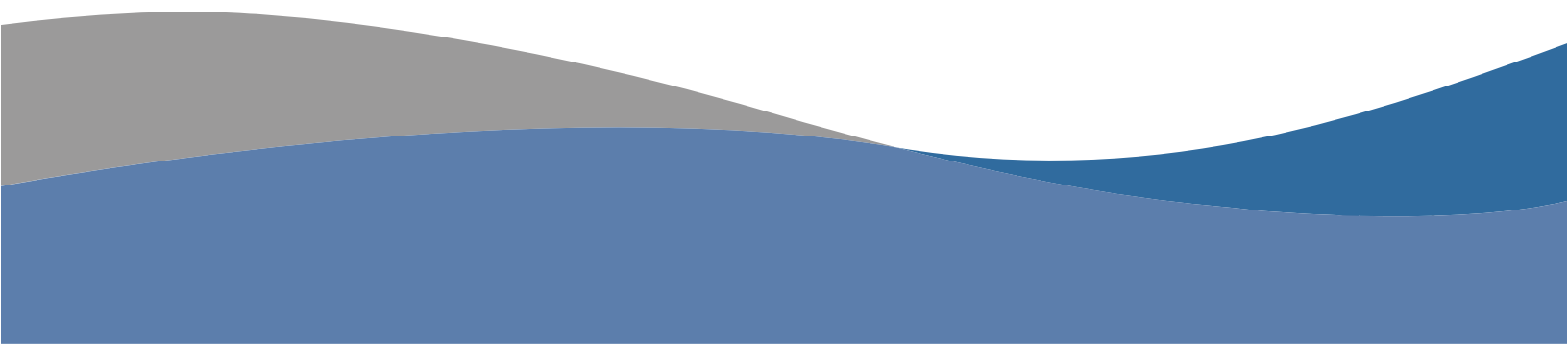




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Demographic Profile

The population in the North Central Workforce Development Area was 216,912 per American Community Survey data for 2015-2019.

The region has a civilian labor force of 101,570 with a participation rate of 56.6%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the North Central Workforce Development Area, 17.6% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 33.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the North Central Workforce Development Area is \$48,895 and the median house value is \$96,462.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	North Central Workforce Development Area	Pennsylvania	USA	North Central Workforce Development Area	Pennsylvania	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	216,912	12,791,530	324,697,795
Male	51.3%	49.0%	49.2%	111,255	6,265,113	159,886,919
Female	48.7%	51.0%	50.8%	105,657	6,526,417	164,810,876
Median Age ²	—	—	—	45.1	40.8	38.1
Under 18 Years	19.6%	20.8%	22.6%	42,547	2,662,391	73,429,392
18 to 24 Years	7.7%	9.2%	9.4%	16,710	1,174,907	30,646,327
25 to 34 Years	11.2%	13.1%	13.9%	24,235	1,680,907	45,030,415
35 to 44 Years	11.3%	11.7%	12.6%	24,580	1,493,904	40,978,831
45 to 54 Years	14.1%	13.2%	13.0%	30,550	1,692,870	42,072,620
55 to 64 Years	15.5%	14.1%	12.9%	33,592	1,804,831	41,756,414
65 to 74 Years	11.3%	10.0%	9.1%	24,489	1,276,690	29,542,266
75 Years, and Over	9.3%	7.9%	6.5%	20,209	1,005,030	21,241,530
Race: White	96.0%	80.5%	72.5%	208,136	10,300,602	235,377,662
Race: Black or African American	1.8%	11.2%	12.7%	3,920	1,430,664	41,234,642
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	380	24,691	2,750,143
Race: Asian	0.5%	3.4%	5.5%	985	436,324	17,924,209
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	68	4,198	599,868
Race: Some Other Race	0.3%	2.2%	4.9%	674	275,177	16,047,369
Race: Two or More Races	1.3%	2.5%	3.3%	2,749	319,874	10,763,902
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1.9%	7.3%	18.0%	4,161	935,216	58,479,370
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	212,443	12,783,254	329,484,123
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	-0.5%	0.1%	0.6%	-1,200	7,185	2,015,698
People per Square Mile	—	—	—	42.2	286.1	92.9
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	56.6%	62.7%	63.2%	101,570	6,546,834	163,555,585
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	76.5%	83.1%	82.1%	60,692	4,040,409	104,634,905
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	45	6,555	1,073,907
Veterans, Age 18-64	5.7%	4.2%	4.6%	7,390	329,747	9,143,042
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	71.4%	77.2%	76.6%	5,280	254,675	7,003,778
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$48,895	\$61,744	\$62,843
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$25,911	\$34,352	\$34,103
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	23.6	27.2	26.9

