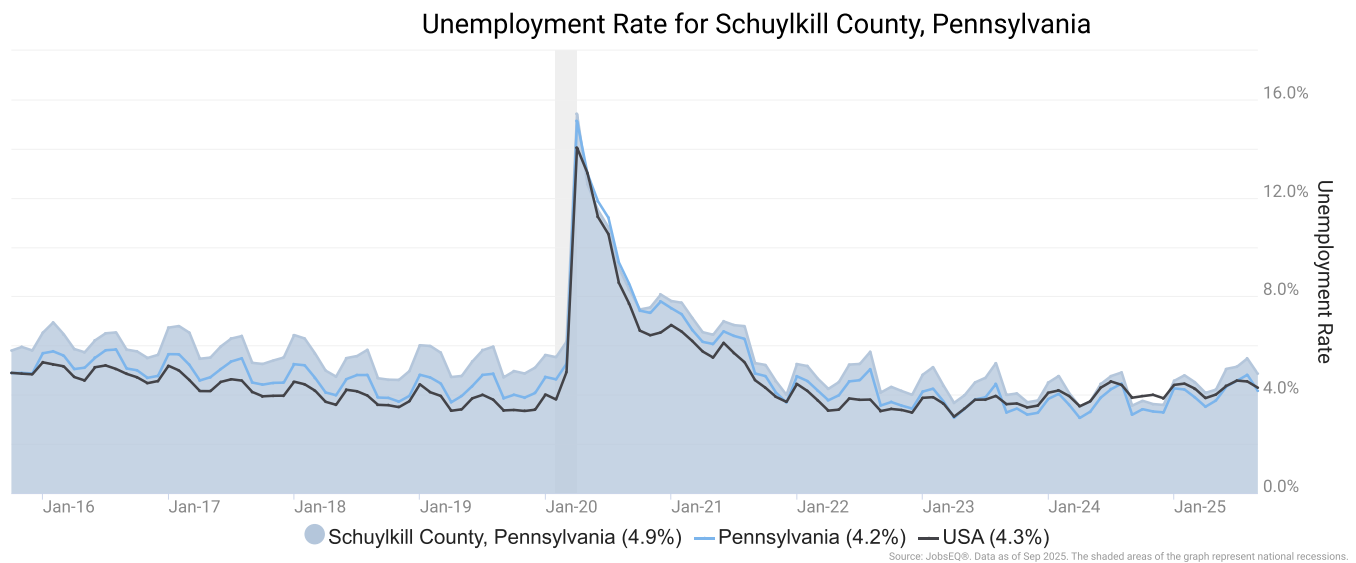
As of 2025Q2, total employment for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 53,729 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q2, employment increased 1.2% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 4.9% as of September 2025. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 4.3%. One year earlier, in September 2024, the unemployment rate in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was 3.6%.

