

Butler County 2024

Through connectivity, diversity and engagement, Butler County has become home to some of the fastest-developing communities in the Northeast. Affordability, a strong workforce, quality health care and excellent educational institutions underpin its success.

The Butler County Growth Collaborative's vision is to spark economic growth, empower the community and offer each resident and business an opportunity to pursue a 21st-century American dream. The collaborative operates through a lens of diversity that focuses on education, employment, the environment, health care, hospitality, housing, infrastructure, residents and transportation.

The collaborative is composed of advisory members from the County's key organizations. Among members are those who represent the Butler County Chamber of Commerce, Butler County Community College, Butler County Community Development Corporation, Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau, Butler Health System, Butler Transit Authority, County of Butler, Cranberry Township, Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the County of Butler, Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport and the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board.

With a strong history of manufacturing, Butler County continues to host six manufacturers in its top ten employers. Westinghouse Electric Company, Cleveland-Cliffs, Coherent, Penn United Technologies, Oberg Industries and MSA Safety are among almost 300 companies in a sector that accounts for 12.6% of the County's employment and, whose annual wages average in excess of \$70,000. Butler County provides all the necessary regional assets for manufacturers to be successful, such as excellent transportation infrastructure and a solid workforce.

Robust health care assets join manufacturing, energy and other sectors that attract businesses and residents to Butler County. Health care and social assistance account for 16.8% of Butler County's employment, with average annual wages exceeding \$60,897.

Supplying Butler County's strong workforce are award-winning institutions of higher education, Butler County Community College and Slippery Rock

University of Pennsylvania. Butler County is one of only three counties in Pennsylvania to share a community college and a state university.

Butler County has been prioritizing brownfield redevelopment, business expansion and water and sewer improvements long before the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In 2017, County leaders created a unique Infrastructure Bank to accommodate economic growth and to facilitate infrastructure improvements. Since its inception, the Infrastructure Bank has funded more than \$40 million in projects in Butler County by providing low-interest, midterm loans for municipalities and authorities to carry out infrastructure projects that they otherwise would not be able to fund. Projects range from roads to bridges to stormwater control and more.

Butler County leaders continue to proactively seek ways to expand transportation services, such as increasing the impact of the Pittsburgh-Butler Regional Airport in Butler and the Zelenople Airport, improving existing transportation infrastructure and recruiting contemporary transportation models.

Butler County's labor force stood at over 98,743 in December 2022, when Butler County's unemployment rate was 3.6%. The County's labor force is buttressed by a strong K-12 education system that includes vocational-technical programs, its community college and university, and a state-of-the-art Steamfitters Technology Center.

Events in Butler County attract visitors from all over the world and boost commerce for businesses and vendors. Among major draws are the Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival, Moraine State Park Regatta, Big Butler Fair and Historic Harmony German Christmas Market.

Butler County's cost of living, below the national average, affords all individuals and families opportunities to grow and thrive. As the region establishes itself as a global economic powerhouse, Butler County provides an ideal location for those who prefer to live in its rolling hills near Pittsburgh.

*Kindest regards,
Mark Gordon
Chairman, Butler County
Growth Collaborative*





COUNTY FACTS

- 2022 Population: **197,300**
- Total Number of Municipalities: **57**
- County Seat: City of Butler
- Land Area (sq. mi.): **788.6**
- 2022 Population Density (people per mile): **250.2**
- 2022 Total number of employers: **5,143**
- 2022 Total jobs in county: **84,920**
- 2022 Total labor force: **98,743**
- 2022 Total employed residents: **94,625**
- 2022 Earnings per job (mean): **\$60,897**
- 2022 Median household income: **\$82,932**
- 2021- 2022 Public High School Graduates: **1,874**
- Post-secondary placement rate: **66.6%**
- 2022 Population 25 and over: **141,950**
- with high school degree or higher: **94.1%**
- with bachelor's degree or higher: **37.7 %**

Largest Municipality:

Cranberry Township Population: **33,768**

Additional municipalities:

- Butler Township: **17,005**
- Adams Township: **14,885**
- Butler City: **13,287**
- Buffalo Township: **7,936**
- Center Township: **7,767**
- Middlesex Township: **7,054**
- Slippery Rock Township: **6,955**
- Jackson Township: **5,235**
- Jefferson Township: **5,153**

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Education



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TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYER	PRODUCT(S)	EMPLOYEES
Independence Health System	Health Care	3,100
Westinghouse Electric Company LLC	Manufacturing	1,500
Slippery Rock University	Education	1,500
Cleveland-Cliffs	Manufacturing	1,400
Butler County Community College	Education	1,250
Coherent	Manufacturing	700
Penn United Technologies Inc	Manufacturing	700
Oberg Industries	Manufacturing	700
MSA Safety	Manufacturing	500
Walmart	Retail	500

Sources: Pittsburgh Regional Alliance

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