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	North Central Workforce Development Area	Pennsylvania	USA	North Central Workforce Development Area	Pennsylvania	USA
	Commute via Public Transportation	0.5%	5.6%	5.0%	444	340,838
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	8.8%	7.9%	10.9%	9,930	530,042	18,550,150
High School Graduate	47.1%	32.0%	25.7%	53,151	2,133,551	43,627,868
Some College, No Degree	14.9%	16.5%	20.7%	16,886	1,100,935	35,174,790
Associate's Degree	11.6%	9.5%	9.1%	13,055	635,580	15,526,064
Bachelor's Degree	12.2%	21.2%	21.2%	13,772	1,413,977	35,997,848
Postgraduate Degree	5.5%	12.9%	12.3%	6,163	858,427	20,961,560
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	118,386	5,693,314	137,428,986
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$96,462	\$180,200	\$217,500
Homeowner Vacancy	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	1,472	56,396	1,257,737
Rental Vacancy	4.9%	5.4%	6.0%	1,129	91,773	2,793,023
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	24.1%	31.1%	36.0%	21,601	1,572,128	43,481,667
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	8.1%	10.9%	8.6%	7,220	552,961	10,395,713
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	14.2%	12.4%	13.4%	29,223	1,539,183	42,510,843
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	16.2%	13.3%	11.7%	14,480	671,089	14,171,567
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	2,628	161,905	4,422,344
Disconnected Youth ³	4.6%	2.2%	2.5%	447	14,823	423,273
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	34.1%	34.6%	34.1%	13,583	877,401	23,790,005
Uninsured	5.2%	5.7%	8.8%	10,888	715,285	28,248,613
With a Disability, Age 18-64	15.0%	11.3%	10.3%	18,497	876,280	20,187,604
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	39.9%	42.6%	42.2%	7,388	373,358	8,509,463
Foreign Born	1.6%	6.9%	13.6%	3,437	882,350	44,011,870
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	1.2%	4.3%	8.4%	2,469	522,261	25,615,365

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

1. American Community Survey 2015-2019, unless noted otherwise

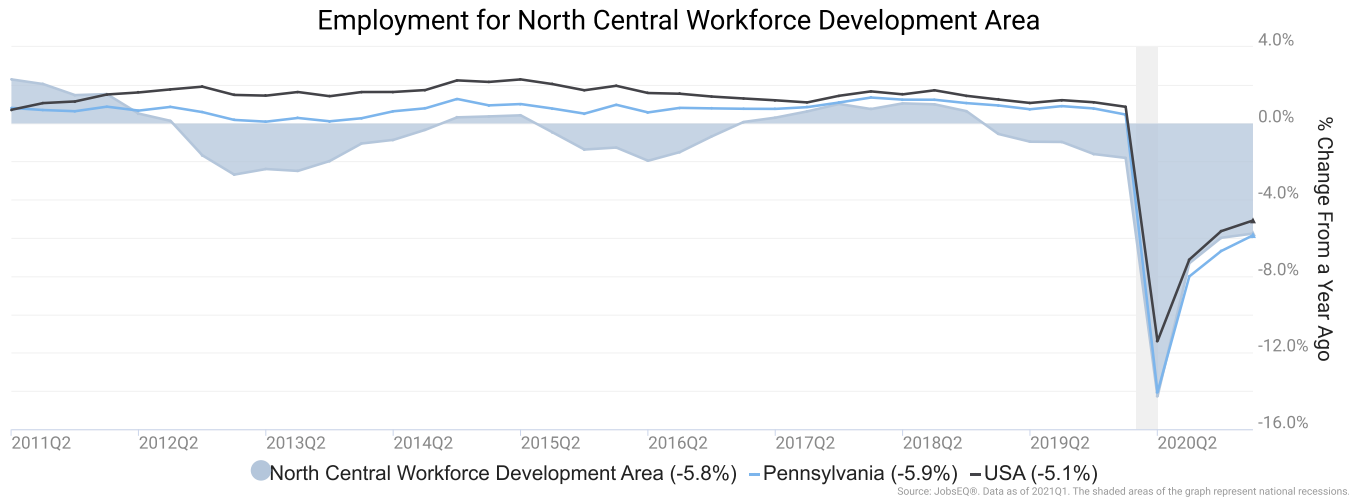
2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

