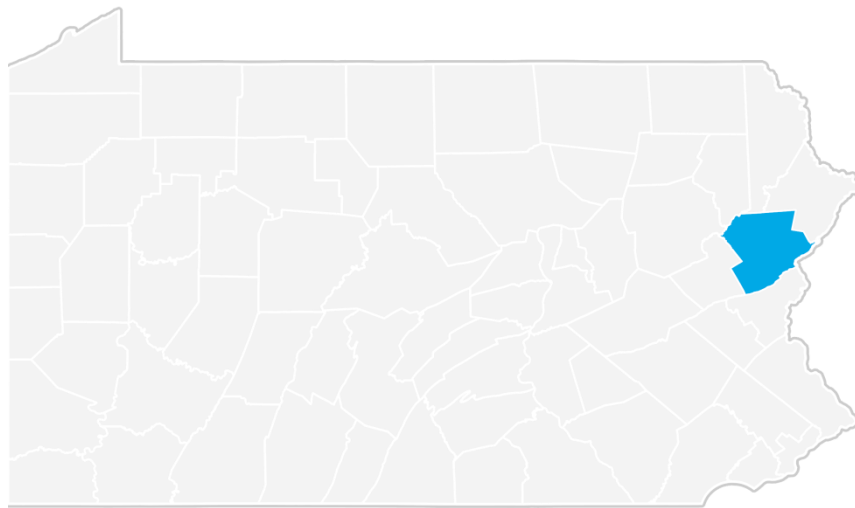


Economic Overview

Monroe County, Pennsylvania



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Demographic Profile

The population in Monroe County, Pennsylvania was 167,306 per American Community Survey data for 2013-2017.

The region has a civilian labor force of 86,320 with a participation rate of 62.5%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, 24.7% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 32.3% in the nation.

The median household income in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is \$61,430 and the median house value is \$167,200.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Monroe County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Monroe County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	167,306	12,790,505	321,004,407
Male	49.4%	48.9%	49.2%	82,610	6,260,160	158,018,753
Female	50.6%	51.1%	50.8%	84,696	6,530,345	162,985,654
Median Age ²	—	—	—	42.6	40.7	37.8
Under 18 Years	20.6%	21.0%	22.9%	34,514	2,688,917	73,601,279
18 to 24 Years	11.1%	9.5%	9.7%	18,525	1,215,635	31,131,484
25 to 34 Years	10.5%	12.9%	13.7%	17,530	1,649,488	44,044,173
35 to 44 Years	11.0%	11.7%	12.7%	18,397	1,501,781	40,656,419
45 to 54 Years	15.9%	13.8%	13.4%	26,658	1,770,235	43,091,143
55 to 64 Years	15.2%	13.9%	12.7%	25,390	1,783,427	40,747,520
65 to 74 Years	9.7%	9.3%	8.6%	16,159	1,195,873	27,503,389
75 Years, and Over	6.1%	7.7%	6.3%	10,133	985,149	20,229,000
Race: White	77.0%	81.1%	73.0%	128,746	10,378,174	234,370,202
Race: Black or African American	14.1%	11.1%	12.7%	23,629	1,417,611	40,610,815
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.8%	720	24,995	2,632,102
Race: Asian	2.3%	3.3%	5.4%	3,788	417,525	17,186,320
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	31	3,665	570,116
Race: Some Other Race	3.1%	2.0%	4.8%	5,254	251,215	15,553,808
Race: Two or More Races	3.1%	2.3%	3.1%	5,138	297,320	10,081,044
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	14.9%	6.8%	17.6%	24,980	874,833	56,510,571
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁵	—	—	—	168,046	12,805,537	325,719,178
Population Annual Average Growth ⁵	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	69	24,160	2,448,797
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	62.5%	62.6%	63.3%	86,320	6,518,993	161,159,470
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	81.6%	82.3%	81.6%	50,977	4,047,337	103,761,701
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	117	4,673	1,024,855
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%	4,745	356,973	9,667,749
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	69.5%	76.2%	75.8%	3,298	272,102	7,326,514
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$61,430	\$56,951	\$57,652
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$27,439	\$31,476	\$31,177
Poverty Level (of all people)	11.1%	13.1%	14.6%	18,309	1,623,537	45,650,345
Households Receiving Food Stamps	11.7%	13.0%	12.6%	6,715	648,528	15,029,498
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	38.6	26.7	26.4