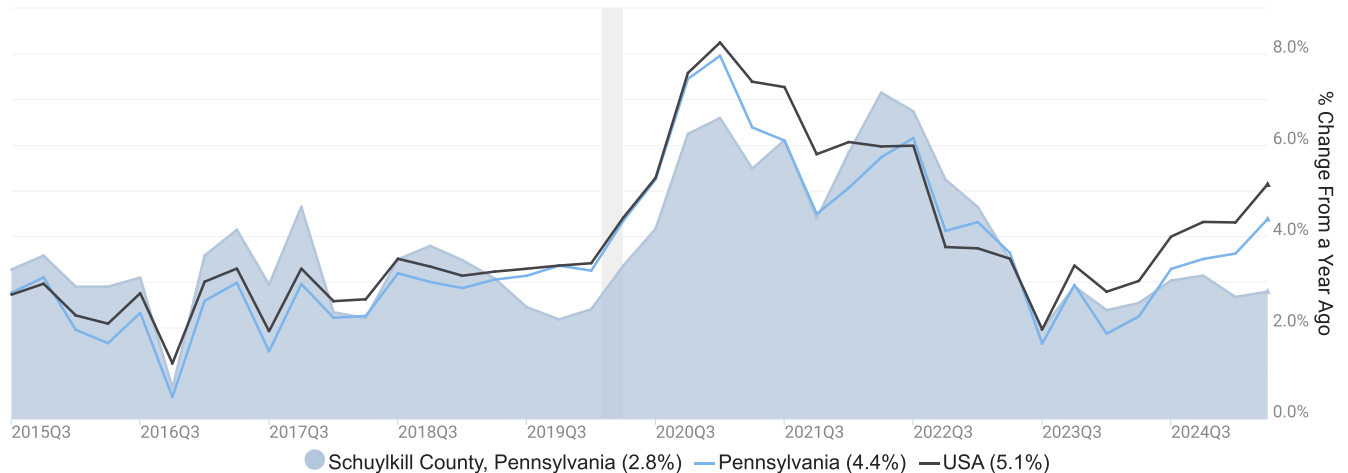


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through September 2025.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania earned annual wages of \$54,158 as of 2025Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,686 in the nation as of 2025Q2.

Average Annual Wages for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania



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 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2.

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 8.8% lower in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania than the U.S. average.

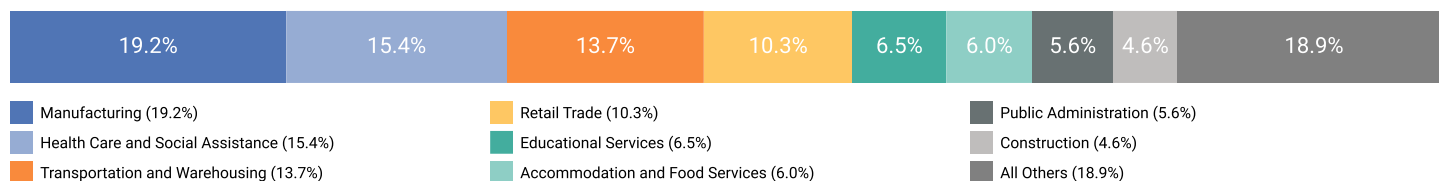
	Cost of Living Information		
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania	\$54,158	91.2	\$59,393
Pennsylvania	\$71,926	101.1	\$71,143
USA	\$75,686	100.0	\$75,686

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)
Data as of 2025Q2
Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2025Q2, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is Manufacturing, employing 10,290 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Health Care and Social Assistance (8,253 workers) and Transportation and Warehousing (7,353). 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 = 3.58), Transportation and Warehousing (2.70), and Manufacturing (2.46).

Total Workers for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2

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Sectors in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$94,870), Utilities (\$86,307), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$83,561). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+616 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+601), and Health Care and Social Assistance (+484).

Over the next 1 year, employment in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is projected to contract by 174 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +0.3% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+26 jobs), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+1), and Information (0).

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2025Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
31	Manufacturing	10,290	\$69,806	2.46	-473	-0.9%	992	408	619	-35	-0.3%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	8,253	\$52,140	1.00	484	1.2%	819	382	411	26	0.3%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	7,353	\$57,542	2.70	616	1.8%	749	345	432	-28	-0.4%
44	Retail Trade	5,542	\$33,743	1.07	31	0.1%	700	338	404	-43	-0.8%
61	Educational Services	3,502	\$51,973	0.80	60	0.3%	311	159	170	-17	-0.5%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	3,205	\$19,867	0.69	601	4.2%	546	246	307	-7	-0.2%
92	Public Administration	2,984	\$68,031	1.17	-79	-0.5%	254	115	155	-15	-0.5%
23	Construction	2,449	\$63,633	0.76	315	2.8%	201	81	121	-1	-0.1%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,959	\$29,751	0.86	-15	-0.2%	215	97	122	-4	-0.2%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,797	\$42,169	0.56	340	4.3%	193	86	114	-8	-0.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,149	\$67,631	0.30	114	2.1%	90	36	54	-1	-0.1%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,048	\$55,136	1.63	13	0.3%	119	64	61	-6	-0.6%
42	Wholesale Trade	904	\$56,520	0.45	-100	-2.1%	86	36	52	-2	-0.3%
52	Finance and Insurance	721	\$68,513	0.34	-164	-4.0%	56	25	34	-2	-0.2%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	686	\$83,561	3.58	146	4.9%	27	22	38	-33	-4.8%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	529	\$24,271	0.47	165	7.8%	76	32	43	1	0.1%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	505	\$94,870	0.60	34	1.4%	41	17	25	-1	-0.1%
22	Utilities	351	\$86,307	1.25	-24	-1.3%	24	12	18	-6	-1.8%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	345	\$52,612	0.37	34	2.1%	32	16	17	-1	-0.3%
51	Information	156	\$40,370	0.15	-94	-9.0%	13	5	8	0	-0.1%
Total - All Industries		53,729	\$54,158	1.00	2,005	0.8%	5,540	2,523	3,191	-174	-0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q2