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 2020, annual average growth rate since 2010

Employment Trends

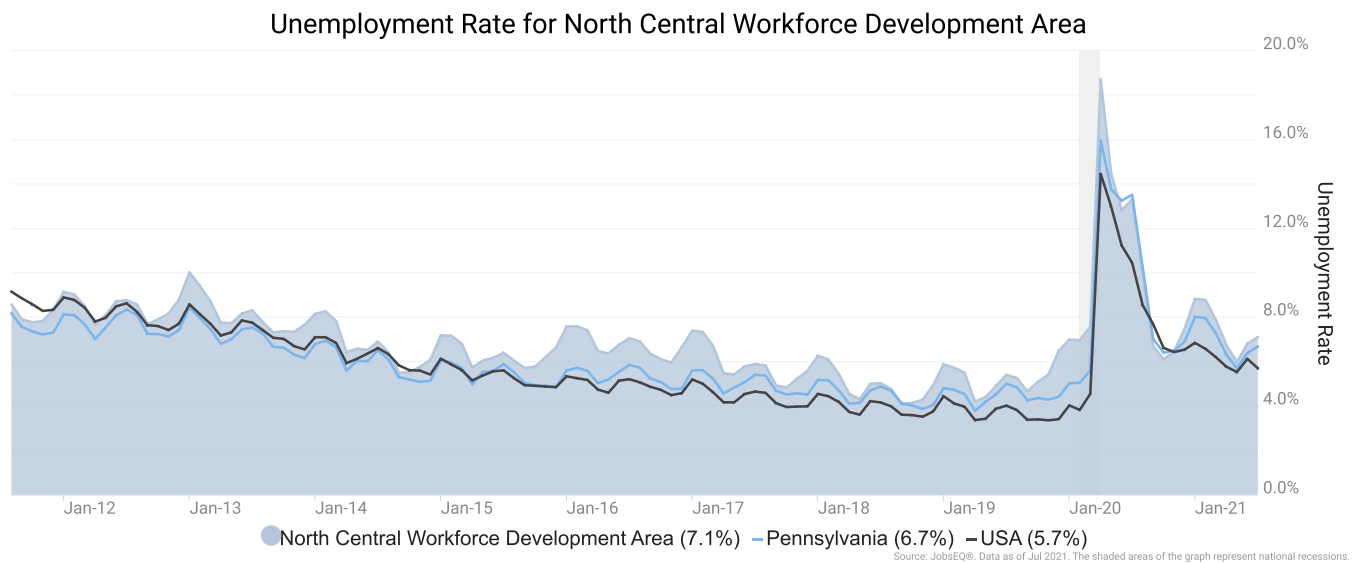
As of 2021Q1, total employment for the North Central Workforce Development Area was 81,185 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2021Q1, employment declined 5.8% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for the North Central Workforce Development Area was 7.1% as of July 2021. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 5.7%. One year earlier, in July 2020, the unemployment rate in the North Central Workforce Development Area was 13.3%.

