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GREATER SCRANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## LACKAWANNA COUNTY

# Welcome

Welcome to Lackawanna County!

With a growing population that has learned to unite its old-world values with innovation in business, health care, education, and beyond, Lackawanna County is truly poised at the forefront of modern America.

Whether in terms of a strong work ethic, neighborly friendliness, or generosity of spirit, the population of this region has proven itself to be just as diverse as the industries, activities, and other amenities located here.

Not only do we offer an award-winning workforce, a booming business climate, and a superior quality of life, we also offer recreational and cultural activities for all ages, from festivals to historic sites to show-stopping performances.

As the region's premier business organization, we at the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce encounter many situations where we can assist our members—whether it's by helping them secure funding for their businesses, finding the right location to open shop or providing quality leadership training—we're here to help YOU.

To this end, we have put together this comprehensive guide for people relocating to our region. We are hopeful that you will find it a useful and important resource in your journey home to Lackawanna County.

Please consider the Chamber as your first new friend in Lackawanna County—we invite you to contact us with any questions you might have about the area in general or to stop in our offices or one of our networking events just to say "hi!" Our staff is always ready and willing to help you with whatever you might need.

Again, welcome to our region!

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# Housing & Cost of Living

## Homes and Apartments

The Greater Scranton area is Pennsylvania at its finest. Scranton is a modern, progressive area, offering a low cost of living, high quality of life, superior educational and healthcare systems and strong ethic and family traditions. Numerous cultural amenities combined with short commute times and affordable, safe and clean neighborhoods make Scranton a location of choice to live and work.

Greater Scranton offers one of the most affordable housing markets on the East Coast. Executive housing here is priced 30% less than homes in Philadelphia or Hartford and 50% less than Boston or Long Island.

When searching for a place of residence, renters have a variety of options from which to choose. Whether your style is contemporary or you appreciate historic charm, apartments are readily available at affordable prices.

Unfurnished, one-bed, one-bath apartments (750 to 900 square feet) in suburban apartment complexes are typically offered for between $800 and $1000 per month. Unfurnished two-bed, one-bath apartments (800 to 1,150 square feet) in suburban complexes are offered for $800 to $1,500 per month. These rents often include water, sewer, and trash removal, while some also include heat and cable TV.

Apartments located in older homes, within safe, established neighborhoods are available from $600 to $750 per month.

The cost of purchasing a new home in Greater Scranton depends upon factors such as size, style and number of bedrooms. Older homes (50 years or more), with two to three bedrooms, located on a modest size lot can be acquired for approximately $150,000. This price range also includes some fairly modern ranch homes.

Newer two to three bedroom bi-levels and split-levels in suburban locations typically are priced between $150,000 and $250,000.

Modern (15 years old or less), four-bedroom homes, on fairly large lots in suburban developments, are offered for sale for an average price of $230,000. The approximate price range for most homes in this category is $200,000 to $300,000. Total monthly operating costs for this type of home, including real estate taxes, gas heat, electricity, phone, cable TV, water, insurance, sewer, and removal of trash, will likely range from $575 to $625.

Large executive level homes often exceed $350,000.

The average, per square foot construction cost of a new home here is approximately $80, excluding the lot. The average cost to purchase a 1.2 acre, in a modern subdivision, with all utility services is approximately $40,000.

**Incomes compared to $50,000 in Scranton, PA:**

| Metro Area | Income Needed |
|---|---|
| Scranton, PA | $ 50,000 |
| Baltimore, MD | $ 59,975 |
| Philadelphia, PA | $ 68,649 |
| Boston, MA | $ 112,515 |
| Arlington, VA | $ 119,145 |
| Manhattan, NY | $ 129,678 |
| Princeton, NJ | $ 134,944 |

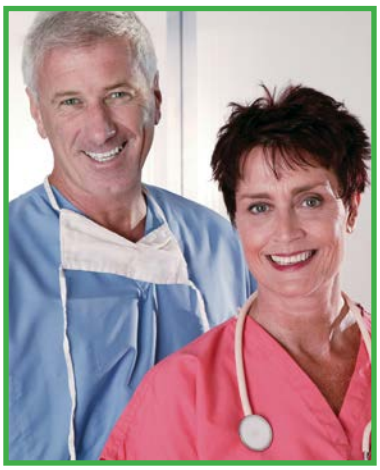
• Source: Sperling's Best Places

## Cost of Living

The cost of living in Greater Scranton compares favorably with other small to mid-size cities in the Northeast and is significantly lower than major metropolitan areas. For example, a person making $50,000 in Scranton would need to earn more than $68,649 in Philadelphia and more than $129,678 in Manhattan to enjoy a comparable standard of living.