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

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

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is Transportation and Material Moving Occupations, employing 8,745 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Production Occupations (5,924 workers) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (5,235). 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 = 2.07), Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.90), and Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (1.68).

Occupation groups in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$112,300), Legal Occupations (\$104,800), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$91,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.2% among Legal Occupations to 7.1% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.7% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+20 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+5). 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 (1,041 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (632).

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2025Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	8,745	\$47,300	1.90	703	6.2%	179	681	1.6%	1,011	445	596	-30	-0.3%
51-0000	Production	5,924	\$50,200	2.07	369	4.9%	71	-373	-1.2%	600	247	384	-31	-0.5%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	5,235	\$47,300	0.86	238	3.4%	73	-274	-1.0%	496	258	286	-49	-0.9%
41-0000	Sales and Related	3,779	\$43,600	0.81	280	5.3%	172	-138	-0.7%	460	232	263	-34	-0.9%
11-0000	Management	3,495	\$112,300	0.83	66	1.7%	103	325	2.0%	267	104	165	-1	0.0%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	3,490	\$32,100	0.79	310	6.5%	183	480	3.0%	623	281	351	-9	-0.3%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	3,000	\$35,600	1.16	155	3.8%	140	452	3.3%	425	199	206	20	0.7%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	2,877	\$89,500	0.89	55	1.4%	362	207	1.5%	166	84	77	5	0.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	2,761	\$57,800	0.94	81	2.7%	31	31	0.2%	228	117	122	-11	-0.4%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	2,412	\$57,500	0.99	179	5.4%	33	181	1.6%	169	74	111	-16	-0.7%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2,377	\$58,500	1.15	106	3.0%	83	59	0.5%	198	90	113	-5	-0.2%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	2,033	\$76,400	0.58	63	2.6%	45	118	1.2%	160	60	100	0	0.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,460	\$65,100	1.24	56	3.4%	37	57	0.8%	137	63	83	-10	-0.7%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,307	\$37,600	0.74	106	5.3%	51	54	0.8%	171	83	92	-4	-0.3%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	982	\$34,300	0.71	70	5.0%	13	123	2.7%	157	65	92	0	0.0%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	964	\$58,100	0.95	28	2.9%	107	-70	-1.4%	90	39	47	3	0.4%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	651	\$88,300	0.77	17	2.2%	28	-13	-0.4%	41	16	25	0	0.0%

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15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	620	\$91,200	0.36	26	2.9%	12	60	2.1%	33	13	20	0	0.0%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	517	\$41,000	1.68	34	7.1%	3	26	1.0%	69	33	40	-4	-0.8%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	462	\$57,300	0.49	20	3.7%	18	-10	-0.4%	42	19	24	-1	-0.3%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	359	\$79,700	0.72	10	2.7%	16	29	1.7%	31	7	24	0	0.0%
23-0000	Legal	276	\$104,800	0.62	4	1.2%	1	2	0.1%	14	6	9	-1	-0.3%
Total - All Occupations		53,729	\$56,500	1.00	2,976	4.3%	1,763	2,005	0.8%	5,591	2,534	3,231	-174	-0.3%

