

Schuylkill County Demographics:

Following is data collected specifically for Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The majority of the data below (without notation) has been obtained from the American Community Survey estimates based on data from the US Census Bureau. Other information was obtained from sources noted below:

* Information provided by Local Agencies

** Schuylkill County Data Book, 2009 & 2011, published by Pennsylvania State Data Center

***Pa Department of Labor & Industry

**** EITC Information provided by IRS for 2007 Tax Year

This data is organized in a format adopted from The Community Action Association of Pennsylvania's Online Needs Assessment template. The data was collected between November 2010 & June 2011.

Overview:

**Size in square miles: 779

**Persons per square mile: 188.8

**Percent Urban: 63.5% urban (2011 SC Data Book)

**Percent Rural: 36.5% rural (2011 SC Data Book)

Population:

Total Population: 146,952

By Age:

Under 5: 7,595 (5.2%)

5-9: 7,629 (5.2%)

10-14: 8,304 (5.7%)

15-19: 8,318 (5.7%)

20-24: 8,160 (5.6%)

25-34: 17,160 (11.7%)

35-44: 20,393 (13.9%)

45-54: 22,822 (15.5%)

55-59: 10,402 (7.1%)

60-64: 9,090 (6.2%)

65-74: 12,780 (8.7%)

75-84: 9,651 (6.6%)

85+: 4,648 (3.2%)

By Gender:

Male: 74,642 (50.8%)

Female: 72,310 (49.2%)

By Ethnicity:

***White: 95.8%

***Black/African American: 3.0%

***Hispanic Origin (all races): 2.3%

***Other: .6%

Individuals with Disabilities: 25,505

The overall population in Schuylkill County is declining:

2009 ACS Estimate	2008 ACS Estimate	2007 ACS Estimate	2006 ACS Estimate	2000 US Census Data
146,952	147,254	147,269	147,405	150,336

*Immigrant Population: There is a growing percentage of people with Hispanic/Latino ethnicity in Schuylkill County, especially in the northern communities. According to the American Community Survey estimates, the Hispanic/Latino population is increasing at a rate of .2% per year.

Civilian Veterans: 13,232

Total Households: 61,307

Total Families: 39,585

Poverty Information:

Individuals in Poverty: 11.4%

Families in Poverty: 6.6%

Children in Poverty: 12.9% under age 18

Seniors in Poverty: 13.1% - 65 years and over

Change in poverty rate:

2009 ACS Estimate	2008 ACS Estimate	2007 ACS Estimate	2006 ACS Estimate	1999 US Census Data
11.4%	11.7%	12.0%	12.4%	9.5%

Employment Information:

***Number employed: 65,700

**Top Employers, 1st Quarter 2010:(from 2011 SC Data Book)

Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.

State Government

Pottsville Hospital

Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.

Sapa Extrusions, Inc.

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill Medical Center

Federal Government

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

Jeld-Wen, Inc.

Blue Mountain School District

Pottsville Area School District
 Schuylkill IU29
 The REDCO Group

****Top Ten Employers by Type of Employment (2009 SC Data Book – 2006)**

- Manufacturing
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Retail Trade
- Transportation & Warehousing
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Food Services & Drinking Places
- Hospitals
- Other Services (except public administration)
- Warehousing & Storage

***Employers expanding work force within past 12 months:**

In August 2010, the Empire Group announced an intention to create 150 jobs. Wegman’s Retail Service Center recently announced an expansion project that would create 217 jobs.

However, most employers expanding their workforce are doing so primarily through temporary employment agencies.

***Number of Economic Development Agencies: 2**

*****Number unemployed: 6,700 (9.3%)**

Changes to unemployment rate:

8/2011 L&I	2009 ACS Estimate	2008 ACS Estimate	2007 ACS Estimate	2006 ACS Estimate
9.3%	10.1%	5.3%	5.0%	7.7%

Average annual unemployment rate: 10.5% in 2010

Income Information:

	Schuylkill County	Pennsylvania	United States
Median Household Income (dollars)	\$41,503	\$49,520	\$50,221
Mean Household Income (dollars)	\$50,373	\$66,493	\$68,914
2010 Average Unemployment Rate	10.5%	8.7%	9.6%
Mean Income with Earnings	\$53,825	\$68,955	\$69,918
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	\$24,323	\$28,906	\$28,365
Reduction in median earnings for workers from 2008 to 2009	(11%)	(1.5%)	(3.2%)

***County’s "living wage": \$13.22/hour (1 adult & 1 preschooler) Pathways PA**

*Number of families on free/reduced lunches: 8,032 children *Number of families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): 1,719

*Number of Families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamp Program):
9,852 Households are eligible

Earned Income Tax Credit information:

