

SOUTHWEST CORNER WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA

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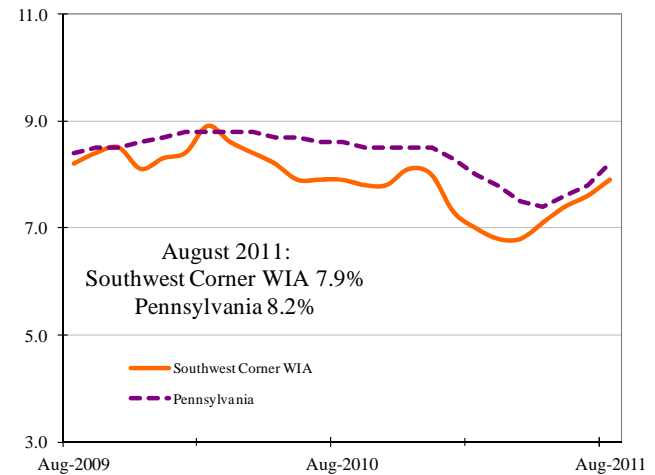


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LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate



Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 2011 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
Pennsylvania	6,309,000	5,792,000	516,000	8.2
Southwest Corner WIA	216,800	199,700	17,100	7.9
Beaver County	89,800	82,700	7,100	7.9
Greene County	20,000	18,400	1,500	7.7
Washington County	106,900	98,500	8,400	7.9

WIA Unemployment Rates, August 2011 (Seasonally Adjusted)

WIA	Rate	WIA	Rate
Philadelphia County WIA	11.5	Westmoreland/Fayette WIA	8.5
Pocono Counties WIA	10.1	Central WIA	8.2
Luzerne-Schuylkill WIA	10.0	Southwest Corner WIA	7.9
Lackawanna County WIA	9.6	Bucks County WIA	7.7
North Central WIA	9.1	Northern Tier WIA	7.7
West Central WIA	9.1	South Central WIA	7.7
Lehigh Valley WIA	9.0	Tri-County WIA	7.6
Southern Alleghenies WIA	9.0	Three Rivers WIA	7.5
Berks County WIA	8.7	Lancaster County WIA	7.3
Delaware County WIA	8.7	Montgomery County WIA	7.3
Northwest WIA	8.7	Chester County WIA	6.8

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate (All data are seasonally adjusted)

- Southwest Corner WIA was ranked 14th (highest rate) in comparison to the remaining 21 WIAs
- Southwest Corner WIA's unemployment rate for August was 7.9%
- O-T-M change was +0.3 percentage points
- O-T-Y change was 0.0 percentage points
- Change since December 2007, the official start of the recession, was +2.9 percentage points

Unemployment

- Southwest Corner WIA's unemployment for August was 17,100
- O-T-M change was +800
- O-T-Y change was +300
- Change since December 2007 was +6,400 (+59.8%)

Employment

- Southwest Corner WIA's employment for August was 199,700
- O-T-M change was +1,500
- O-T-Y change was +2,800
- Change since December 2007 was -1,800 (-0.9%)

Labor Force

- Southwest Corner WIA's labor force for August was 216,800
- O-T-M change was +2,300
- O-T-Y change was +3,100
- Change since December 2007 was +4,700 (+2.2%)

O-T-M: Over the Month
O-T-Y: Over the Year

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES^{1/}

Estimates of UC Exhaustees, Statewide and by Counties within the WIA

	Cumulative Jan 2010 - Aug 2011	Projected 2011				Projected Total
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Pennsylvania	163,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	15,000	202,000
Beaver County	3,730	180	180	180	340	4,610
Greene County	320	20	20	20	30	410
Washington County	1,910	90	90	90	180	2,360

UC Exhaustees by Pre-UC Supersector, Statewide and for the WIA, January 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011

Pre-UC Industry	Pennsylvania		Southwest Corner WIA	
	Exhaustees	% of Total	Exhaustees	% of Total
Natural Resources & Mining	820	0.5%	40	0.7%
Construction	14,770	9.1%	665	11.2%
Manufacturing	24,930	15.3%	685	11.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	35,820	22.0%	1,265	21.2%
Information	2,900	1.8%	175	2.9%
Financial Activities	8,550	5.2%	480	8.1%
Professional & Business Services	33,770	20.7%	1,300	21.8%
Education & Health Services	19,120	11.7%	680	11.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	12,980	8.0%	375	6.3%
Other Services	4,690	2.9%	170	2.9%
Government	1,550	1.0%	30	0.5%
Unclassified Industry	3,060	1.9%	120	2.0%
Total	162,960	100%	5,960	100%

^{1/}This count reflects the total number of persons during the month who have exhausted all available state and federal UC benefits under current law, up to a maximum of 99 weeks of benefits.
Source: PA Unemployment Compensation System.