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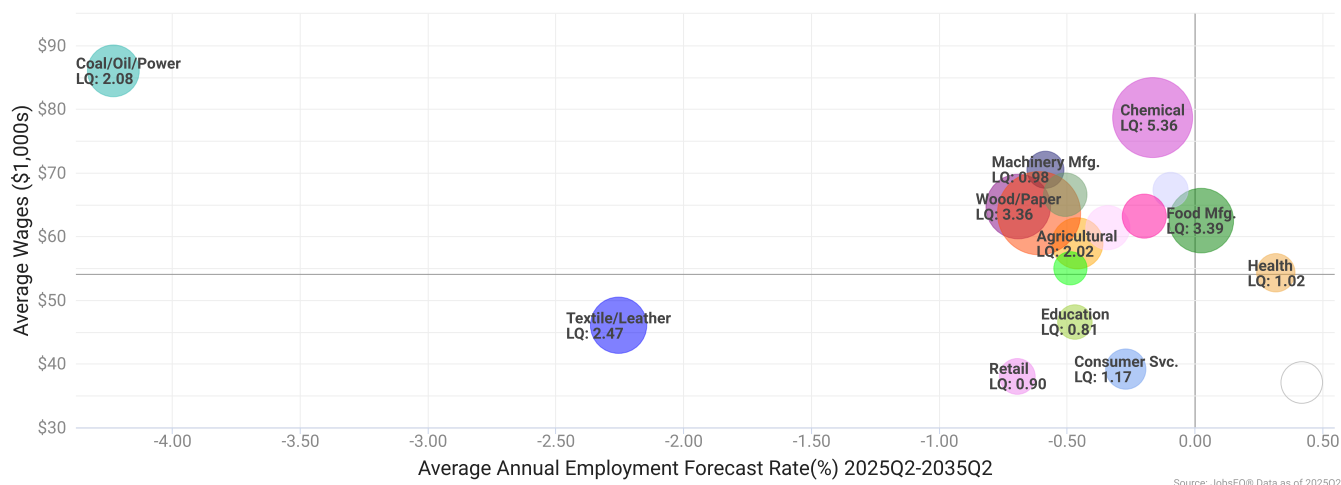
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2025Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2025 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

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 5.78. This cluster employs 2,217 workers in the region with an average wage of \$63,624. Employment in the Metal & Product Mfg. cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.6% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania as of 2025Q2

