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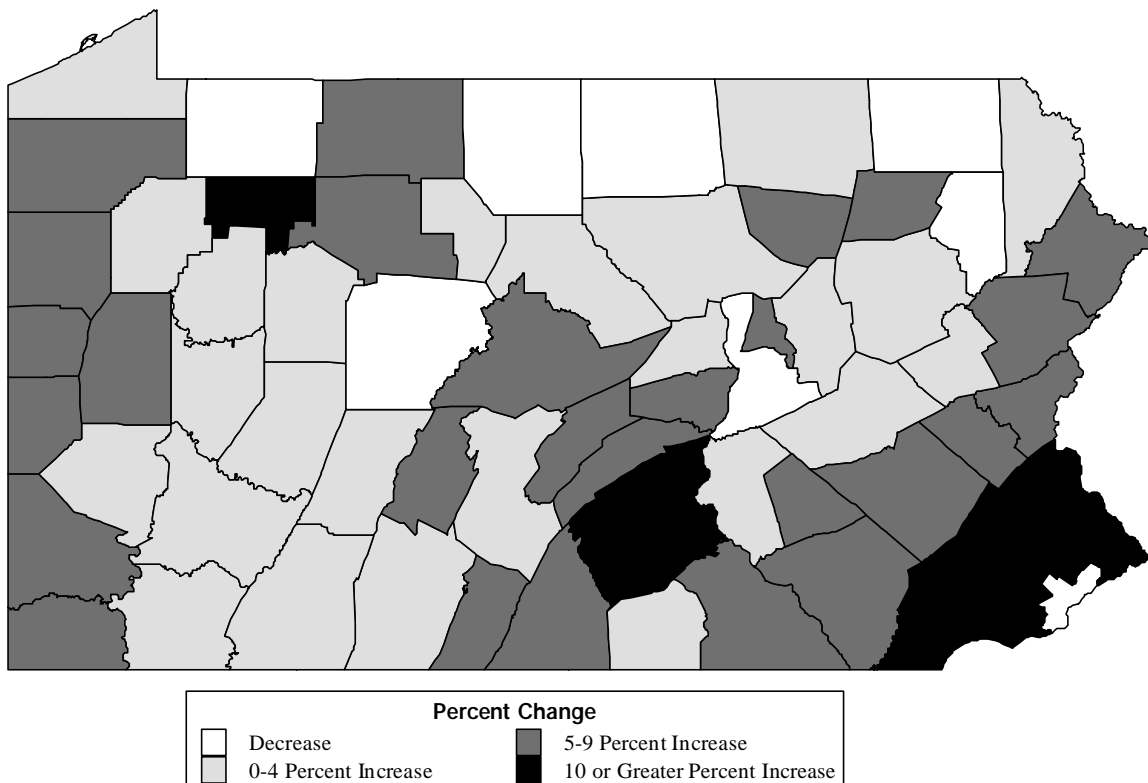
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1995-1999 Industry Trends Report Now Available

MIDDLETOWN, Pa— The number of businesses in Pennsylvania continues to increase, according to the report *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends 1995-1999* produced by the Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg. This report was produced by Penn State University's Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP) and published through support by Bell Atlantic.

The data in this report show that the number of business establishments in Pennsylvania in the second quarter 1999 stood at 297,424. Between 1995 and 1999, the number of business establishments in the state increased by 19,251, an increase of 6.9 percent.

Percent Increase in Number of Establishments for Pennsylvania Counties: 1995-99



Five counties, Chester (14 percent), Forest (11.9 percent), Cumberland (10.5 percent), Delaware (10.2 percent), and Bucks (10 percent) saw their number of establishments rise by at least 10 percent. A slightly different five counties, Montgomery (2,189), Chester (1,541), Bucks (1,479), Allegheny (1,221) and Delaware (1,213) experienced growth of more than 1,000 new establishments. Eight counties in the state saw the number of business establishments decrease between 1995 and 1999. Potter County had the greatest percent decrease at -3.5 percent though this only represented 16 establishments, while Philadelphia County had the largest decrease in raw numbers (-269).

Seven counties in Pennsylvania had over 10,000 establishments each, accounting for over 45 percent of the total business establishments (297,424) in Pennsylvania in 1999. The top three counties in Pennsylvania in terms of total business establishments in 1999 were Allegheny (33,898), Philadelphia (25,813) and Montgomery (25,289). The three counties with the smallest number of business establishments in Pennsylvania in 1999 were Forest (151), Cameron (157) and Sullivan (197).

While the total number of business establishments increased by 6.9 percent in Pennsylvania between the second quarters of 1995 and 1999, total employment increased by 6.7 percent. In 1999, Pennsylvania employment totaled 5,486,381 persons or an increase of 344,984 employees from 1995.

Montgomery County showed the largest increase in employment numbers with a gain of 51,106 jobs. It was followed by Chester County (38,392) and then Allegheny County (33,469). Overall, eight counties had an employment increase over 10,000 persons. Two counties, Fulton (22.8) and Chester (22.0), saw employment increase by more than 20 percent. The next largest increase was 16.2 percent in Potter County. Eight counties in Pennsylvania experienced a decrease in employment between 1995 and 1999 with Warren County showing the largest drop of -5.3 percent or 919 jobs.

The growth in business establishments and employments was not shared equally among industrial sectors. The mining and public administration sectors lost business establishments between 1995 and 1999, while manufacturing and public administration lost employees. The service industry saw the largest numeric increase in establishments with a growth of 11,102 followed by the finance, insurance, and real estate industry with an increase of 2,617 establishments. In percentages however, the fastest growers were agriculture (14.6 percent), finance, insurance and real estate (12.7 percent) and services (11.0 percent). As far as employment, three industries grew by more than ten percent: construction (19.2 percent), agriculture (15.3 percent), and services (12.1 percent).