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Monroe County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA	Monroe County, Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	USA
Commute via Public Transportation	4.1%	5.6%	5.1%	3,119	332,315	7,607,907
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	8.6%	8.2%	11.4%	7,533	550,366	19,230,541
High School Graduate	35.1%	32.9%	26.0%	30,914	2,205,619	43,784,920
Some College, No Degree	22.5%	16.8%	21.2%	19,755	1,128,016	35,803,629
Associate's Degree	9.1%	9.3%	9.0%	8,013	622,414	15,199,517
Bachelor's Degree	16.7%	20.5%	20.5%	14,667	1,372,204	34,602,913
Postgraduate Degree	8.1%	12.3%	11.8%	7,093	826,312	19,917,735
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	81,125	5,653,599	135,393,564
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$167,200	\$170,500	\$193,500
Homeowner Vacancy	2.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1,263	58,693	1,346,331
Rental Vacancy	7.7%	5.9%	6.1%	1,058	97,964	2,838,344
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	21.8%	31.0%	36.2%	12,539	1,551,082	42,992,786
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.9%	11.1%	8.8%	2,820	553,867	10,468,418
Social						
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	3,029	162,560	4,437,324
Disconnected Youth ⁴	0.5%	2.3%	2.7%	59	15,509	456,548
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	33.8%	34.6%	34.5%	11,072	886,024	24,106,567
With a Disability, Age 18-64	12.4%	11.1%	10.3%	13,133	869,035	20,276,199
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	41.5%	41.7%	41.4%	5,449	362,649	8,395,884
Foreign Born	10.6%	6.6%	13.4%	17,697	841,731	43,028,127
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	4.3%	4.2%	8.5%	6,802	509,028	25,654,421
Union Membership						
Total ³	12.7%	12.1%	10.7%	—	—	—
Private Sector ³	5.4%	7.4%	6.4%	—	—	—
Manufacturing ³	7.2%	12.5%	8.7%	—	—	—
Public Sector ³	46.1%	47.6%	35.1%	—	—	—

Source: [JobsEQ®](http://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq)

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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.

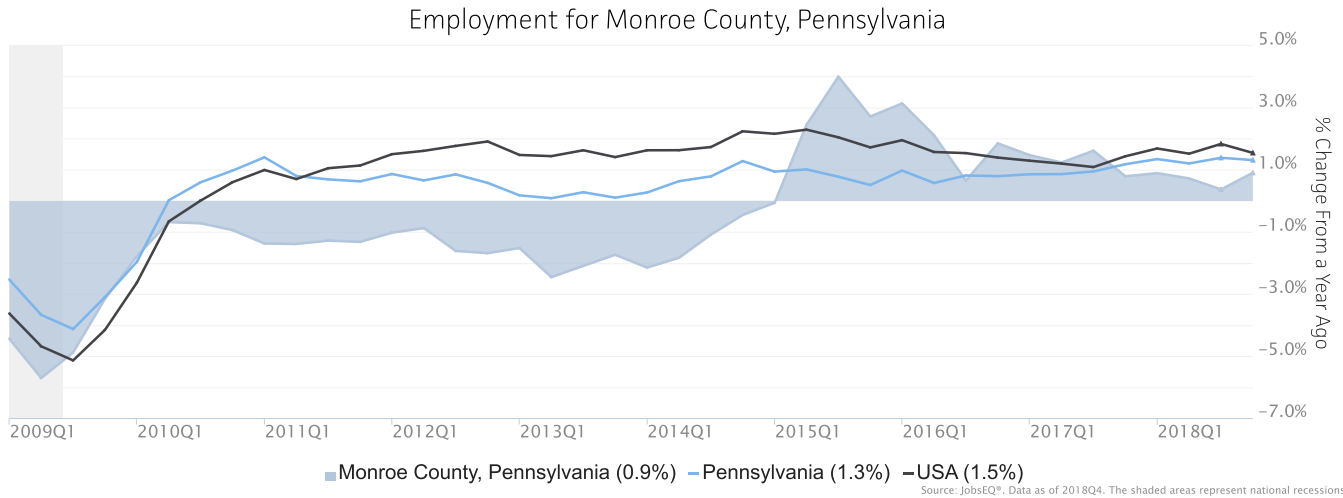
3. 2017; Current Population Survey, unionstats.com, and Chmura; county- and zip-level data are best estimates based upon industry-, MSA-, and state-level data