****Number applying: 10,029

****Dollar amount returned to County: \$17,097,814

****Number of tax preparation businesses: 29 (2011 SC Data Book)

****Number of free tax preparation services: 2 - VITA and AARP

Access to Financial Resources:

*Number of banks, credit unions, savings and loan facilities: 57 in yellow pages

*Number of payday loan, check cashing businesses: 4 in yellow pages

*Number of pawn shops: 4 in yellow pages

Housing information:

	Schuylkill County	Pennsylvania	United States
Rental Vacancy Rate	2.5%	6.8%	8.4%
Vacant Housing Units	12.7%	10.9%	12.6%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%
Housing Units Built prior to 1939	49.5%	28.1%	14.0%
Less than \$50,000	22.4%	9.2%	8.5%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31.5%	18.6%	14.7%
Housing valued less than \$99,999	53.9%	27.8%	23.2%

	Pottsville Housing Authority	Schuylkill County Housing Authority
# of Public Housing Units*	509	610
# of Housheolds on waiting list for Public Housing Units*	314	334
# of Section 8 Certificates*	436	631
# of housheolds on Section 8 Waiting List*	285	627

*Average Wait Time for Section 8 Certificate: Several Years

*Average Wait Time for Public Housing Unit: Depends on Unit Size

*Average monthly rental cost: \$539

*Average Cost of homes: \$92,800

*Number of Foreclosures Including Commercial:

2008-454 foreclosures

2009-506 foreclosures

2010-470 foreclosures

Number of Homes Owned: 46,456

*Number of Homeless Persons: 43 counted in 2011 Point in Time Count

*Number of Families Applying for LIHEAP benefits: 11,070

*Number of Families Receiving LIHEAP benefits: 8,299

*Number of Families Applying for Weatherization:

114 Households approved & waiting to be scheduled

420 Households waiting to complete applications

*Number of Homes Weatherized: 336 for 09-10 fiscal year (includes WRAP)

Education:

High School Graduation Rate: 82.7% of population over 25 are graduates or have GED

**High School Drop-out Rate: 1.9%

Number of Associate's Degrees: 9,523 (8.9% of population)

Number of Bachelor's Degrees: 8,876 (8.3% of population)

Number of Graduate Degrees: 5,414 (5.1% of population)

*Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools:

Penn State Schuylkill

Alvernia University

McCann School of Business & Technology

Empire Beauty Schools

*Public School Districts:

Blue Mountain

Mahanoy Area

Minersville

North Schuylkill

Pine Grove Area

Pottsville Area

Saint Clair Area

Schuylkill Haven Area

Shenandoah Valley

Tamaqua Area

Tri-Valley

Williams Valley

*Number of private schools: 9 in yellow pages (mainly church affiliated)

*Number of Preschools: Approx. 63 listed in Yellow Pages, some may be daycare.

*Number of Head Start programs: 6

*Number of Head Start children/families served: 437 children

*Number of Head Start classrooms: 20

*Number of Child Care Facilities: 37 group facilities, 13 licensed in home facilities

Transportation:

	Schuylkill County	Pennsylvania	United States
Car, truck, or van – drove alone	83.1%	76.8%	76.1%
Car, truck, or van – carpooled	11.1%	9.0%	10.0%
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	0.4%	5.3%	5.0%
Walked	3.5%	4.0%	2.9%
Other means	0.4%	1.3%	1.7%
Worked at home	1.5%	3.7%	4.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.1	25.4	25.1

*Public Transportation: Schuylkill Transportation System provides fixed route bus service.

*Cost: \$1.25

Private Transportation: Average Commuter travel time: 25.1 minutes

Utilization of mass transit is much lower in Schuylkill County with .5% commuting by mass transit compared to 5.4% statewide.

Food Issues:

*Number of Food Pantries: 18

*Numbers of families Served by Food Pantries: 3,197

*Number of Grocery Stores: 44 in yellow pages

*Number of Farmer's Markets: 2 year round with several additional seasonal markets.

*Number of Senior Nutrition Centers: 5 countywide

*Number of Seniors Served: 200

*Number of households/families etc. receiving food assistance/stamps: 10,227 Households are eligible

Health Care Information:

Number of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC): 0

**Number of Primary Care Physicians: 142 total physicians including surgeons (2011 SC Data Book)

**Number of Family Practice Dentists: 59 (2011 SC Data Book)

*Number of Medicare Recipients: 26,198 elderly & 5,294 disabled

*Number of Medicaid Recipients: 21,926

Number of Uninsured (civilian non-institutionalized population): 9%

**List Top 5 Causes of Death: (2011 SC Data Book)

Diseases of Heart

Cancer

Accidents

Strokes

Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

**# Of Births to Teen parents: 149 live births (up to age 19) 2009 SC Data Book

Infant Mortality Rate: 6.3%

*Number of Treatment Facilities for Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol combined: There are 14 providers and 4 facilities with inpatient units.

