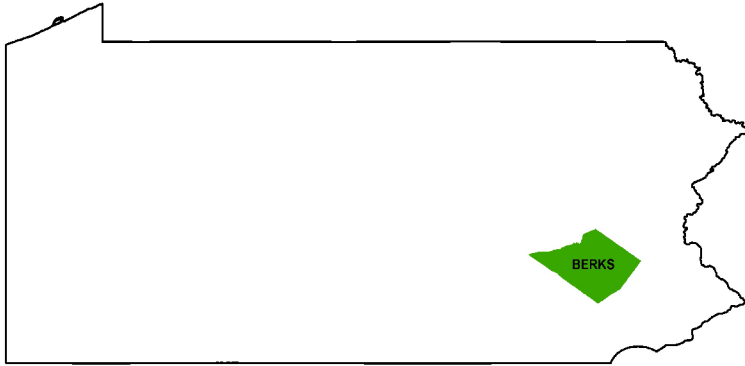
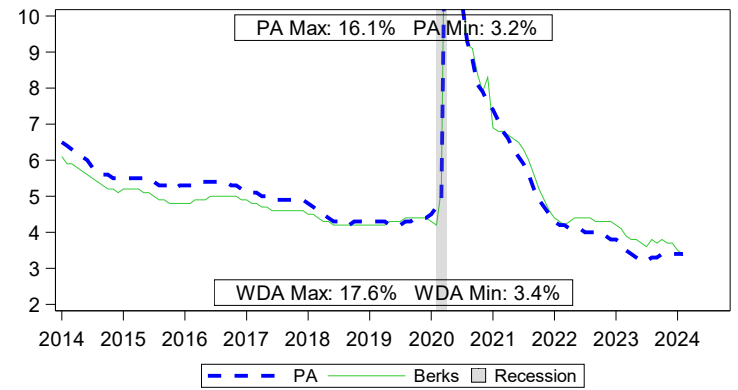


Berks County WDA Profile

April 2024



Workforce Development Area (WDA) Unemployment, Jan 2014 to Feb 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		
Feb 2024	WDA	PA
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.4%
Labor Force	215,200	6,558,000
Employed	207,900	6,338,000
Unemployed	7,400	220,000

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

Top 10 Employers by Employment in Q3 of 2023	
East Penn Manufacturing Company	
Reading Hospital	
Carpenter Technology Corporation	
Penske Truck Leasing Co LP	
Amazon.com Services Inc	
Reading School District	
County of Berks	
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	
Redners Markets Inc	
State Government	

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Online Job Postings	WDA	PA
February 2024	6,159	205,385
February 2023	4,857	181,065
Annual Percent Change	26.8%	13.4%
Annual Volume Change	1,302	24,320

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

Unemployment Compensation (UC) by Pre-UC Industry	Mar 2023 to Feb 2024				Feb 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	20	350	1.5%	0.5%	30	380	1.5%	1.0%	350	8,040	2.0%	1.5%
Construction	130	6,250	8.5%	13.0%	230	7,230	14.5%	17.0%	2,920	99,050	17.5%	20.5%
Manufacturing	310	5,000	19.5%	10.5%	360	4,470	22.5%	10.5%	2,830	45,300	17.0%	9.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	320	8,490	20.5%	18.0%	210	5,680	13.0%	13.5%	2,730	70,450	16.5%	14.5%
Information	20	1,230	1.5%	2.5%	0	300	0.0%	0.5%	100	5,670	0.5%	1.0%
Financial Activities	120	2,640	7.5%	5.5%	30	880	2.0%	2.0%	560	17,000	3.5%	3.5%
Professional and Business Services	310	9,760	19.5%	20.5%	180	4,870	11.0%	11.5%	3,030	85,200	18.0%	17.5%
Education and Health Service	180	6,730	11.5%	14.0%	120	3,530	7.0%	8.5%	1,370	47,760	8.0%	10.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	60	3,260	4.0%	7.0%	50	2,740	3.0%	6.5%	810	40,320	5.0%	8.5%
Other Services	40	1,090	2.5%	2.5%	20	590	1.0%	1.5%	290	9,170	1.5%	2.0%
Public Administration	10	980	0.5%	2.0%	10	200	0.5%	0.5%	130	6,210	1.0%	1.5%
Unclassified Industry	50	1,640	3.0%	3.5%	370	11,050	23.0%	26.5%	1,610	48,240	9.5%	10.0%
Total	1,570	47,420	100%	100%	1,600	41,910	100%	100%	16,720	482,400	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, 2022 Annual Averages