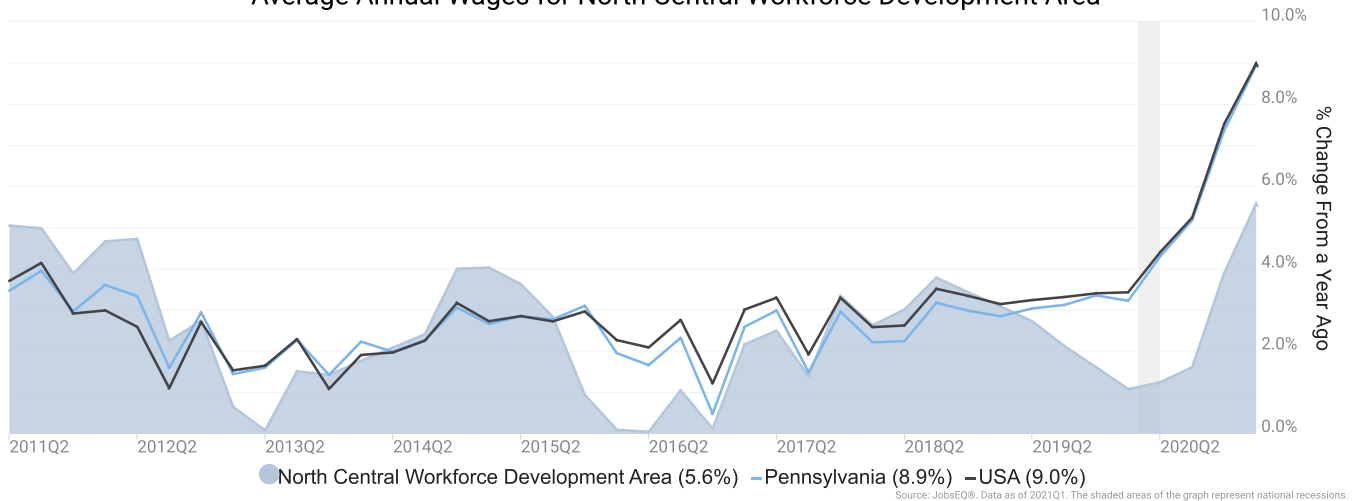


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through July 2021.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the North Central Workforce Development Area earned annual wages of \$43,088 as of 2021Q1. Average annual wages per worker increased 5.6% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$63,393 in the nation as of 2021Q1.

Average Annual Wages for North Central Workforce Development Area



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 2020Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q1.

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 5.3% lower in North Central Workforce Development Area than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
North Central Workforce Development Area	\$43,088	94.7	\$45,514
Pennsylvania	\$61,646	106.4	\$57,925
USA	\$63,393	100.0	\$63,393

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

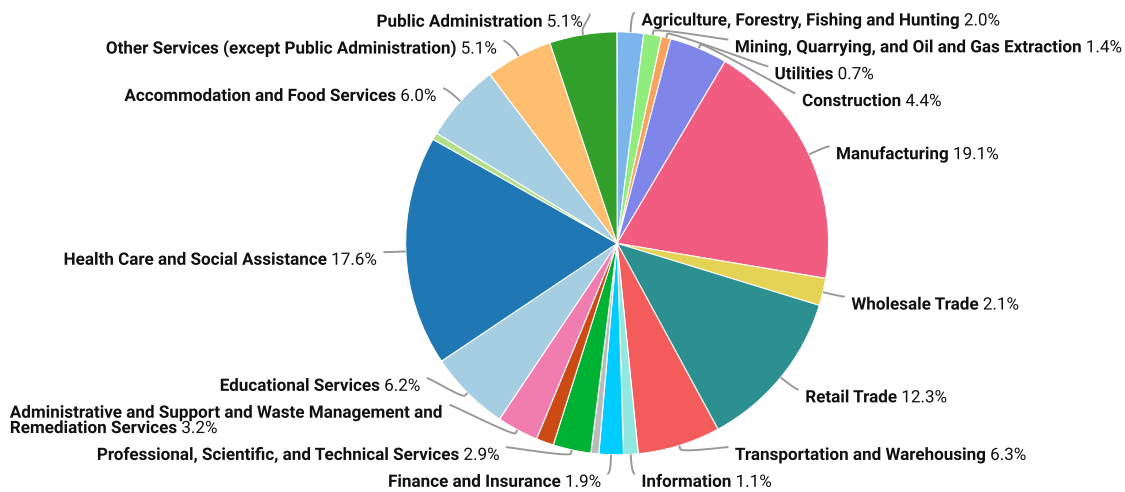
Data as of 2021Q1

Cost of Living per C2ER, data as of 2021Q1, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the North Central Workforce Development Area is Manufacturing, employing 15,538 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Health Care and Social Assistance (14,273 workers) and Retail Trade (10,021). 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 = 3.78), Manufacturing (2.31), and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (1.41).

