



# Research Brief

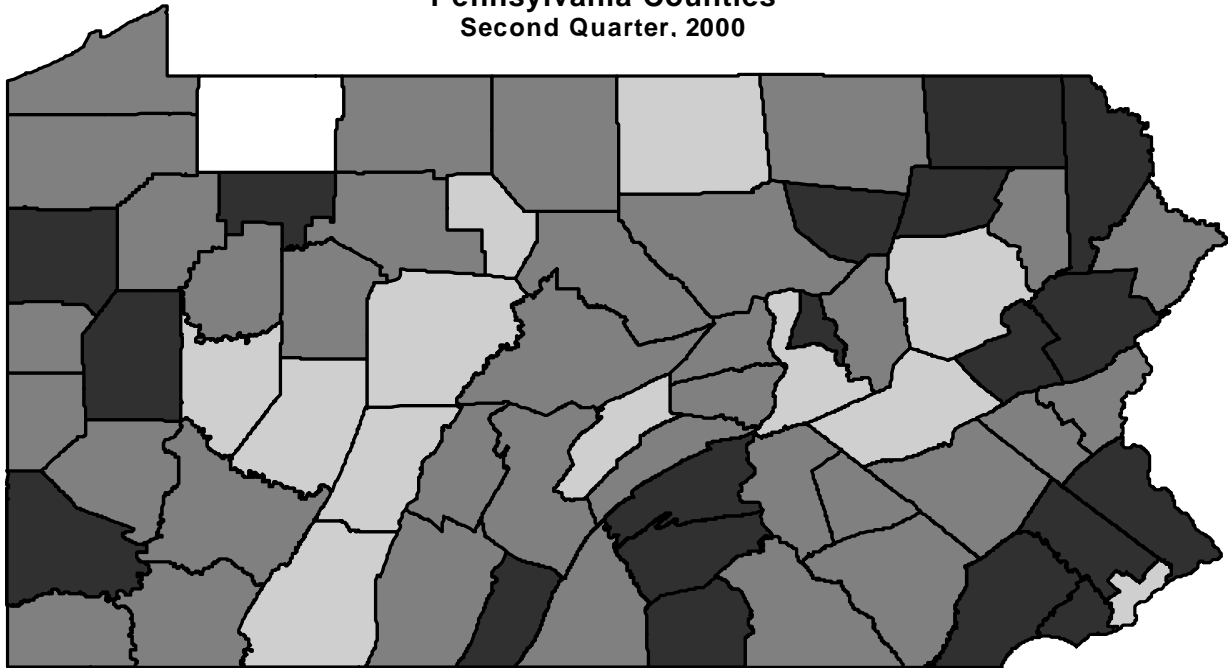
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## 1996-2000 Industry Trends Report Now Available

MIDDLETOWN, Pa — The number of businesses in Pennsylvania continues to increase, according to the report *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends 1996-2000*, produced by the Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg. This report was published in partnership with PENNTAP (the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program), the Pennsylvania State Data Center, Verizon and the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis.

**Percent Change in Establishments, 1996 - 2000**  
**Pennsylvania Counties**  
Second Quarter, 2000



**Percent Change**  
□ 0 to 25%    □ 25 to 32%    □ 32 to 37%    □ 37% and over

Source: PA Department of Labor, Unemployment Compensation Coverage Employment and Wages  
Produced by: The Pennsylvania State Data Center



## **Business Establishments**

The total number of business establishments in Pennsylvania in the second quarter of 2000 stood at 311,879. Between 1996 and 2000, the number of business establishments in the state increased by 31,124, an increase of 11.1 percent.

Montgomery (3,066), Bucks (2,776), Chester (1,980), Allegheny (1,919), Delaware (1,245) and Philadelphia (1,203) were the only counties to experience a growth in business establishments of more than 1,000 new establishments. Only one county experienced a decrease, Warren County (-2).

Seven counties in Pennsylvania had over 10,000 establishments each, accounting for over 42 percent of the total business establishments (311,879) in Pennsylvania in 2000. The top three counties in Pennsylvania in terms of total business establishments in 2000 were Allegheny (34,785), Philadelphia (27,114) and Montgomery (26,586). The three counties with the smallest number of business establishments in Pennsylvania in 2000 were Forest (157), Cameron (158) and Sullivan (202).

The growth in the number of business establishments in Pennsylvania in the 1996-2000 period was not shared equally among industrial sectors. The mining sector lost business establishments between 1996 and 2000, while all other sectors saw increases.

The service industry had the largest increase with a growth of 14,848 establishments between 1996 and 2000 followed by the finance, insurance and real estate industry with an increase of 3,785 establishments.

## **Business Employment**

While the total number of business establishments increased by 11.1 percent in Pennsylvania between the second quarters of 1996 and 2000, total employment increased by 7.6 percent. In 2000 Pennsylvania employment totaled 5,594,156 persons or an increase of 394,541 employees from 1996.

One county in Pennsylvania experienced a decrease in the number of business establishments between 1996 and 2000. During the same period, one county in the state showed a drop in employment, Sullivan County (-77).

In regards to counties showing employment gains, Montgomery County showed the largest increase in employment between 1996 and 2000 with a gain of 47,293 jobs. It was followed by Allegheny County (37,564) and then Chester County (35,676). Overall, eight counties had an employment increase over 10,000 persons.

Statewide, two of the ten major industry sectors showed a decrease in employment in the 1996 to 2000 period. These were: manufacturing (-10,916) and mining (-52). The industries showing the largest gains in employment in Pennsylvania in the 1996-2000 period were: services (221,921), retail trade (55,277) and construction (51,624). All other sectors saw increases of over 10,000 employees during the time period with the exception of the agriculture sector (9,481).