4. 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.

5. Census 2017, annual average growth rate since 2007

Employment Trends

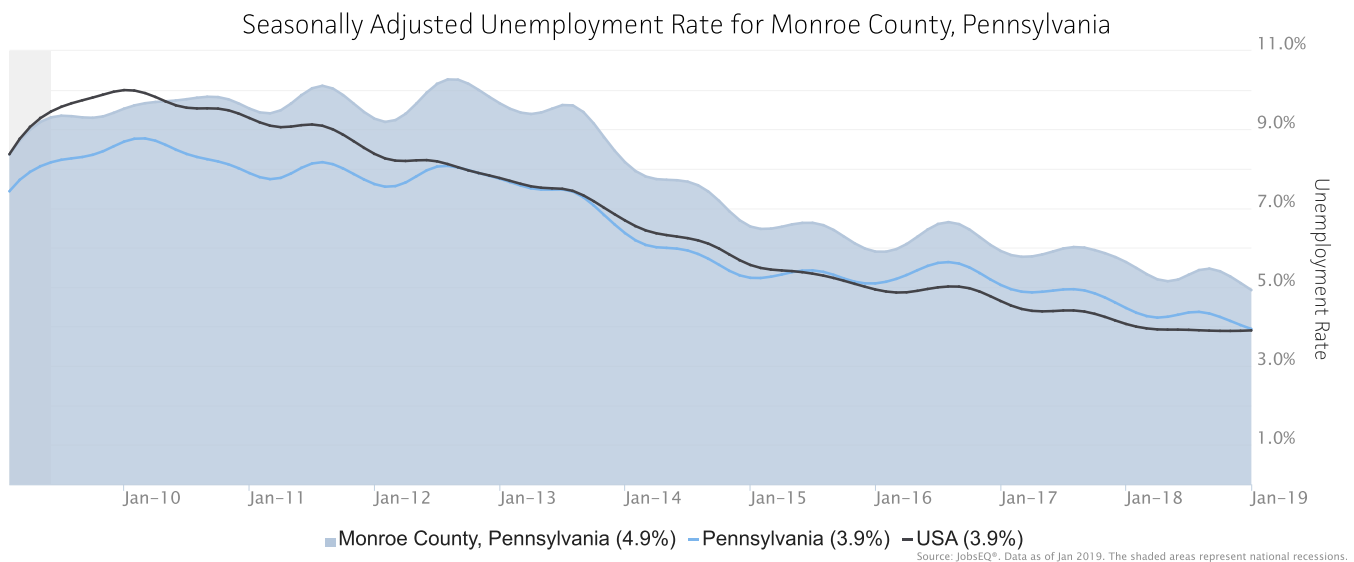
As of 2018Q4, total employment for Monroe County, Pennsylvania was 61,060 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2018Q4, employment increased 0.9% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