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1%. Percentages less than 0.05% will be displayed as 0.0%.

QUARTERLY CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Southwest Corner WIA – Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages 2-digit NAICS – Private Sector Only

NAICS Title	NAICS Code	2011 1Q Preliminary		2010 1Q Final		Employment Change from 2010 1Q		Establishment Change from 2010 1Q	
		Average Employment	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Establishments	volume	percent	volume	percent
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	21	5,798	79	4,509	71	1,289	28.6%	8	11.3%
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. Services	56	4,129	423	3,415	400	714	20.9%	23	5.8%
Construction	23	8,497	1,004	7,442	1,013	1,055	14.2%	-9	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	42	5,661	502	5,048	508	613	12.1%	-6	-1.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	71	2,484	135	2,231	135	253	11.3%	0	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	5,251	270	4,989	263	262	5.3%	7	2.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	53	1,750	240	1,679	244	71	4.2%	-4	-1.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	54	6,464	705	6,222	694	242	3.9%	11	1.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	23,455	1,888	23,013	1,709	442	1.9%	179	10.5%
Utilities	22	2,422	27	2,397	26	25	1.0%	1	3.8%
Manufacturing	31-33	16,030	434	15,886	450	144	0.9%	-16	-3.6%
Retail Trade	44-45	17,772	1,229	17,679	1,272	93	0.5%	-43	-3.4%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	81	5,497	946	5,519	947	-22	-0.4%	-1	-0.1%
Information	51	1,665	109	1,678	111	-13	-0.8%	-2	-1.8%
Finance and Insurance	52	3,385	501	3,562	492	-177	-5.0%	9	1.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	2,277	223	11,119	765	-8,842	-79.5%	-542	-70.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	***	***	92	27	***	***	***	***
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	55	1,922	62	***	***	***	***	***	***
Educational Services	61	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Unclassified	99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total		126,721	9,503	120,790	9,274	5,931	4.9%	229	2.5%

- Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction had the largest O-T-Y percentage increase in employment at +28.6%, followed by Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. Services at +20.9%.
- Accommodation and Food Services had the largest O-T-Y percentage decrease in employment at -79.5%, followed by Finance and Insurance at -5.0%.
- The Southwest Corner WIA showed an O-T-Y employment change of +5,931 (+4.9%).

Notes: "****" indicates data are not disclosable; 'N/A' indicates data are unavailable or incomplete. Numbers may not add due to rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1%. Percentages less than 0.05% will be displayed as 0.0%.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Southwest Corner WIA Industries with Growing Companies in 2010

Industry	Growing Companies	Industry	Growing Companies
Manufacturing	9	Health Care and Social Assistance	5
Construction	6	Retail Trade	5
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	6	Wholesale Trade	5

Growing Companies Detail

- Growing Companies are companies that began the period with at least 10 employees and increased their employment for four consecutive quarters and by at least 10%.
- Total number of growing companies in 4th quarter 2010 was 54
- In **Manufacturing** – Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing; Architectural and Structural Metals Manufacturing; Machine Shops; Turned Product; and Screw, Nut, and Bolt Manufacturing
- In **Construction** – Building Equipment Contractors; Utility System Construction; Building Finishing Contractors
- In **Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction** – Support Activities for Mining; Oil and Gas Extraction

Industries with Declining Companies in 2010

Industry	Declining Companies	Industry	Declining Companies
Accommodation and Food Services	3	Health Care and Social Assistance	2
Manufacturing	3	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2
Finance and Insurance	2	Other Services (except Public Administration)	2

Declining Companies Detail

- Declining Companies are companies that began the period with at least 20 employees and lost employment for four consecutive quarters and by at least 10%.
- Total number of declining companies in 4th quarter 2010 was 20
- In **Accommodation and Food Services** – Full-Service Restaurants
- In **Manufacturing** – Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing; Other Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing; Plastics Product Manufacturing
- In **Finance and Insurance** – Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities; Securities and Commodity Contracts Intermediation and Brokerage

SOUTHWEST CORNER WIA

EMPLOYER ACTIVITIES

(Based on published media reports)

Reported^{1/} Openings or Expansions by Industry

Industry	2011 Y-T-D		Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	
	Events	Emp. Gain	Events	Emp. Gain
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	0	0	0	0
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0
Professional and Business Services	0	0	0	0
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	0	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

^{1/}Compilation of employers and employment gain may be unconfirmed and incomplete.