**Number of Establishments and Employees by Pennsylvania County: 1996-2000**

County	Number of Establishments			Number of Employees		
	1996	2000	% Change	1996	2000	% Change
Allegheny	32,866	34,785	5.8	677,676	715,240	5.5
Armstrong	1,404	1,460	4.0	18,811	19,823	5.4
Beaver	3,261	3,470	6.4	54,383	57,119	5.0
Bedford	1,069	1,132	5.9	15,122	17,043	12.7
Berks	7,655	8,412	9.9	159,163	168,509	5.9
Blair	2,998	3,199	6.7	55,099	58,281	5.8
Bradford	1,321	1,400	6.0	21,791	22,518	3.3
Bucks	15,053	17,829	18.4	221,516	245,593	10.9
Butler	3,760	4,186	11.3	60,263	68,220	13.2
Cambria	3,527	3,568	1.2	58,349	59,083	1.3
Cameron	156	158	1.3	2,465	2,878	16.8
Carbon	1,068	1,184	10.9	15,510	16,532	6.6
Centre	2,798	3,025	8.1	59,229	62,254	5.1
Chester	11,297	13,277	17.5	182,089	217,765	19.6
Clarion	990	1,068	7.9	13,148	14,762	12.3
Clearfield	1,995	2,078	4.2	30,847	31,863	3.3
Clinton	762	836	9.7	11,769	13,002	10.5
Columbia	1,452	1,537	5.9	24,892	25,289	1.6
Crawford	2,051	2,221	8.3	30,413	32,708	7.5
Cumberland	4,756	5,321	11.9	123,004	124,932	1.6
Dauphin	6,042	6,533	8.1	163,311	173,630	6.3
Delaware	12,086	13,331	10.3	206,719	213,375	3.2
Elk	10	994	9.7	16,678	16,678	0.0
Erie	6,291	6,810	8.2	123,305	132,985	7.9
Fayette	2,730	2,887	5.8	37,079	39,274	5.9
Forest	134	157	17.2	1,490	1,620	8.7
Franklin	2,588	2,790	7.8	47,851	49,125	2.7



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Fulton	270	311	15.2	4,803	5,430	13.1
Greene	698	740	6.0	10,618	11,633	9.6
Huntingdon	855	913	6.8	12,123	12,874	6.2
Indiana	1,923	1,976	2.8	28,694	29,477	2.7
Jefferson	1,141	1,215	6.5	15,234	15,710	3.1
Juniata	446	474	6.3	5,468	6,086	11.3
Lackawanna	5,000	5,426	8.5	95,686	98,698	3.1
Lancaster	9,887	10,792	9.2	200,838	219,168	9.1
Lawrence	2,020	2,146	6.2	31,223	33,424	7.0
Lebanon	2,259	2,480	9.8	39,515	42,856	8.5
Lehigh	7,116	7,795	9.5	153,553	171,984	12.0
Luzerne	7,263	7,595	4.6	135,030	144,550	7.1
Lycoming	2,776	2,953	6.4	51,992	53,839	3.6
McKean	1,134	1,241	9.4	17,936	18,408	2.6
Mercer	2,659	2,966	11.5	45,302	49,808	9.9
Mifflin	908	948	4.4	16,354	16,476	0.7
Monroe	2,951	3,402	15.3	41,843	48,550	16.0
Montgomery	23,520	26,586	13.0	434,663	481,956	10.9
Montour	355	399	12.4	11,150	13,578	21.8
Northampton	5,158	5,624	9.0	82,333	88,776	7.8
Northumberland	1,847	1,913	3.6	30,951	31,563	2.0
Perry	711	797	12.1	7,244	8,247	13.8
Philadelphia	25,911	27,114	4.6	651,719	675,203	3.6
Pike	785	862	9.8	7,506	8,423	12.2
Potter	447	482	7.8	5,593	7,631	36.4
Schuylkill	3,025	3,099	2.4	49,176	52,227	2.1
Snyder	799	879	10.0	14,620	17,268	18.1



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	1996	2000	% Change	1996	2000	% Change
Somerset	1,845	1,927	4.4	26,086	26,789	2.7
Sullivan	178	202	13.5	1,773	1,696	-4.3
Susquehanna	776	858	10.6	8,260	8,690	5.2
Tioga	879	923	5.0	11,917	13,475	13.1
Union	794	848	6.8	15,569	17,536	12.6
Venango	1,242	1,310	5.5	20,200	22,031	9.1
Warren	974	972	-0.2	17,064	17,070	0.0
Washington	4,400	4,959	12.7	68,060	73,253	7.6
Wayne	1,234	1,364	10.5	12,174	13,961	14.7
Westmoreland	8,299	8,904	7.3	127,527	135,521	6.3
Wyoming	614	681	10.9	9,180	10,038	9.3
York	7,367	8,006	8.7	158,519	168,146	6.1

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

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The report Pennsylvania County Industry Trends 1996-2000 contains detailed state and county tables presenting the number of establishments and average monthly employment data, for all industries, for the second quarter of each year, 1996-2000. The report was produced by PENNTAP, the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program, and the Pennsylvania State Data Center, located within the Institute of State and Regional Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg. The data in the report are available in printed format and on CD-ROM in both PDF and Excel formats and can be purchased from the Pennsylvania State Data Center. The report was published with the cooperation and support of Verizon. The data used as the basis for the report were provided by the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and is based on data collected as part of the Commonwealth's unemployment compensation law.

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