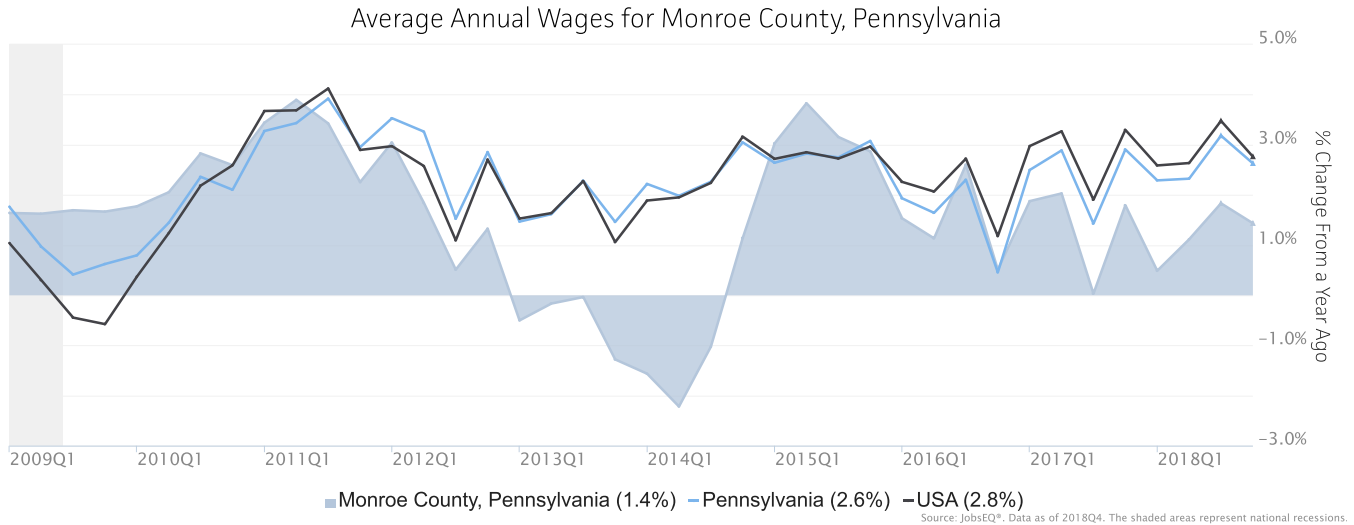
The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Monroe County, Pennsylvania was 4.9% as of January 2019. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 3.9%. One year earlier, in January 2018, the unemployment rate in Monroe County, Pennsylvania was 5.6%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through January 2019.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Monroe County, Pennsylvania earned annual wages of \$42,033 as of 2018Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 1.4% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$55,713 in the nation as of 2018Q4.



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 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4.

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 3.2% higher in Monroe County, Pennsylvania than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index	
		(Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Monroe County, Pennsylvania	\$42,033	103.2	\$40,717
Pennsylvania	\$54,368	105.6	\$51,481
USA	\$55,713	100.0	\$55,713