NAICS	NAICS Description	Estab.	LQ	Employment		Employment %		Wages	
		WDA		WDA	PA	WDA	PA	WDA	PA
	Total, All Industries	8,923	1.00	169,380	5,863,297	100.0%	100.0%	\$58,951	\$67,279
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	120	3.40	2,664	27,150	1.6%	0.5%	\$42,409	\$42,543
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil & Gas	9	0.36	223	21,631	0.1%	0.4%	\$83,531	\$102,977
22	Utilities	41	0.79	760	33,477	0.4%	0.6%	\$99,721	\$106,982
23	Construction	866	0.98	7,546	267,291	4.5%	4.6%	\$71,174	\$75,093
31-33	Manufacturing	516	1.89	30,866	564,391	18.2%	9.6%	\$69,221	\$72,172
42	Wholesale Trade	379	0.93	5,714	213,153	3.4%	3.6%	\$72,854	\$95,505
44-45	Retail Trade	1,087	1.07	18,685	603,195	11.0%	10.3%	\$34,830	\$36,323
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	372	1.01	10,021	344,384	5.9%	5.9%	\$52,731	\$56,878
51	Information	96	0.32	878	96,291	0.5%	1.6%	\$54,406	\$114,641
52	Finance and Insurance	410	0.59	4,553	269,171	2.7%	4.6%	\$89,689	\$114,792
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	273	0.94	1,826	67,208	1.1%	1.1%	\$91,284	\$73,430
54	Professional and Technical Services	721	0.55	6,280	395,104	3.7%	6.7%	\$81,247	\$113,475
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	86	1.13	4,737	145,205	2.8%	2.5%	\$124,517	\$145,955
56	Administrative and Waste Services	507	0.96	8,592	311,279	5.1%	5.3%	\$40,811	\$49,964
61	Educational Services	225	0.96	13,203	474,147	7.8%	8.1%	\$57,181	\$65,366
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,247	0.93	28,559	1,063,096	16.9%	18.1%	\$66,370	\$62,217
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	155	0.80	2,221	96,469	1.3%	1.6%	\$22,380	\$41,986
72	Accommodation and Food Services	771	0.97	12,396	443,283	7.3%	7.6%	\$21,239	\$23,614
81	Other Services (Except Public Administration)	903	0.93	5,320	197,858	3.1%	3.4%	\$36,601	\$42,746
92	Public Administration	141	0.65	4,334	229,515	2.6%	3.9%	\$63,909	\$70,964
	Total, Suppressed Industries	0		0		0.0%			

Company Ownership

Total, All Ownership	8,923	1.00	169,380	5,863,297	100.0%	100.0%	\$58,951	\$67,279
Private Ownership	8,551	1.00	151,219	5,210,523	89.3%	88.9%	\$58,647	\$67,336
Federal Ownership	63	0.29	820	99,050	0.5%	1.7%	\$81,296	\$85,530
State Ownership	32	0.72	2,612	124,829	1.5%	2.1%	\$70,585	\$71,477
Local Ownership	278	1.19	14,730	428,895	8.7%	7.3%	\$58,763	\$61,144

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 (2022)

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	\$27,810	\$27,980	\$53,880	\$58,470
11-0000	Management	ND	329,650	\$59,350	\$61,570	\$120,240	\$126,450
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	7,190	307,330	\$45,230	\$46,220	\$76,610	\$80,280
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	3,370	168,390	\$49,680	\$52,800	\$86,320	\$94,730
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	3,810	102,710	\$52,810	\$53,320	\$84,710	\$89,330
19-0000	Life, Physical & Social Science	1,370	56,570	\$41,780	\$44,240	\$68,050	\$75,920
21-0000	Community & Social Services	4,150	129,510	\$32,510	\$33,860	\$51,210	\$51,980
23-0000	Legal	ND	48,600	\$44,040	\$48,780	\$95,530	\$109,460
25-0000	Education, Training & Library	9,200	322,980	\$29,780	\$32,650	\$58,930	\$66,040
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1,960	76,840	\$28,690	\$30,610	\$52,460	\$59,420
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	10,880	410,120	\$45,800	\$45,120	\$90,620	\$89,820
31-0000	Healthcare Support	9,450	323,520	\$25,500	\$25,040	\$33,560	\$33,120
33-0000	Protective Service	2,420	123,720	\$28,160	\$27,470	\$53,570	\$52,870
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	11,260	403,000	\$20,110	\$20,130	\$28,670	\$29,460
37-0000	Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	5,170	185,730	\$25,150	\$25,020	\$34,370	\$34,860
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	4,250	159,270	\$20,430	\$20,700	\$33,130	\$33,020
41-0000	Sales & Related	16,080	525,290	\$23,120	\$23,000	\$44,490	\$47,010
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	22,200	811,460	\$29,720	\$29,710	\$43,840	\$44,850
45-0000	Farming, Fishing & Forestry	2,330	42,050	\$24,090	\$25,180	\$34,340	\$39,290
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	6,590	244,620	\$38,050	\$38,120	\$58,060	\$59,770
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance & Repair	7,840	232,680	\$37,140	\$35,130	\$55,320	\$55,080
51-0000	Production	15,190	361,760	\$31,600	\$31,100	\$44,170	\$45,620
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	18,660	557,300	\$29,050	\$28,010	\$42,560	\$42,490

Note: 'ND' represents Non-Disclosable information.