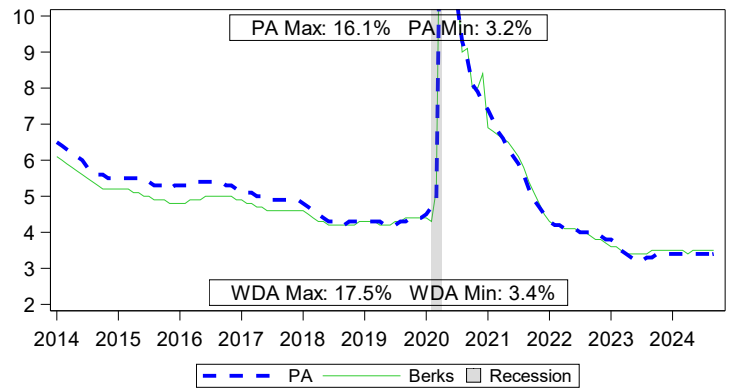


Berks County WDA Profile

October 2024



Workforce Development Area (WDA) Unemployment, Jan 2014 to Sep 2024



2022 Population		
Demographic	WDA	PA
Total Population	428,483	12,989,208
Female	215,663	6,578,442
Male	212,820	6,410,766
Population by Race		
White	75.4%	77.1%
Black	4.9%	10.8%
Other	19.7%	12.1%
Hispanic Origin (all races)	23.2%	8.1%
Population by Age		
Ages 0 to 17	22.1%	20.5%
Ages 18 to 24	9.7%	9.2%
Ages 25 to 34	12.4%	13.1%
Ages 35 to 44	11.8%	12.1%
Ages 45 to 54	12.7%	12.4%
Ages 55 to 64	13.7%	14.0%
Ages 65 to 74	10.1%	10.8%
Ages 75 and Older	7.5%	7.9%
Educational Attainment, Ages 18 and Older		
High School Diploma or Less	49.3%	42.5%
Some College or Associate Degree	26.0%	26.1%
Bachelor's Degree	16.1%	19.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	8.6%	12.1%

Source: U.S. Census-2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates - DP05, B01001, and B15001

Local Area Unemployment Statistics		
Sep 2024	WDA	PA
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.4%
Labor Force	215,200	6,556,000
Employed	207,800	6,334,000
Unemployed	7,500	222,000

Notes: Current month's data are preliminary. Data are Seasonally Adjusted.

Top 10 Employers by Employment in Q1 of 2024	
East Penn Manufacturing Company	
Reading Hospital	
Amazon.com Services LLC	
Carpenter Technology Corporation	
Reading School District	
County of Berks	
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	
Penske Truck Leasing Co LP	
State Government	
Redners Markets Inc	

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Online Job Postings	WDA	PA
September 2024	5,908	230,491
September 2023	5,021	185,665
Annual Percent Change	17.7%	24.1%
Annual Volume Change	887	44,826

Source: The Conference Board - LightCast - Help Wanted OnLine™

Unemployment Compensation (UC) by Pre-UC Industry	Oct 2023 to Sep 2024				Sep 2024 Initial (IC) and Continued (CC) UC Claims							
	Exhaustees		Exh. Percent		IC Total		IC Percent		CC Total		CC Percent	
	WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA
Natural Resources and Mining	30	540	1.5%	1.0%	0	370	0.5%	1.0%	170	3,380	1.0%	1.0%
Construction	160	7,100	8.0%	11.5%	140	5,030	12.0%	15.0%	970	34,030	6.5%	8.5%
Manufacturing	420	7,020	20.5%	11.5%	270	4,810	23.5%	14.5%	3,290	50,550	22.5%	12.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	470	11,480	23.0%	19.0%	260	6,060	22.5%	18.0%	3,720	82,510	25.0%	20.5%
Information	30	1,500	1.5%	2.5%	10	520	1.0%	1.5%	170	8,030	1.0%	2.0%
Financial Activities	130	3,330	6.5%	5.5%	40	1,290	3.5%	4.0%	700	21,110	4.5%	5.5%
Professional and Business Services	390	12,530	19.0%	20.5%	160	4,990	13.5%	15.0%	2,310	73,720	15.5%	18.5%
Education and Health Service	240	9,140	11.5%	15.0%	150	5,110	13.0%	15.5%	2,190	73,600	15.0%	18.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	90	4,570	4.5%	7.5%	60	2,610	5.0%	8.0%	720	30,570	5.0%	7.5%
Other Services	50	1,660	2.5%	2.5%	20	780	1.5%	2.5%	290	11,180	2.0%	3.0%
Public Administration	30	1,150	1.5%	2.0%	10	300	0.5%	1.0%	80	3,760	0.5%	1.0%
Unclassified Industry	10	520	0.5%	1.0%	30	1,510	3.0%	4.5%	170	8,460	1.0%	2.0%
Total	2,050	60,540	100%	100%	1,150	33,380	100%	100%	14,770	400,890	100%	100%

Notes: Percentages less than 0.5% will be displayed as 0.0%. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Claims data are not comparable to claims data released in any other report.