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

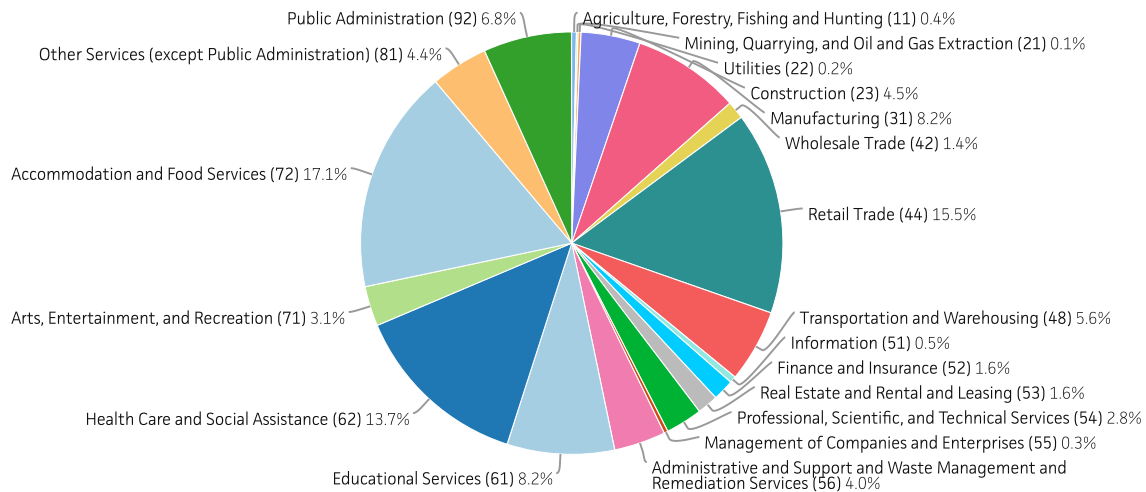
Data as of 2018Q4

Cost of Living per C2ER, data as of 2018q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is Accommodation and Food Services, employing 10,467 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (9,474 workers) and Health Care and Social Assistance (8,353). 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 Accommodation and Food Services (LQ = 1.90), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (1.55), and Retail Trade (1.47).

Total Workers for Monroe County, Pennsylvania by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2018Q4

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Sectors in Monroe County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$131,797), Utilities (\$96,430), and Manufacturing (\$80,981). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Accommodation and Food Services (+1,780 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+1,208), and Transportation and Warehousing (+575).

Over the next 1 year, employment in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is projected to contract by 212 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +1.1% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+96 jobs), Transportation and Warehousing (+3), and Construction (+1).

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Separations (Approximate)			---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl	Region	Total New Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl	Avg Ann Rate
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	221	\$14,062	0.26	19	1.9%	23	10	14	-1	-0.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	75	\$56,755	0.28	15	4.6%	6	2	5	-1	-1.7%
22	Utilities	138	\$96,430	0.43	33	5.6%	12	5	8	-1	-0.6%
23	Construction	2,761	\$43,987	0.80	97	0.7%	272	97	174	1	0.0%
31	Manufacturing	5,029	\$80,981	1.00	264	1.1%	445	193	329	-77	-1.5%
42	Wholesale Trade	837	\$54,151	0.36	-172	-3.7%	82	33	55	-6	-0.7%
44	Retail Trade	9,474	\$25,782	1.47	-142	-0.3%	1,187	557	703	-74	-0.8%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	3,401	\$47,990	1.26	575	3.8%	364	154	206	3	0.1%
51	Information	316	\$38,563	0.26	-76	-4.2%	29	11	20	-1	-0.5%
52	Finance and Insurance	985	\$51,983	0.41	-98	-1.9%	85	36	57	-8	-0.8%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	990	\$36,827	0.94	94	2.0%	90	46	54	-10	-1.0%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,715	\$55,697	0.42	56	0.7%	142	55	92	-5	-0.3%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	183	\$131,797	0.20	20	2.3%	16	6	10	-1	-0.4%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,416	\$33,243	0.61	250	2.2%	276	118	160	-2	-0.1%
61	Educational Services	5,011	\$54,712	1.00	-441	-1.7%	437	223	240	-26	-0.5%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	8,353	\$46,736	0.96	1,208	3.2%	883	387	401	96	1.1%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,875	\$23,327	1.55	-120	-1.2%	258	118	144	-4	-0.2%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	10,467	\$21,767	1.90	1,780	3.8%	1,628	748	941	-61	-0.6%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	2,673	\$26,299	1.00	114	0.9%	290	138	165	-13	-0.5%
92	Public Administration	4,137	\$62,586	1.44	-632	-2.8%	343	161	218	-36	-0.9%
	Total - All Industries	61,060	\$42,033	1.00	2,842	1.0%	6,443	2,853	3,802	-212	-0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 8,399 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (7,428 workers) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (6,855). 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 Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations (LQ = 1.55), Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations (1.50), and Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations (1.35).

Occupation groups in Monroe County, Pennsylvania with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$104,600), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$78,900), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$75,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.8% among Legal Occupations to 9.0% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +1.4% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+23 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+21). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (1,147 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (1,021).

