

*Our Mission-To ensure an employer demand-driven world class workforce system aligned with economic development, education and the community*

## GOALS OF WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Create Jobs and Economic Prosperity  
Improving Quality of Life  
Creating Sustainable Growth  
Stable and Growing Tax Base

## ECONOMY & POPULATION

Gross Regional Product \$37B  
Total Population 665,441

## EMPLOYERS

Establishments 15,331  
Average Employees per Establishment 21  
Average Occupational Earnings per Hour \$21.93

## LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (MAR-17)

Labor Force 342,300  
Employed 325,400  
Unemployed 17,000  
Unemployment Rate 5.0%

## TOP IN DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers  
Registered Nurses  
Retail Salespersons  
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers  
Customer Service Representatives

## EDUCATION SYSTEM

School Districts 17  
Career and Technical Schools 3  
Community Colleges 2  
Colleges and Universities 9

## RACE/ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN

White 80.0%  
Hispanic or Latino 9.8%  
Black or African American 6.8%  
Asian 2.6%  
Two or More Races 0.8%  
American Indian or Alaska Native 0.1%

## AGE BREAKDOWN

14-18 2.2%  
19-24 10.4%  
25-34 20.0%  
35-44 19.9%  
45-54 23.2%  
55-64 18.6%  
65+ 5.7%

## COMMUTING PATTERNS

Commute Out 35.7%  
Commute In 33.6%

## MIX OF INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT FOR LEHIGH VALLEY METRO

