

Employment & Unemployment

From January 2010 to June 2010 the civilian labor force decreased in Lackawanna County; while the number of unemployed increased. The unemployment rate increased during this time period from 9.1% to 9.6% in June 2010.

Lackawanna County Unemployment 2010				
Time Period	Civilian Labor Force	Number Employment	Number Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
January 2010	109,400	99,500	9,900	9.1%
June 2010	107,900	97,500	10,400	9.6%

Source: PA Workstats

Similar to Lackawanna, Luzerne County's civilian labor force also decreased and the unemployment rate increased during the period of January 2010 to June 2010 from 9.9% to 10.7%.

Luzerne County Unemployment 2010				
Time Period	Civilian Labor Force	Number Employment	Number Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
January 2010	163,800	147,600	16,200	9.9%
June 2010	162,000	144,700	17,300	10.7%

Source: PA Workstats

Wages

The average weekly wage for Lackawanna County for First Quarter 2009 is at \$646. Luzerne County's average weekly wage during the same period is at \$668 with the state average the highest at \$862. This is a difference of \$216 weekly in Lackawanna and \$194 respectively in Luzerne County.

First Quarter 2009		
Employment & Average Weekly Wages		
	Employment March 2009	Average Weekly Wage
Lackawanna County	98,860	\$646
Luzerne County	137,040	\$668
Pennsylvania	5,449,387	\$862

Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

In specific industry categories such as professional and technical services, information, arts, entertainment, and recreation, finance and insurance, and management of companies and services wages paid are the highest wages in both counties.

For example, the highest average weekly wage recorded is in the utilities sector. Average weekly wage in Lackawanna County is \$1,477 and \$1,978 in Luzerne County.

Utilities			
Average Number of Establishments			
Average Number Employed			
Average Weekly Wage			
Area Name	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Lackawanna County	7	94	\$1,477
Luzerne County	15	1,542	\$1,978

Source: PA Dept of Labor and Industry

An employee’s average weekly wage for professional and technical services is \$1,124 in Lackawanna County and \$1,106 in Luzerne County.

Professional Technical Services			
Average Number of Establishments			
Average Number Employed			
Average Weekly Wage			
Area Name	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Lackawanna County	483	3,910	\$1,124
Luzerne County	606	3,619	\$1,106

Source: PA Dept of Labor and Industry

Those employed in finance and insurance garner average weekly wages of \$1,018 in Lackawanna County and \$958 in Luzerne County.

<u>Finance & Insurance</u>			
<u>Average Number of Establishments</u>			
<u>Average Number Employed</u>			
<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>			
Area Name	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Lackawanna County	309	4,894	\$1,018
Luzerne County	424	5,171	\$958

Source: PA Dept of Labor and Industry

Average weekly wages for those employed in the management of companies and enterprises sector garner average weekly wages of \$839 in Lackawanna County and \$1,198 in Luzerne County.

<u>Management of Companies & Enterprises</u>			
<u>Average Number of Establishments</u>			
<u>Average Number Employed</u>			
<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>			
Area Name	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Lackawanna County	32	984	\$839
Luzerne County	43	1,388	\$1,198

Source: PA Dept of Labor and Industry