Occupation Snapshot in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, 2018q4

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4				-----2018q4-----		Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Total New Demand	--Separations--		---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages ¹	LQ	Unempl	Rate	Online Job Ads ²				Empl	Region	Exits	Transfer
11-0000	Management	2,795	\$104,600	0.76	76	2.4%	142	95	0.7%	205	74	140	-9	-0.3%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	1,941	\$68,500	0.61	82	3.5%	65	-90	-0.9%	159	56	112	-10	-0.5%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	788	\$60,400	0.44	33	3.6%	44	-17	-0.4%	50	14	37	-1	-0.1%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	571	\$75,400	0.55	33	4.0%	42	-28	-1.0%	37	14	25	-3	-0.5%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	770	\$63,100	1.55	14	2.3%	11	8	0.2%	60	19	47	-5	-0.7%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	952	\$49,300	0.96	26	2.6%	98	136	3.1%	114	39	65	10	1.0%
23-0000	Legal	331	\$51,100	0.66	7	1.8%	6	-7	-0.4%	19	8	12	-1	-0.3%
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library	3,954	\$56,200	1.16	113	2.8%	38	-269	-1.3%	316	166	161	-12	-0.3%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	765	\$43,400	0.70	26	3.0%	40	-31	-0.8%	62	31	39	-7	-0.9%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	3,506	\$78,900	1.01	95	2.2%	242	332	2.0%	210	95	93	21	0.6%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	1,634	\$30,000	0.96	155	5.1%	85	219	2.9%	214	97	94	23	1.4%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,367	\$43,800	1.05	107	5.0%	64	38	0.6%	186	101	94	-9	-0.7%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	6,855	\$23,000	1.32	635	7.5%	405	633	2.0%	1,126	507	640	-21	-0.3%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,858	\$27,200	1.35	219	6.2%	130	493	3.9%	341	177	174	-11	-0.4%

Occupation Snapshot in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, 2018q4

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			----2018q4----			Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Total New Demand	--Separations--		---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages ¹	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ²				Empl	Region	Exits	Transfer
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	3,186	\$24,200	1.23	203	4.7%	127	272	1.8%	503	243	243	17	0.5%
41-0000	Sales and Related	7,428	\$30,900	1.21	487	5.4%	595	-258	-0.7%	957	458	563	-63	-0.9%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	8,399	\$34,000	0.95	699	5.1%	290	359	0.9%	848	423	503	-77	-0.9%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	120	\$26,400	0.30	18	9.0%	1	15	2.7%	16	4	13	-1	-0.7%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	2,389	\$45,600	0.85	210	6.0%	58	64	0.5%	235	84	152	-1	0.0%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	3,512	\$44,900	1.50	191	3.9%	176	196	1.2%	299	114	203	-18	-0.5%
51-0000	Production	2,853	\$37,900	0.77	226	4.9%	108	136	1.0%	266	115	191	-40	-1.4%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	4,085	\$34,300	0.97	378	5.7%	298	546	2.9%	476	197	284	-5	-0.1%
Total - All Occupations		61,060	\$42,000	1.00	n/a	n/a	3,066	2,842	1.0%	6,709	3,036	3,885	-212	-0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](http://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq)

Data as of 2018Q4 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Occupation wages are as of 2017 and should be taken as the average for all Covered Employment