Reported^{1/} Closings or Layoffs^{2/} by Industry

Industry	2011 Y-T-D		Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	
	Events	Emp. Loss	Events	Emp. Loss
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0
Mining	1	-46	2	-106
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	2	-144	2	-144
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	0	0	0	0
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0
Professional and Business Services	0	0	0	0
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	0	0	1	-25
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0
Total	3	-190	5	-275

^{1/}Compilation of employers and employment loss may be unconfirmed and incomplete.

^{2/}Includes temporary layoffs

NEW HIRES

Southwest Corner WIA New Hires, 2010 to 2011, 1st Quarter^{1/}

	2011 Q1	2010 Q1	Change from 2010	
			volume	percent
Total New Hires	5,000	4,600	400	9%
Goods Producing Industries	1,900	1,400	500	36%
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt.	0	0	0	N/A
Mining	400	200	200	100%
Construction	1,100	800	300	38%
Manufacturing	400	400	0	0%
Service Providing Industries	3,000	3,200	-200	-6%
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	700	700	0	0%
Wholesale Trade	200	200	0	0%
Retail Trade	400	400	0	0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	100	100	0	0%
Information	0	0	0	N/A
Financial Activities	100	100	0	0%
Finance & Insurance	-	-	-	N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	100	100	0	0%
Professional & Business Svcs.	600	500	100	20%
Professional & Technical Svcs.	200	200	0	0%
Management of Companies	0	0	0	N/A
Admin & Waste Services	400	300	100	33%
Education & Health Services	800	1,000	-200	-20%
Educational Services	200	200	0	0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	600	800	-200	-25%
Leisure & Hospitality	600	600	0	0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	100	100	0	0%
Accommodations & Food Svcs.	500	500	0	0%
Other Services	200	200	0	0%
Government	-	100	-	N/A
Unclassified industry	0	0	0	N/A

^{1/}Dashes indicate New Hires count was below 50 but greater than 0 for both quarters.

- **Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels** – Construction of Buildings; Support Activities for Mining; Administrative and Support Services; Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
- **Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels** – Social Assistance; Specialty Trade Contractors; Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries; Executive, Legislative, and Other General Government Support

Note: In every economy there is job creation and job destruction every month and the result is employment change. New hires are linked to job creation, however, an increase in new hires does not directly equate to an increase in the total employment count. The new hires count is simply an indication of hiring activity in an industry. Separations, in the form of layoffs, firings, or quits, are linked to job destruction and account for the other half of the employment change equation. The balance of hires and separations result in the employment change.

HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Southwest Corner WIA Help Wanted Online Active Ads by Industry

Industry	August 2011	August 2010	Volume Change
Total Ads by Industry	3,747	3,976	-229
Goods Producing Industries	375	223	152
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt.	3	2	1
Mining	69	43	26
Construction	119	27	92
Manufacturing	184	151	33
Service Providing Industries	1,654	1,794	-140
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	493	806	-313
Wholesale Trade	109	88	21
Retail Trade	285	649	-364
Transp., Warehouse & Utilities	99	69	30
Information	44	151	-107
Financial Activities	106	104	2
Finance & Insurance	77	74	3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	29	30	-1
Professional & Business Svcs.	546	406	140
Professional & Technical Svcs.	206	127	79
Management of Companies	0	0	0
Admin & Waste Services	340	279	61
Education & Health Services	286	229	57
Educational Services	43	60	-17
Health Care & Social Assistance	243	169	74
Leisure & Hospitality	71	58	13
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	2	5
Accommodations & Food Svcs.	64	56	8
Other Services	88	34	54
Government	20	6	14
Unclassified or unavailable industry	1,718	1,959	-241

Note: Help Wanted Online Ads by Industry and Occupation are compiled differently and totals will not necessarily equal each other.

HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Southwest Corner WIA Help Wanted Online Active Ads by Occupation

Occupation	August 2011	August 2010	Volume Change
Total	3,759	3,958	-199
Sales and Related	449	436	13
Office and Administrative Support	430	474	-44
Transportation and Material Moving	340	285	55
Production	314	226	88
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	296	549	-253
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	236	230	6
Architecture and Engineering	227	127	100
Management	208	224	-16
Construction and Extraction	203	124	79
Food Preparation and Serving Related	164	164	0
Healthcare Support	142	492	-350
Business and Financial Operations	138	108	30
Computer and Mathematical	137	91	46
Personal Care and Service	98	92	6
Community and Social Services	98	65	33
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	84	73	11
Protective Service	54	39	15
Education, Training, and Library	48	71	-23
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	45	49	-4
Life, Physical, and Social Science	30	18	12
Legal	12	15	-3
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	6	0	6
Military Specific	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	6	-6