Total Workers for North Central Workforce Development Area by Industry



Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2021Q1

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Sectors in the North Central Workforce Development Area with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$72,665), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$67,902), and Utilities (\$61,664). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Management of Companies and Enterprises (+615 jobs), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (+84), and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (+23).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the North Central Workforce Development Area is projected to contract by 953 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +0.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+29 jobs), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (-1), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (-5).

NAICS	Industry	Empl	Current	5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
			Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
31	Manufacturing	15,538	\$53,328	2.31	-2,366	-2.8%	1,273	592	1,014	-333	-2.1%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	14,273	\$46,841	1.18	-1,564	-2.1%	1,372	661	683	29	0.2%
44	Retail Trade	10,021	\$28,283	1.19	-607	-1.2%	1,144	587	741	-185	-1.8%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	5,137	\$49,262	1.28	-327	-1.2%	485	231	313	-59	-1.1%
61	Educational Services	5,035	\$45,341	0.76	-725	-2.7%	410	223	240	-53	-1.1%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	4,873	\$14,513	0.83	-837	-3.1%	749	347	437	-36	-0.7%
92	Public Administration	4,180	\$51,152	1.02	-84	-0.4%	326	162	220	-55	-1.3%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	4,162	\$23,707	1.20	-410	-1.9%	426	215	257	-46	-1.1%
23	Construction	3,599	\$42,712	0.75	-346	-1.8%	309	126	225	-42	-1.2%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,574	\$35,987	0.50	23	0.2%	273	125	170	-22	-0.9%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,348	\$50,826	0.40	-83	-0.7%	174	74	125	-26	-1.1%
42	Wholesale Trade	1,692	\$50,426	0.54	-259	-2.8%	146	66	110	-30	-1.8%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,635	\$26,959	1.41	84	1.1%	141	75	101	-35	-2.1%
52	Finance and Insurance	1,512	\$52,466	0.44	-228	-2.8%	118	53	87	-22	-1.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,096	\$67,902	3.78	-1,023	-12.3%	106	36	75	-5	-0.5%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,086	\$72,665	0.86	615	18.2%	89	36	61	-9	-0.8%
51	Information	904	\$47,234	0.56	-52	-1.1%	58	31	55	-29	-3.2%
22	Utilities	592	\$61,664	1.34	-82	-2.6%	42	19	34	-11	-1.8%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	489	\$36,037	0.34	-111	-4.0%	41	22	27	-8	-1.7%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	440	\$20,012	0.36	-95	-3.8%	60	28	34	-1	-0.3%
Total - All Industries		81,185	\$43,088	1.00	-8,479	-2.0%	7,848	3,763	5,038	-953	-1.2%

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

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the North Central Workforce Development Area is Production Occupations, employing 9,508 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (9,083 workers) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (8,399). 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 = 2.01), Community and Social Service Occupations (1.36), and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.21).

Occupation groups in the North Central Workforce Development Area with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$96,600), Legal Occupations (\$96,000), and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$73,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 2.9% among Legal Occupations to 20.3% among Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the North Central Workforce Development Area is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.9% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+42 jobs) and Community and Social Service Occupations (+7). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Sales and Related Occupations (1,046 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1,005).

North Central Workforce Development Area, 2021Q1¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Current				5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
			Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
51-0000	Production	9,508	\$37,600	2.01	1,156	10.5%	315	-1,714	-3.3%	771	326	661	-216	-2.3%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	9,083	\$35,100	0.88	856	8.3%	348	-1,244	-2.5%	790	411	560	-182	-2.0%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	8,399	\$35,800	1.21	1,254	12.0%	511	-740	-1.7%	904	369	636	-102	-1.2%
41-0000	Sales and Related	7,733	\$35,900	1.00	1,166	12.3%	568	-703	-1.7%	904	421	625	-142	-1.8%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	5,386	\$23,000	0.92	1,527	20.3%	394	-820	-2.8%	871	365	538	-32	-0.6%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	4,941	\$73,200	1.02	193	3.6%	688	-307	-1.2%	252	126	151	-26	-0.5%
11-0000	Management	4,693	\$96,600	0.85	204	4.5%	244	-215	-0.9%	320	128	248	-57	-1.2%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	4,452	\$28,300	1.21	394	7.4%	424	-363	-1.6%	611	279	290	42	0.9%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	3,924	\$51,200	0.87	375	8.9%	81	-659	-3.1%	293	149	180	-36	-0.9%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	3,790	\$45,300	1.00	562	11.7%	110	-691	-3.3%	370	118	290	-39	-1.0%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	3,537	\$46,000	1.13	347	7.8%	198	-362	-1.9%	283	105	221	-43	-1.2%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	2,981	\$60,100	0.62	138	5.2%	236	72	0.5%	239	79	193	-34	-1.1%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,214	\$28,700	0.84	323	11.7%	186	-217	-1.9%	266	121	160	-15	-0.7%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	1,986	\$44,000	1.36	56	3.1%	227	-57	-0.6%	217	69	141	7	0.3%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,798	\$50,800	1.02	170	8.6%	51	-104	-1.1%	153	79	99	-25	-1.4%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	1,720	\$27,100	0.86	386	18.6%	56	-245	-2.6%	237	109	138	-10	-0.6%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	1,626	\$71,900	1.15	84	5.5%	45	-168	-2.0%	99	37	84	-21	-1.3%