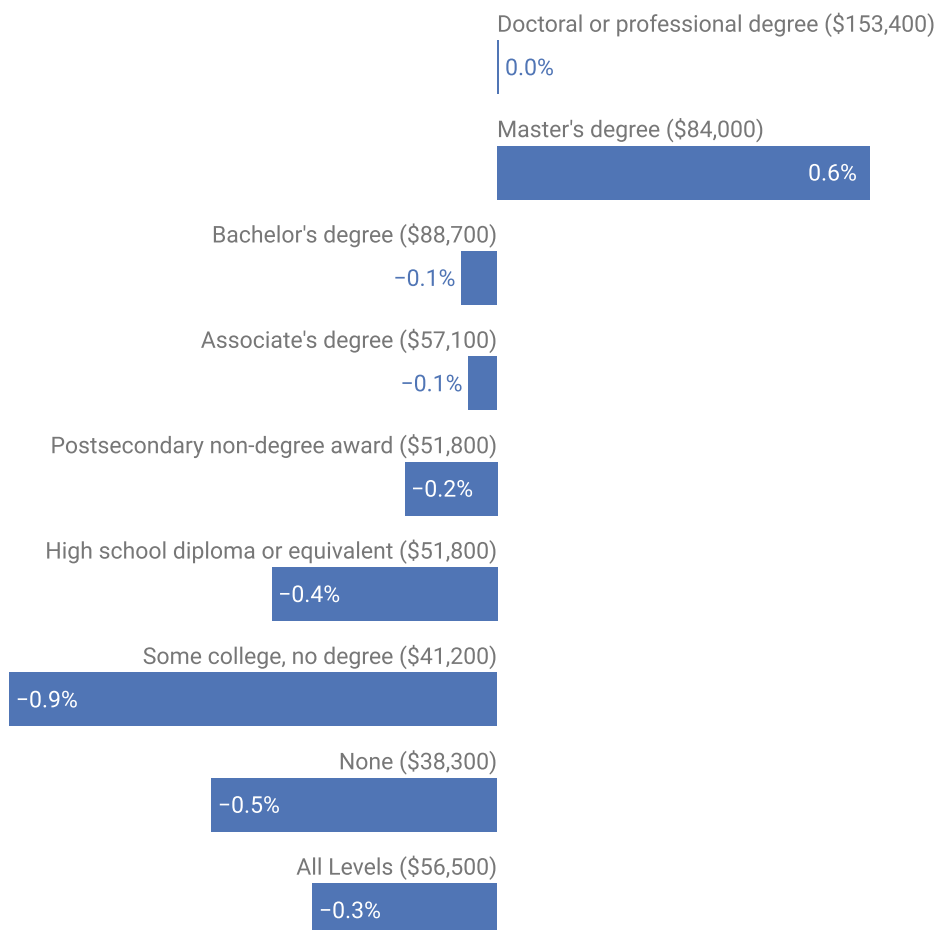


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Education Levels

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 0.0% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.1% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.1% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

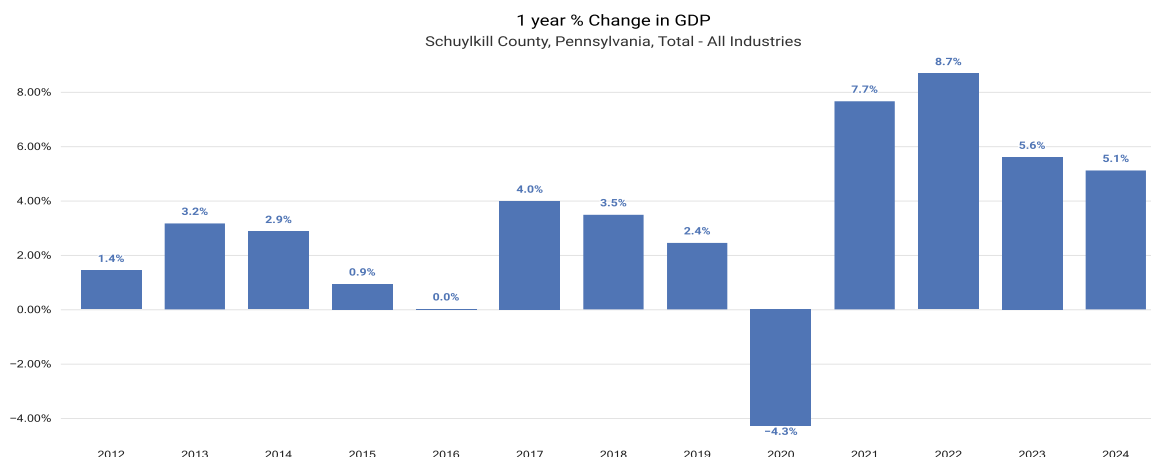


Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2025Q2. 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.

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2024, nominal GDP in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania expanded 5.1%. This follows growth of 5.6% in 2023. As of 2024, total GDP in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania was \$6,150,751,000.

