

## SHOPPING & DINING

The Greater Scranton area has experienced an explosion of commercial growth, which has brought dozens of significant national retailers to the area. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent by developers on shopping centers, stand-alone stores, boutiques, restaurants, and mall rehab.

Two multi-million dollar mall complexes have recently been constructed. The Mall at Steamtown ([www.themallatsteamtown.com](http://www.themallatsteamtown.com)), located in the heart of Scranton's downtown commercial district, is adjacent to the Steamtown National Historic Site. The \$100 million mall is a 700,000 square foot retail complex with more than 70 specialty shops, two anchor department stores, restaurants, and an eight screen Marquee Cinemas Theater.

Viewmont Mall ([www.shopviewmontmall.com](http://www.shopviewmontmall.com)), a Crown American Corporation property, is a premier suburban retail complex. Located along Business Route 6, Viewmont Mall features 85 retailers including three anchors.

Recently there has been a surge in retail growth along Business Route 6. The Viewmont Commerce Center and the Dickson City Crossings have been constructed adjacent to Viewmont Mall. These retail developments include stores such as TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Target, Wal-Mart Super Center, Lowes, Starbucks, Home Depot, and Ethan Allen.

For the shopper who likes to plan daylong excursions, discount outlets housing dozens upon dozens of trendy retailers await you just 30 minutes away. Weekly flea and farmers markets and their vendors are stocked with antiques, produce and jewelry.

Scranton is also a diner's delight featuring numerous restaurant choices in every category and price range. Whether ordering lunch or planning a special event, Scranton offers a variety of restaurants to meet your business or family needs.

The region's substantial culinary diversity ranges from fine dining to classic diners and steakhouses. American, Asian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Middle Eastern and Mexican dishes are all available and affordable.

Many restaurants are family owned and operated with a menu of recipes passed through the generations. Main Street in Old Forge is best known for it's Italian cuisine, specifically it's "Old Forge style" pizza.

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce offers a dining guide, featuring a restaurant listing by category. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 570-342-7711 for your copy.

For more information on shopping or dining (or to download a free copy of the Chamber's Dining Guide) visit our web site at [www.scrantonchamber.com](http://www.scrantonchamber.com) or [www.scrantonplan.com](http://www.scrantonplan.com). Click on **Community Information** and select **Shopping and Dining**.



Estimated 2000 Retail Sales (Lackawanna County)	-	\$2,445,058,000
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Estimated 2000 Retail Sales (City of Scranton)	-	\$885,446,000
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))