North Central Workforce Development Area, 2021Q1¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	Current			Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	5-Year History		Total Demand	1-Year Forecast			Ann % Growth
				LQ	Unempl	Empl Change			Ann %	Exits		Transfers	Empl Growth		
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	1,076	\$68,000	0.42	39	4.1%	74	18	0.3%	64	17	59	-12	-1.1%	
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	830	\$41,300	0.58	102	13.7%	46	-54	-1.3%	72	31	55	-13	-1.6%	
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	614	\$44,500	1.11	72	10.8%	4	129	4.8%	76	22	69	-15	-2.4%	
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	529	\$68,000	0.70	28	5.8%	38	-19	-0.7%	40	10	35	-5	-1.0%	
23-0000	Legal	366	\$96,000	0.51	11	2.9%	4	-14	-0.8%	18	8	13	-4	-1.0%	
Total - All Occupations		81,185	\$44,900	1.00	9,443	10.1%	4,849	-8,479	-2.0%	7,873	3,382	5,449	-957	-1.2%	

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2021Q1 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.

2. Wage data are as of 2020 and represent the average for all Covered Employment

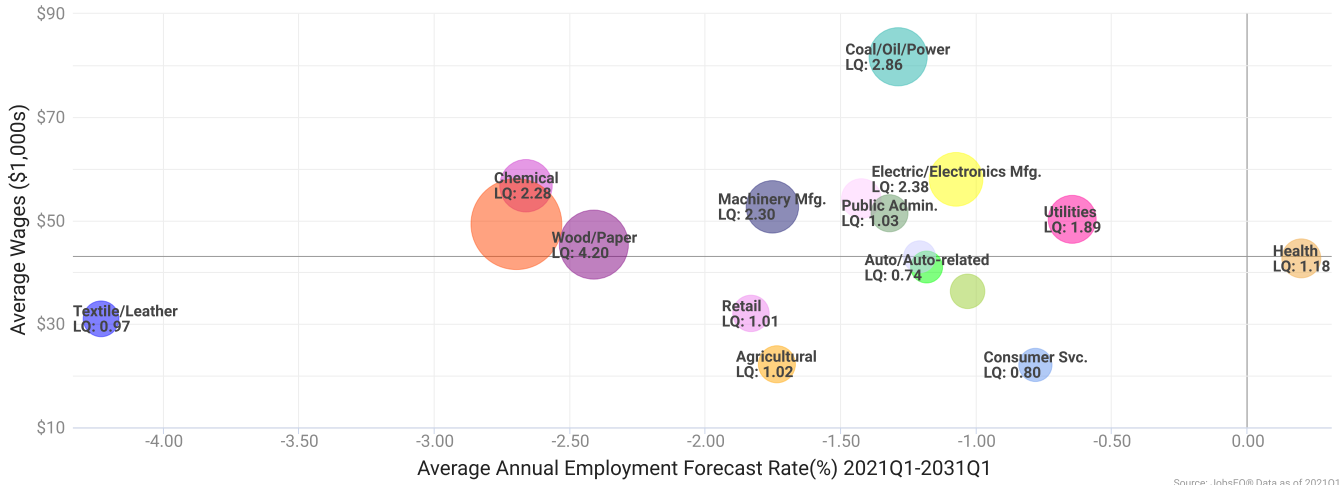
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Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2020Q4, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q1. Wages by occupation are as of 2020 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 the North Central Workforce Development Area with the highest relative concentration is Metal & Product Mfg. with a location quotient of 7.50. This cluster employs 4,556 workers in the region with an average wage of \$49,299. Employment in the Metal & Product Mfg. cluster is projected to contract in the region about 2.7% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for North Central Workforce Development Area as of 2021Q1