Services accounted for about one-third of all establishments and employment in Pennsylvania in 1999 while mining accounted for only one-third of one percent of each.

Number of Establishments and Employees by Pennsylvania County: 1995-1999						
County	Number of Establishments			Number of Employees		
	1995	1999	% Change	1995	1999	% Change
Pennsylvania	278,173	297,424	6.9	5,141,397	5,486,381	6.7
Adams	1,679	1,753	4.4	29,100	28,867	-0.8
Allegheny	32,677	33,898	3.7	675,657	709,126	5
Armstrong	1,402	1,419	1.2	18,451	19,465	5.5
Beaver	3,236	3,387	4.7	53,063	56,749	6.9
Bedford	1,065	1,089	2.3	15,044	16,909	12.4
Berks	7,629	8,028	5.2	157,066	164,149	4.5
Blair	2,985	3,149	5.5	54,765	58,882	7.5
Bradford	1,303	1,313	0.8	21,896	22,175	1.3
Bucks	14,657	16,136	10.1	218,389	238,357	9.1
Butler	3,653	3,976	8.8	59,152	65,659	11
Cambria	3,475	3,534	1.7	58,598	59,118	0.9
Cameron	152	157	3.3	2,510	2,697	7.5
Carbon	1,077	1,115	3.5	15,596	15,810	1.4
Centre	2,768	2,932	5.9	57,026	61,553	7.9
Chester	11,021	12,562	14	174,708	213,100	22
Clarion	996	1,013	1.7	13,121	14,394	9.7
Clearfield	2,029	2,012	-0.8	31,139	31,569	1.4
Clinton	765	769	0.5	11,559	12,578	8.8
Columbia	1,463	1,489	1.8	25,240	25,101	-0.6
Crawford	2,036	2,133	4.8	30,234	32,518	7.6
Cumberland	4,678	5,167	10.5	117,427	126,338	7.6
Dauphin	6,031	6,270	4	160,896	171,391	6.5
Delaware	11,843	13,056	10.2	203,929	218,328	7.1
Elk	897	968	7.9	16,867	16,770	-0.6
Erie	6,252	6,502	4	123,227	130,299	5.7
Fayette	2,693	2,774	3	36,879	38,296	3.8
Forest	135	151	11.9	1,432	1,527	6.6
Franklin	2,538	2,697	6.3	47,368	48,709	2.8
Fulton	273	291	6.6	4,378	5,374	22.8
Greene	685	723	5.5	10,558	11,279	6.8
Huntingdon	855	886	3.6	12,498	12,687	1.5
Indiana	1,910	1,961	2.7	28,379	29,499	3.9
Jefferson	1,154	1,186	2.8	15,010	15,428	2.8
Juniata	438	460	5	5,315	5,876	10.6
Lackawanna	5,059	5,049	-0.2	96,361	96,246	-0.1
Lancaster	9,815	10,423	6.2	198,960	214,576	7.8
Lawrence	1,993	2,090	4.9	31,073	32,792	5.5
Lebanon	2,230	2,391	7.2	39,885	41,583	4.3

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Lehigh	7,095	7,558	6.5	150,153	167,791	11.7
Luzerne	7,293	7,416	1.7	134,898	142,764	5.8
Lycoming	2,754	2,830	2.8	51,024	52,374	2.6
McKean	1,117	1,221	9.3	17,851	18,185	1.9
Mercer	2,627	2,805	6.8	44,455	48,209	8.4
Mifflin	895	950	6.1	16,791	16,343	-2.7
Monroe	2,924	3,125	6.9	40,723	45,361	11.4
Montgomery	23,100	25,289	9.5	419,189	470,295	12.2
Montour	363	386	6.3	11,709	13,065	11.6
Northampton	5,167	5,473	5.9	83,358	86,157	3.4
Northumberland	1,867	1,838	-1.6	31,499	31,121	-1.2
Perry	689	757	9.9	6,997	7,797	11.4
Philadelphia	26,082	25,813	-1	654,424	658,123	0.6
Pike	782	836	6.9	7,454	8,111	8.8
Potter	451	435	-3.5	5,640	6,556	16.2
Schuylkill	3,052	3,083	1	49,491	50,315	1.7
Snyder	809	855	5.7	15,246	16,366	7.3
Somerset	1,832	1,872	2.2	25,898	26,090	0.7
Sullivan	182	197	8.2	1,777	1,713	-3.6
Susquehanna	777	765	-1.5	8,447	8,500	0.6
Tioga	875	868	-0.8	12,446	12,917	3.8
Union	806	833	3.3	15,298	16,963	10.9
Venango	1,249	1,282	2.6	20,118	21,466	6.7
Warren	987	964	-2.3	17,382	16,463	-5.3
Washington	4,388	4,601	4.9	66,182	70,310	6.2
Wayne	1,239	1,284	3.6	12,294	13,583	10.5
Westmoreland	8,258	8,613	4.3	126,221	134,560	6.6
Wyoming	605	645	6.6	8,827	9,964	12.9
York	7,261	7,771	7	156,673	162,919	4

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The report *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends 1995-1999* contains detailed state and county tables presenting establishments and employees by SIC code for the second quarter of each year, 1995 - 1999. A copy of the report and/ or data on CD-ROM are available from the Pennsylvania State Data Center. This report was produced by PENNTAP and the Pennsylvania State Data Center, located within the Institute of State and Regional Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg. The report was published with the cooperation and support of Bell Atlantic. The information in this report is based on data collected by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry as part of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Compensation Law.

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