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HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Southwest Corner WIA Top 25 Industries Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Industry	August 2011
Employment Placement Agencies	105
Temporary Help Services	99
Engineering Services	78
Home Centers	63
Department Stores (except Discount Department Stores)	54
Solid Waste Landfill	53
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	41
Home Health Care Services	39
Commercial Banking	36
Software Publishers	36
Other Individual and Family Services	33
All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	28
Casino Hotels	28
Nursing Care Facilities	27
New Car Dealers	27
Other Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance	25
Medical, Dental, & Hospital Equipment & Supplies Wholesalers	24
Office Supplies and Stationery Stores	24
Elementary and Secondary Schools	24
Bituminous Coal Underground Mining	23
Other Computer Peripheral Equipment Manufacturing	22
Other Electric Power Generation	21
Full-Service Restaurants	21
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload	20
All Other Miscellaneous Ambulatory Health Care Services	20

HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Southwest Corner WIA Top 25 Occupations Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Occupation	August 2011
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer*	134
Retail Salespersons	122
Registered Nurses*	113
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	111
Supervisors/Managers of Production & Operating Workers*	77
Customer Service Representatives*	71
Helpers--Production Workers	63
Office Clerks, General*	61
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General*	56
Home Health Aides*	52
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services*	49
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping	47
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses*	46
Accountants*	46
Personal and Home Care Aides	45
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	44
Industrial Engineers*	43
Security Guards	42
Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Wrkrs.*	40
Machinists*	40
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants*	39
Construction Laborers*	39
Automotive Specialty Technicians	37
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks*	37
Supervisors/Managers of Food Prep. & Serving Workers	35

*2011 High Priority Occupation (HPO) for PA

HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Southwest Corner WIA Top 25 Employers Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Employer	Aug 2011	Employer	Aug 2011
Waste Management	54	H&R Block	20
URS Corporation	44	Crown Castle International Corp.	18
84 Lumber	39	FirstEnergy	17
CONSOL Energy	36	Siemens	16
Meadows Racetrack and Casino	28	Bayada Nurses	16
PNC	25	Temporary Personnel Services, Inc.	16
Adecco	24	Taggart Global, LLC	16
NHS Human Services	23	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	15
Staples	22	Baker Hughes	15
GREGG STAFFING SOLUTIONS	22	HGI Healthcare	15
Macy's	21	Lowe's	14
ANSYS, Inc.	21	TMK IPSCO	14
Chesapeake Energy Corporation	20		

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Center for Workforce Information & Analysis Presentations

The Center for Workforce Information & Analysis PA Work Stats website now includes informative presentations given by CWIA staff on various aspects of the labor market and the information provided by the Center.

These reports can be found at:

<http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us/gsipub/index.asp?docid=782>

Sample Presentations:

Labor Market Information (LMI) for Data Users

This presentation provides an overview of the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA) and its labor market information products and services in support of workforce and economic development.

Analyzing Pennsylvania's Employment Picture

This presentation will use statewide and local area press releases to explain the different employment data that is available from the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA).

DEFINITIONS

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Source: *Pennsylvania Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)*.

The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis and produces estimates using equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. The LAUS program does not produce estimates for any demographic groups.

Unemployment Rate: The number unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Unemployment: Unemployed persons are persons aged 16 years and older who had no employment during the reference week (contains the 12th day of the month), were available for work (except for temporary illness), and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to jobs from which they had been laid off need not to have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Employment: Employed persons are all persons who, during the week which includes the 12th day of the month, (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own businesses or professions or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in enterprises operated by members of their families, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Each employed person is counted only once, even if the person holds more than one job. Included are the self-employed, unpaid family workers, agricultural workers, and private household workers, who are excluded by the Current Employment Statistics survey.

Labor Force: All persons either working or looking for work or classified as employed or unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - Source: *The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the U.S Department of Labor*.

Unemployment Compensation (UC): Unemployment Compensation (UC) protects workers against job loss by providing temporary income support to people who become unemployed through no fault of their own. UC Benefits are paid, for a limited time, to individuals who are able and available for suitable work, and are actively seeking new employment. To qualify for UC benefits, a worker must have performed services covered under the Pennsylvania UC Law, and must have worked for an employer who is required by law or elects to pay into the UC Fund.

Exhaustions: Exhaustion occurs when a worker draws the maximum amount of benefits to which he or she is entitled.

CLAIMS - Source: *The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the U.S Department of Labor*.

Initial Claims: Initial claims measure the number of filings for state jobless benefits. An initial claim occurs when a person files a notice of unemployment to initiate a request to determine entitlement and eligibility for unemployment compensation. A person can file multiple claims.

Continued Claims: Continued claims measure the number of weeks that claimants are requesting payment of unemployment benefits. These claims include "waiting weeks" which do not receive payment, and claims that are subsequently denied benefits.