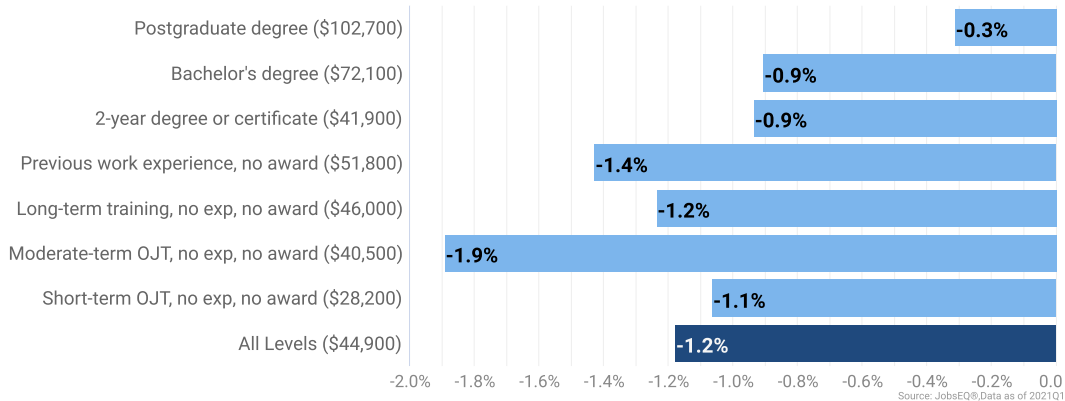
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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the North Central Workforce Development Area is projected to contract 1.2% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to contract 0.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.9% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.9% per year.

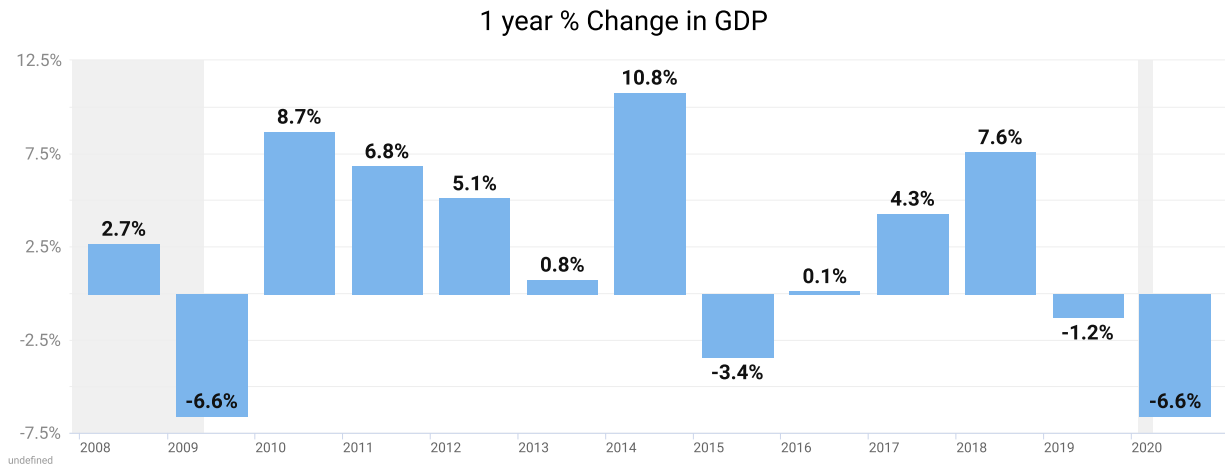
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required for North Central Workforce Development Area