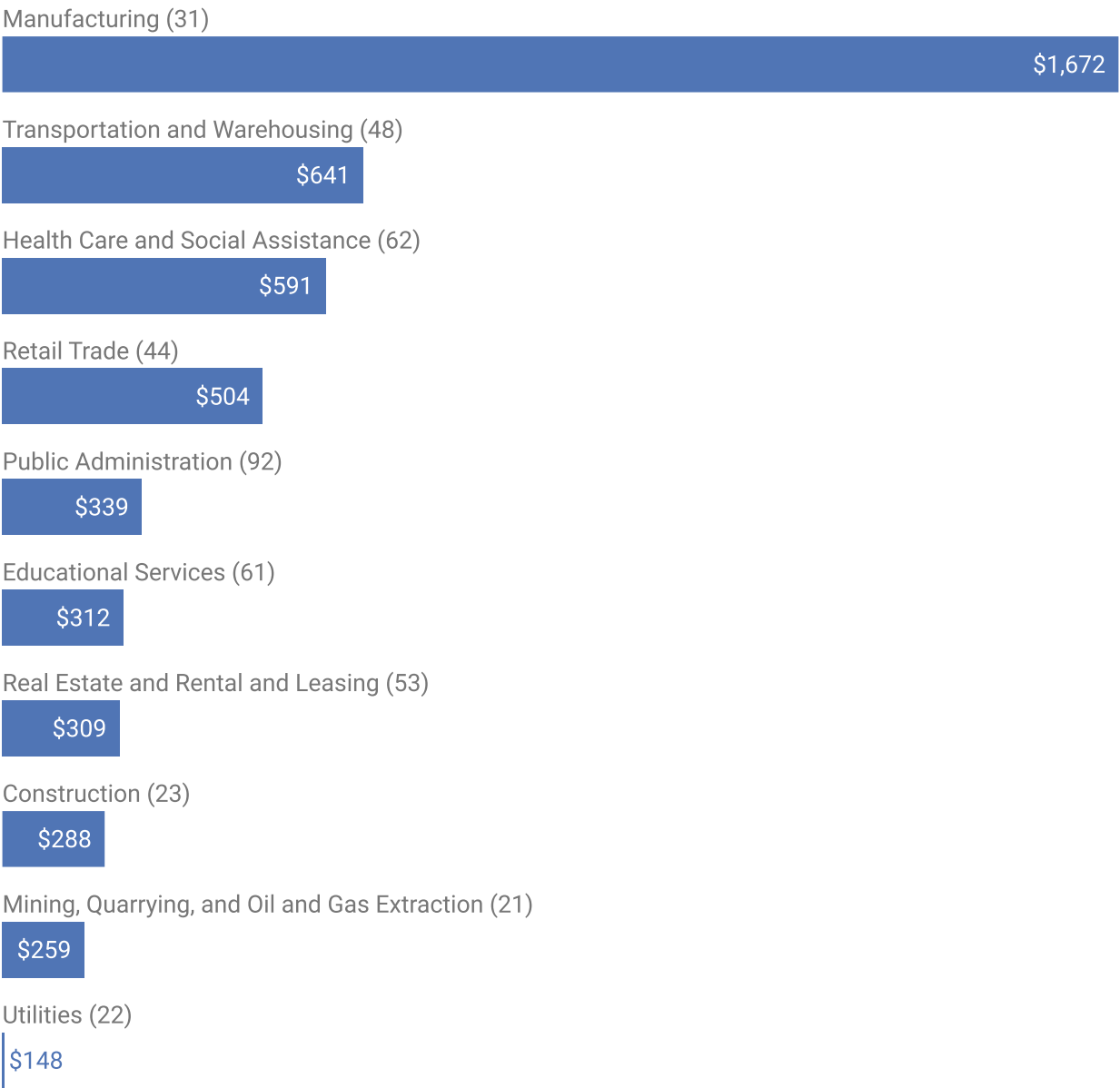


Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2024.

Of the sectors in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2024, \$1,672,375,000. The next-largest contributions came from Transportation and Warehousing (\$640,889,000); Health Care and Social Assistance (\$590,656,000); and Retail Trade (\$504,325,000).

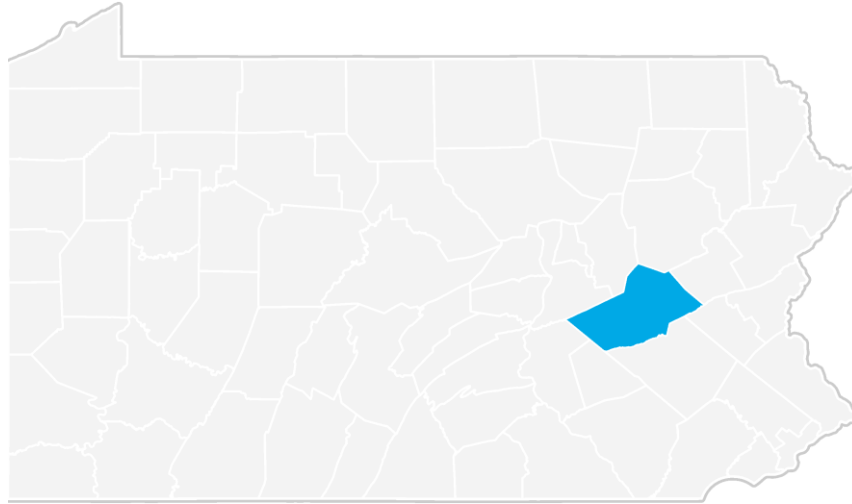
GDP (in \$ millions)

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, 2024



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Schuykill 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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