

# Westmoreland County 2024

Westmoreland County has been racking up an impressive number of economic-development wins in recent years, and that trend shows no sign of slowing. Just last year Amazon opened a \$120 million facility in New Stanton, Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale christened a 300,000 square-foot facility in Delmont and Re:Build Manufacturing—a company committed to using advanced technology to demonstrate the value of an industrial-based American economy—selected Westmoreland as the site of its first production facility and is investing \$50 million here after a conducting competitive search process that involved multiple states.



Sun sets over the beautiful Laurel Highlands just outside of Laughlintown.  
Photo by Alex Byers, Go Laurel Highlands.

The Re:Build announcement didn't occur in a vacuum. The county's Industrial Development Corporation formed a joint venture with RIDC to acquire and modernize the 1.1 million industrial park where Re:Build has committed to creating 300 new jobs. The site of Alcoa's first manufacturing facility, this industrial complex will be transformed into an innovation-focused industrial hub. This is happening in the same city where the Digital Foundry at New Kensington set up shop as a regional resource for manufacturing companies and a center for upskilling individual workers to fill the region's advanced manufacturing positions.

That's not the only investment being made by the Industrial development Corporation. Last year it completed an industrial park expansion project and now has five shovel-ready sites—with pads sites ranging from 4.1 to 21.4 acres—available at Westmoreland Distribution Park North.

It's easy to see why so many organizations are choosing Westmoreland County. We're a great place to start a business, put down roots and thrive personally and professionally.

Our proximity to several major North American markets means that nearly half of all U.S. companies are within a 500-mile radius, and our well-developed infrastructure ensures efficient, same-day delivery of goods to your customers in those cities.

The New Stanton interchange is a major transportation hub where the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) and Interstate 70 connect with U.S. Route 119 and PA Toll 66. This area in central Westmoreland has evolved into a major regional employment center that is home to multiple business and industrial parks, and it's no small reason why Amazon chose it for the 1 million square-foot facility it opened last year.

The county is home to Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe, which is embarking on a \$22 million terminal expansion project, and we are less than an hour from Pittsburgh International Airport.

We're also proud of our hearty freight rail system, which is served by Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad, a shortline operator with 66 miles of track that connects with an international rail network



Re:Build Manufacturing announced a \$50 million investment in a project that will create 300 new jobs at New Kensington Advanced Manufacturing Park. Courtesy RIDC.



The streets are full of bustling energy as people browse the wares being offered by merchants during the Greensburg Night Market, a staple of summer in Westmoreland County. Photo by Alex Newill.



Westmoreland County celebrated its 250th anniversary last year. In addition to staging several events around the milestone, the county decked out the interior of its courthouse dome with patriotic bunting. Courtesy Westmoreland County.

that is served by three Class-I and regional railroads — CSX, Norfolk Southern and Wheeling & Lake Erie Company. While other communities converted old rail lines to recreational trails in the 1990s and 2000s, we — with state support — invested in upgrading ours to ensure that Westmoreland businesses are served by a modern freight rail system that can get their good to ports such as New Orleans and Vancouver, as well as many stops in between. And for those with intermodal needs, Westmoreland Logistics Park combines the economies of rail and the flexibility of shipping by truck. This intermodal facility is located in a cluster of industrial parks just five miles south of New Stanton.

Switching gears to a different type of infrastructure, Westmoreland County is in the midst of a broadband initiative to connect all businesses and residents with reliable and affordable high-speed internet. County leaders recognize the importance of broadband access for business, education, health and entertainment purposes and are working to ensure everyone has access.

Westmoreland County is committed to promoting whole and healthy communities, and as part of that effort, the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority / Land Bank is making tremendous strides in jumpstarting community redevelopment by carrying out a project that has removed more than 100 blighted structures in just 18 months. This transformative effort is priming the pump for new construction and community revitalization.

Speaking of “healthy,” the county’s largest employer recently merged with another regional health care provider to create Independence Health System, which has nearly 1,000 healthcare providers.

Independence serves a 10-county region and is the third-largest health system in Western Pennsylvania.

The county also is investing \$1 million into a workforce development plan so that school districts and local industry present a realistic picture of the many local career paths available to students after graduation. We’re ensuring that our homegrown talent — which inherited its work ethic from the hard-working generations that powered the rise of American industry — finds rewarding livelihoods within our borders.

Clearly, there’s a lot to like about Westmoreland County. We have a modest cost of living, and our home prices are the envy of many — which is why more than three out of every four Westmoreland County households own their homes. The beautiful Laurel Highlands offer plenty of recreational opportunities, our western border is a just a 30-minute drive from Pittsburgh’s big-league sports action, and we are home to a variety of cultural, historical and recreational gems. With so much to offer, it’s easy to see why you belong here.



Jason Rigone  
Executive Director  
Westmoreland County Industrial  
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## COUNTY FACTS

- 2022 Population: **354,414**
- Total Number of Municipalities: **65**
- County Seat: Greensburg
- Land Area (sq. mi.): **1,025**
- 2019 Population Density (people per mile): **345**
- 2023 Total number of employers: **9,186**
- 2023 Total jobs in county: **116,361**
- 2023 Total labor force: **175,400**
- 2023 Total employed residents: **169,300**
- 2023 Earnings per job (mean): **\$52,050**
- 2022 Median household income: **\$69,454**
- 2021 - 2022 Public High School Graduates: **3,429**
- - Post-secondary placement rate: **67.66%**
- 2019 Population 25 and over:
  - with high school degree or higher: **71%**
  - with bachelor's degree or higher: **23%**

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, PA Department of Education, PA Department of Labor & Industry, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Largest Municipality:**  
Hempfield Township: **Pop 41,664**

**Additional municipalities:**  
Greensburg  
Murrysville  
North Huntingdon Township  
Penn Township  
Unity Township

Amazon invested \$120 million to build a 1 million-square-foot warehouse facility that is expected to create as many as 600 new jobs in New Stanton. Construction was completed in late 2023. Courtesy SunCap Property Group.



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## TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Employer .....	Product(s)
Independence Health System .....	Health care
Wal-Mart Associates Inc. ....	Retail
United Parcel Service Inc. ....	Package delivery
Giant Eagle Inc. ....	Grocery distribution
Philips Rs North America LLC .....	Medical products
Westinghouse Electric Co. LLC .....	Nuclear power
Elliott Turbomachinery Co. LLC .....	Industrial machinery
Leedsworld Inc. ....	Manufacturing
Latrobe Specialty Metals Company .....	Manufacturing
Dedicated Nursing Associates Inc. ....	Health care

Sources: PA Department of Labor & Industry

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