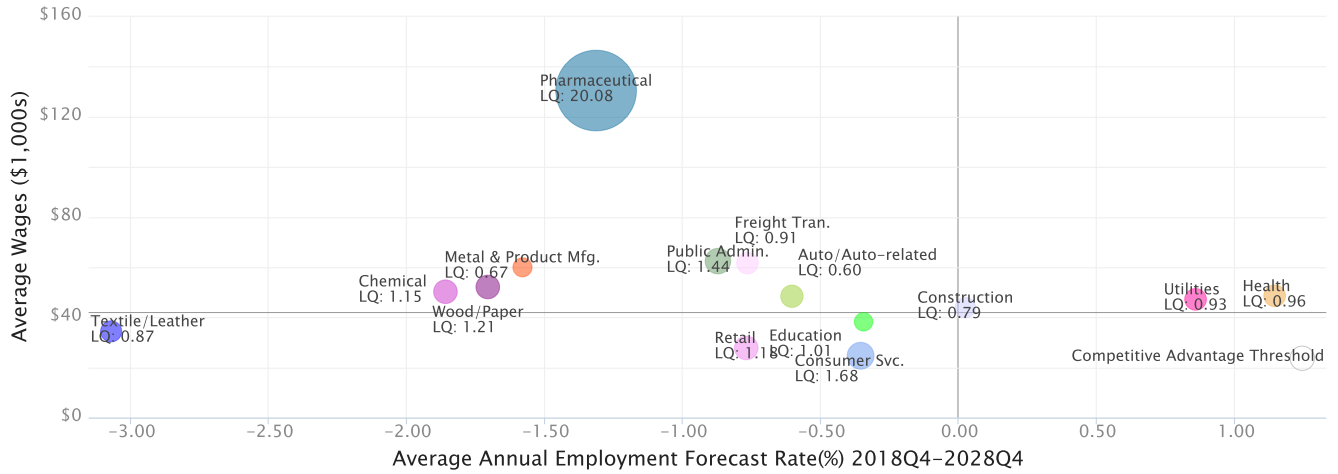
2. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region; data represents a sampling rather than the complete universe of postings. Ads lacking zip code information but designating a place (city, town, etc.) may be assigned to the zip code with greatest employment in that place for queries in this analytic. 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).

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 2018Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2017 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 Monroe County, Pennsylvania with the highest relative concentration is Pharmaceutical with a location quotient of 20.08. This cluster employs 2,305 workers in the region with an average wage of \$130,497. Employment in the Pharmaceutical cluster is projected to contract in the region about 1.3% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Monroe County, Pennsylvania as of 2018Q4



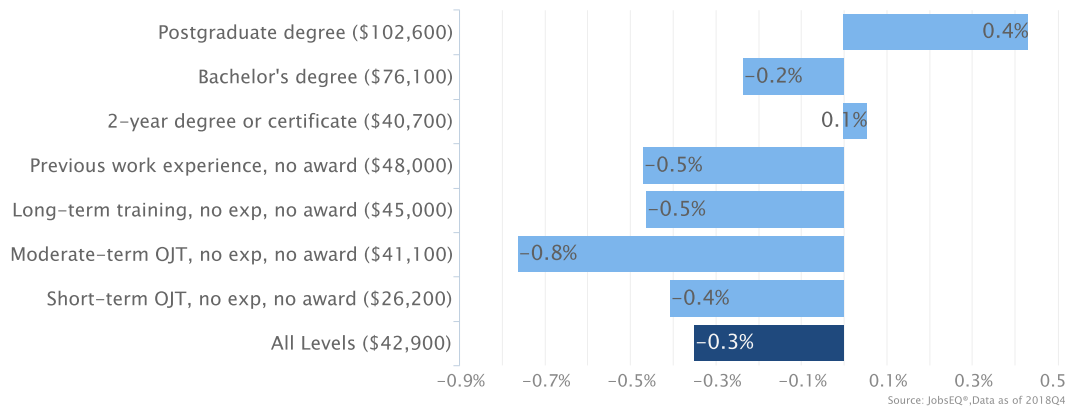
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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Monroe County, Pennsylvania is projected to contract 0.3% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.4% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.2% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.1% per year.

