



Lackawanna County / Luzerne County Indicators Initiative 2006-2015

The **Indicators Report** is an annual publication of The Institute. The report was the first step in a process of fostering regional visioning and planning at a session of 100 community leaders in Lackawanna and Luzerne County in 2006.

The report provides baseline data and trends on over 125 benchmarks in 12 major categories in the region. The Institute committed to preparing the report annually, providing follow on research as needed, and most importantly filling the role as convener.

The publication is presented at an annual forum where the public, private, and non-profit sector from across the two county region are invited to attend and participate.

Indicator Task Forces

At the initial forum, four task forces were formed: jobs, economy and economic development; education and workforce development; housing; and planning, land use, transportation, and infrastructure (PLUTI). In 2010, the health and health care task force was formed. In 2012, the Energy and Public Safety Task Forces were added, bringing the total to seven.

These task forces meet during the year to advance the goals and objectives established by the attendees at the visioning and planning session that aim to advance the region economically, socially, through innovation, and improvement of quality of life. The Institute convenes and facilitates the task forces and provides research support as necessary. The task forces are chaired by volunteers from the community and task force volunteers represent public, private and non-profit interests from around the two county region as well as the state. Also in 2010, the task forces moved to generating policy statements and analysis as a mechanism to invoke positive change.

The Indicators and task force information are published on The Institute's website.