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Pennsylvania

## The 8th Annual Indicators Report and Forum

Annually, The Institute publishes a regional indicators report and presents it to the community. This report measures change in the region and provides organizations with data necessary to run their organizations to achieve their full potential. Through this effort, The Institute facilitates seven regional task forces: education and workforce development; jobs, economy, and economic development; health and healthcare; housing; energy; public safety; and planning, land use, transportation, and infrastructure.

The indicators report and reports from our task forces will be presented at our 8th annual forum on May 23, 2013. The registration form can be found on page two of this newsletter. Please send registration questions to Kate Wassel at [Wassel@institutepea.org](mailto:Wassel@institutepea.org) or call 408-9850.

### 2013 Indicators Report and Regional Forum

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**The 2012 Economy Tracker** closely examines eight counties within Northeastern Pennsylvania, including: Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming. In addition to county data, statewide statistics are also included in some categories. The Economy Tracker highlights changes that have occurred in demographics, business and the economy. Visit [www.institutepea.org](http://www.institutepea.org) and click on community based research to review the report.

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## 2013 Lackawanna & Luzerne County Indicators Report & Regional Forum

**MAY 23, 2013**

**Price:** \$50 [On-site: \$55] **Time:** Registration Begins 8:30 am / Program 9:00 — 11:30 am

**Location:** Mohegan Sun Casino  
Wilkes-Barre, PA

**Registration includes:  
Breakfast**

**Indicators Presentation**

**Indicators Report (\$30 value)**

**Special Reports on Housing, Public Safety; Energy; Jobs and Economy;  
Education and Workforce Development; Health Care; and  
Planning, Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure**

### REGISTRATION FORM

**Yes, I would like to register for 2013 Lackawanna & Luzerne County Indicators Regional Forum**

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**Submit Registration Forms By: May 20, 2013**

**Fax:** (570) 408-9854

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For inquiries, call 570.408.9850 and ask for Kate Wassel or [wassel@institutepea.org](mailto:wassel@institutepea.org)

Please note: No refunds will be issued after May 1, 2013

## Research Symposium

The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development, a collaborative applied research center is pleased to announce the sixth annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Research Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to bring together faculty and student investigators who are engaged in original research, in a forum where they may share their research with colleagues from the Institute's member institutions. Students have an opportunity to present research with their respective faculty member. Submissions may be research on any topic.

The event is April 23 and is being hosted by The Commonwealth Medical College. The community is welcome to attend.

For a copy of the call for papers or questions regarding the symposium, please e-mail Kate Wassel at [wassel@institutepea.org](mailto:wassel@institutepea.org) or call 408-9850.

## A Special Thank You

Please join us in saying farewell to Sherry Tracewski. Sherry served as The Institute's Research & Policy Analyst since 2008.

Sherry brought extensive research and policy expertise to The Institute. She successfully completed five Lackawanna and Luzerne Indicators Reports and several client projects.

Sherry will be serving as a Senior Research Analyst for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. We wish her success in her new position.



## Spring 2013 Intern Update

The Institute would like to welcome our spring interns! We look forward to working with them over the coming months! Our interns this semester are:

**Jenny Monge—Kings College**  
**Caili Jones—Penn State Wilkes-Barre**  
**Roger Sporre—Penn State Wilkes-Barre**  
**Rob Nelson —Keystone College**  
**Van Nguyen—Keystone College**  
**Alyssa Daniel—Wilkes University**

The Institute has internships available for the Summer/Fall 2013 semesters. Internships are available to students of any of our nine member institutions, who are in or entering their Senior year or are graduate students. Students of any academic major, with a 3.2 GPA or higher may apply to work in either our Wilkes-Barre or Scranton offices.

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**The Institute** provides research, technical assistance, and facilitation and convening services to the private and public sector to:

- analyze components for regional prosperity
- create state and local government development strategies
- market studies
- feasibility studies
- impact reports

**Research areas include:**

- demographics
- economic development projects and planning
- community development
- education
- workforce development
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- best practices
- innovation indicators
- economic indicators
- tourism and arts & culture

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