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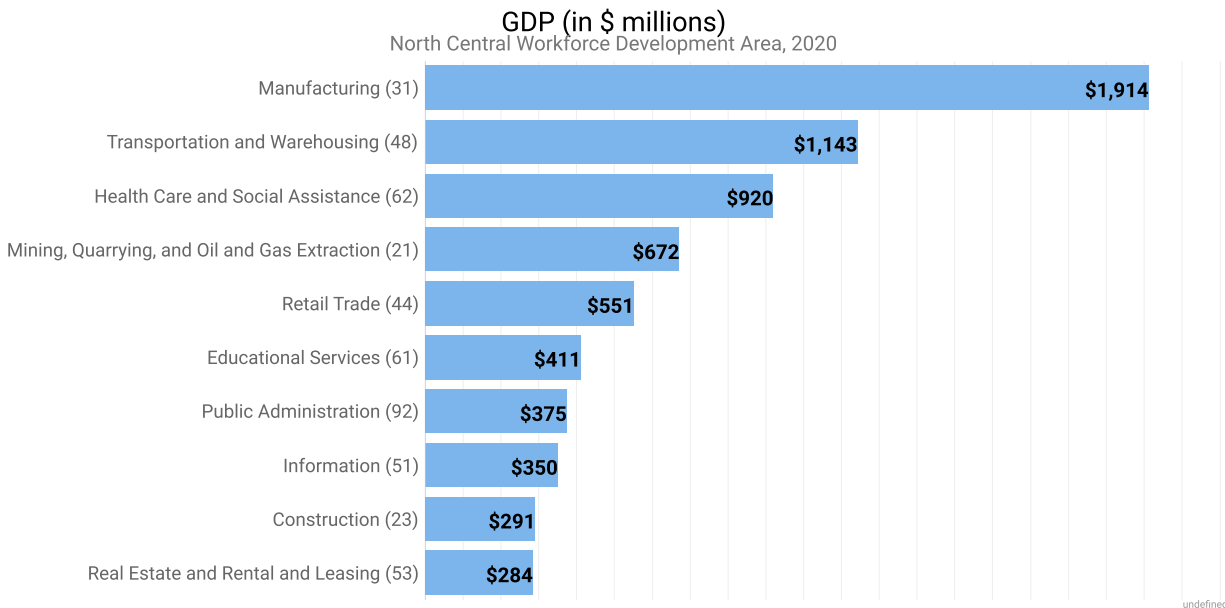
Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2020, nominal GDP in the North Central Workforce Development Area contracted 6.6%. This follows a contraction of 1.2% in 2019. As of 2020, total GDP in the North Central Workforce Development Area was \$8,378,469,000.



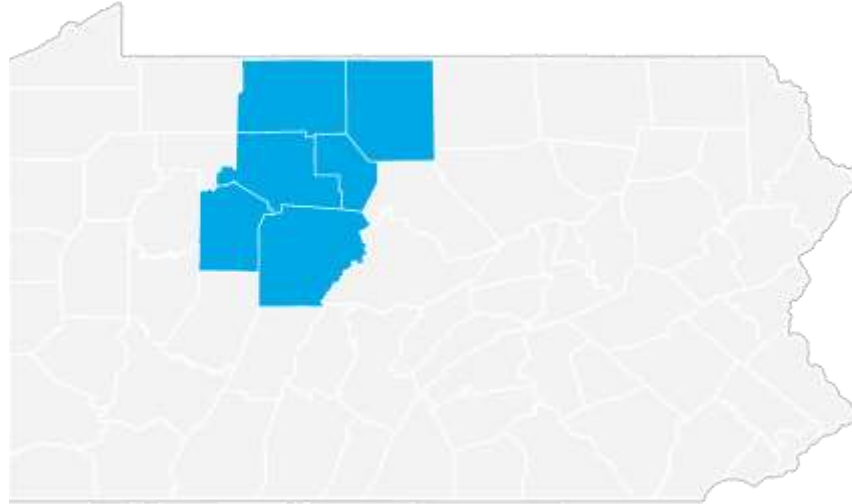
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Of the sectors in the North Central Workforce Development Area, Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2020, \$1,914,021,000. The next-largest contributions came from Transportation and Warehousing (\$1,143,463,000); Health Care and Social Assistance (\$919,812,000); and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$671,731,000).



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2020.

North Central Workforce Development Area Regional Map



Region Definition

North Central Workforce Development Area is defined as the following counties:

Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

Mckean County, Pennsylvania

Potter County, Pennsylvania

Jefferson County, Pennsylvania

Elk County, Pennsylvania

Cameron County, Pennsylvania

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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