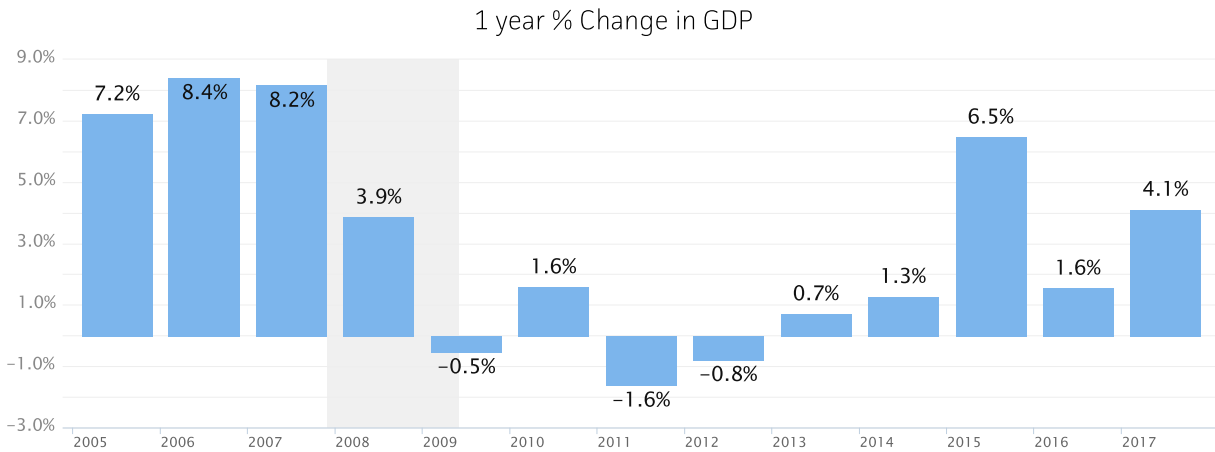
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required for Monroe County, Pennsylvania



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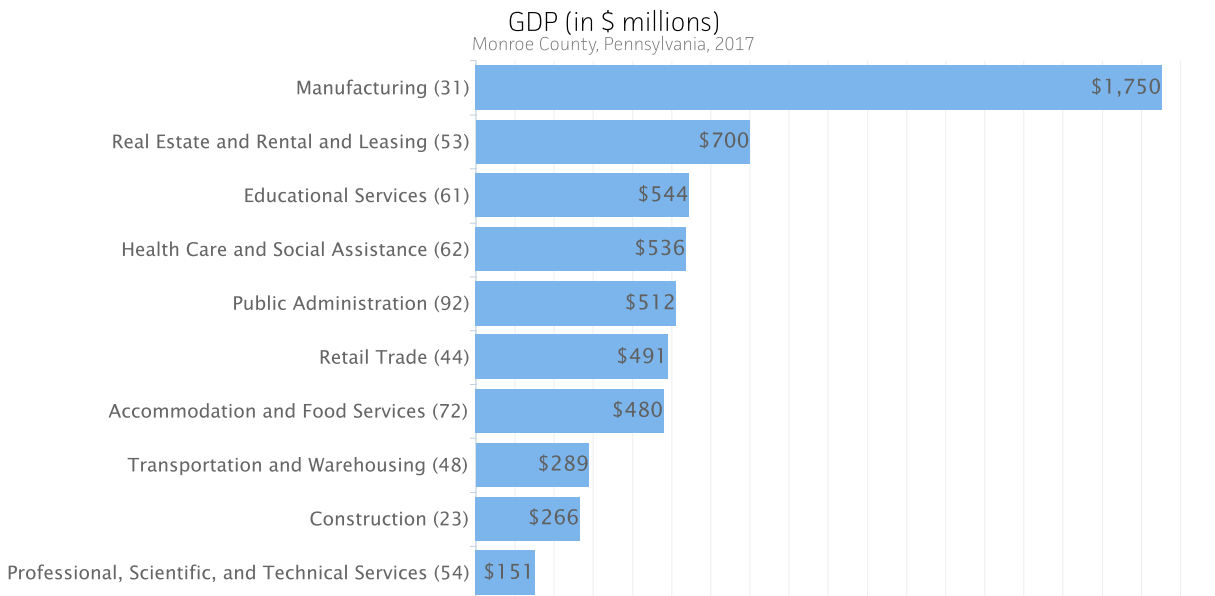
Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2017, nominal GDP in Monroe County, Pennsylvania expanded 4.1%. This follows growth of 1.6% in 2016. As of 2017, total GDP in Monroe County, Pennsylvania was \$6,570,901,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2017.

Of the sectors in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2017, \$1,750,425,000. The next-largest contributions came from Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$699,547,000); Educational Services (\$544,291,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$535,896,000).



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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 820 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 23 major groups, 96 minor groups, and 449 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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