Source: Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation System

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2023 Annual Averages									
NAICS	NAICS Description	Estab.		Employment		Employment %		Wages	
		WDA	LQ	WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA
	Total, All Industries	8,920	1.00	171,176	5,963,025	100.0%	100.0%	\$61,399	\$69,252
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	122	3.32	2,596	27,249	1.5%	0.5%	\$43,162	\$44,014
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas	9	0.35	223	22,118	0.1%	0.4%	\$87,421	\$101,711
22	Utilities	41	0.70	689	34,054	0.4%	0.6%	\$111,712	\$110,867
23	Construction	874	0.99	7,631	268,718	4.5%	4.5%	\$74,763	\$77,927
31-33	Manufacturing	512	1.94	31,623	566,896	18.5%	9.5%	\$73,908	\$74,597
42	Wholesale Trade	390	0.96	5,984	216,986	3.5%	3.6%	\$74,839	\$99,656
44-45	Retail Trade	1,091	1.08	18,614	601,132	10.9%	10.1%	\$35,094	\$36,721
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	366	0.98	9,704	345,491	5.7%	5.8%	\$55,621	\$59,247
51	Information	107	0.33	918	96,556	0.5%	1.6%	\$57,354	\$119,947
52	Finance and Insurance	427	0.53	4,159	273,127	2.4%	4.6%	\$96,473	\$118,105
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	289	1.00	1,953	67,704	1.1%	1.1%	\$95,618	\$74,573
54	Professional and Technical Services	715	0.54	6,170	398,002	3.6%	6.7%	\$84,728	\$117,065
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	95	1.11	4,716	147,596	2.8%	2.5%	\$130,359	\$153,152
56	Administrative and Waste Services	522	0.99	8,601	303,622	5.0%	5.1%	\$43,135	\$51,067
61	Educational Services	234	0.96	13,342	485,148	7.8%	8.1%	\$59,010	\$67,022
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,176	0.93	29,617	1,108,490	17.3%	18.6%	\$66,639	\$63,414
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	154	0.79	2,324	102,276	1.4%	1.7%	\$25,871	\$43,044
72	Accommodation and Food Services	756	0.95	12,556	461,744	7.3%	7.7%	\$21,929	\$24,729
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	902	0.93	5,416	203,144	3.2%	3.4%	\$39,536	\$43,903
92	Public Administration	141	0.65	4,340	232,974	2.5%	3.9%	\$67,569	\$73,804
	Total, Suppressed Industries	0		0		0.0%			

Company Ownership									
	Total, All Ownership	8,920	1.00	171,176	5,963,025	100.0%	100.0%	\$61,399	\$69,252
	Private Ownership	8,545	1.00	152,920	5,301,081	89.3%	88.9%	\$61,096	\$69,300
	Federal Ownership	63	0.29	834	101,636	0.5%	1.7%	\$83,271	\$90,018
	State Ownership	30	0.73	2,641	126,229	1.5%	2.1%	\$70,669	\$71,770
	Local Ownership	282	1.19	14,781	434,079	8.6%	7.3%	\$61,640	\$63,079

Notes: 'Estab.'-Establishments. 'LQ'-(Location Quotient) is the percent of WDA employment by sector divided by the percent of PA's employment by sector.

Occupational Employment (2020) and Wages (2023)							
SOC Code	Major Occupational Group	Estimated Employment		Entry-Level Wage		Average Wage	
		WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	175,020	5,923,090	\$29,920	\$29,860	\$57,440	\$61,920
11-0000	Management	ND	329,650	\$62,870	\$64,540	\$127,080	\$131,660
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	7,190	307,330	\$45,500	\$47,270	\$78,920	\$82,990
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	3,370	168,390	\$50,810	\$54,840	\$90,280	\$98,060
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	3,810	102,710	\$59,020	\$57,460	\$89,310	\$92,950
19-0000	Life, Physical & Social Science	1,370	56,570	\$44,130	\$48,260	\$70,830	\$82,210
21-0000	Community & Social Services	4,150	129,510	\$37,280	\$36,700	\$55,150	\$55,040
23-0000	Legal	ND	48,600	\$45,330	\$51,470	\$103,940	\$120,620
25-0000	Education, Training & Library	9,200	322,980	\$32,880	\$34,430	\$63,130	\$68,610
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1,960	76,840	\$31,020	\$32,120	\$56,770	\$61,640
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	10,880	410,120	\$47,930	\$48,400	\$98,890	\$97,160
31-0000	Healthcare Support	9,450	323,520	\$26,730	\$26,680	\$36,110	\$35,120
33-0000	Protective Service	2,420	123,720	\$30,470	\$30,510	\$55,810	\$56,120
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	11,260	403,000	\$21,130	\$21,170	\$30,780	\$31,550
37-0000	Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	5,170	185,730	\$27,960	\$27,390	\$37,670	\$37,490
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	4,250	159,270	\$21,840	\$22,380	\$35,450	\$35,260
41-0000	Sales & Related	16,080	525,290	\$25,340	\$24,850	\$47,920	\$50,440
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	22,200	811,460	\$31,760	\$31,640	\$46,040	\$46,810
45-0000	Farming, Fishing & Forestry	2,330	42,050	\$21,290	\$25,510	\$34,940	\$41,590
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	6,590	244,620	\$40,770	\$40,300	\$60,850	\$61,810
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance & Repair	7,840	232,680	\$38,980	\$36,690	\$57,710	\$57,200
51-0000	Production	15,190	361,760	\$34,020	\$32,920	\$47,090	\$48,120
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	18,660	557,300	\$31,220	\$30,290	\$44,500	\$45,770

Note: 'ND' represents Non-Disclosable information.