# Health Care

Lackawanna County's medical infrastructure is strong. Three hospitals are located within the County - Geisinger Community Medical Center **(www.geisinger.org)**, Regional Hospital of Scranton and Moses Taylor Hospital **(www.commonwealthhealth.net)** are located within walking distance of Downtown Scranton.



Allied Services **(www.allied-services.org)**, is the leading provider of healthcare and human services for northeastern Pennsylvanians with disabilities and chronic illness. Throughout its 60-year history, Allied offers a full continuum of post-acute care services including Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, Transitional Rehab, Community Services, Home Health, In-Home Care and Personal Care.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute **(www.cancernepa.org)** is a local, non-profit organization working to ease the burden of cancer in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The three main program areas that they focus on are: community and patient services, hospital and practice support services, and cancer surveillance.

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) **(www.geisinger.edu/education)**, located in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania, covers 17 counties with four regional campuses headquartered in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, and Sayre. Each of these campuses is an integral part of the College's distributive model of medical education and provides students with early clinical experiences in diverse settings.

Saint Joseph's Center of Scranton **(www.stjosephscenter.org)** combines therapies including physical, occupational, speech, music, pediatric and recreation to help children and adults who are medically fragile and suffer from neurological impairments.

Lourdesmont Youth and Family Services is a non-profit adolescent mental health and substance abuse treatment center sponsored by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Lourdesmont provides therapeutic residential and day programs and intervenes for girls and boys between the age of 12 and 18.

Altogether, there are 16 hospitals and more than 1,000 patient-treating physicians in Northeastern Pennsylvania that can handle all but the most esoteric medical treatments such as transplantation. Within our medical community you will find:

- Neonatal intensive care
- Emergency medicine
- Women's & children services
- An accredited Regional Trauma Center
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging centers
- Hospice care
- Specialized geriatric care
- Cardiovascular center
- Vascular Diagnostic labs
- Women's breast care programs
- 65 nursing homes
- Several assisted living facilities
- Plastic surgery centers and clinics
- A hyperbaric chamber
- Numerous home health-care organizations
- Many support groups for families in need

# Safety

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre MSA is consistently ranked among the safest metro areas in the nation. According to the 2009 FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Metro Area has a 4.3% crime rate.

## Police

Fifty four (54) State Troopers are stationed at the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks in Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore. Troopers include patrol, crime and staff sections.

The City of Scranton employs 147 full-time and 20 part-time officers and operates more than 80 motor vehicles, motorcycles and bikes. Dunmore borough employs 39 full- and/or part-time officers, operating ten vehicles, while the City of Carbondale employs 20 full- and/or part-time officers and operates 8 vehicles.

Most local boroughs or townships employ a small number of full- and/or part-time police officers. A few rely on the Pennsylvania State Police for police services.

## Fire

The Scranton Fire Department employs 135 firefighters. The department operates five engine companies, a rescue company and two truck companies out of eight fire stations. Scranton's Fire Insurance Rating is Classification #4/9.

The City of Carbondale employs 8 full-time/part-time firefighters and is served by additional volunteers. The fire department maintains four volunteer companies that house two apparatuses.

Dunmore Borough employs 19 full- and/or part-time firefighters. The single station career department operates a fire engine, a ladder truck and a rescue pumper.

All other municipalities are served by volunteer fire companies. These volunteers have formed a confederation, coordinating manpower and equipment as needed throughout the County.

## Emergency Services

A 24-hour-a-day emergency dispatch network is accessed by the 911 emergency number.

# Shopping & Dining

With more than 1,400 businesses listed in the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce's Business Directory, Scranton offers a diverse shopping menu that caters to all needs, styles and pocket books. Whether you are a fashion diva, antique collector, dress to impress business executive, or discount outlet paramour, you'll find Scranton to be a shopper's paradise.

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 and restaurants.

The Marketplace at Steamtown **(www.themarketplaceatsteamtown.com)**, located in the heart of Scranton's downtown commercial district, is a 700,000 square foot multi-million dollar retail complex. The Marketplace at Steamtown is a shopper's delight, containing more than 40 specialty shops, services, dining establishments, an anchor department store, an in-house Starbucks, Electric City Aquarium & Reptile Den and the Iron Horse Movie Bistro.

The Viewmont Mall **(www.shopviewmontmall.com)**, another popular shopping destination, is located along Business Route 6 in Dickson City. Viewmont Mall is a premier suburban retail complex featuring over 80 retailers, 3 anchor department stores, 3 restaurants and a food court.

The Shoppes at Montage **(www.theshoppesatmontage.com)**, located on Montage Mountain, is an outdoor shopping plaza offering a collection of over 50 high-end retailers, specialty shops, and dining services such as Loft, Christmas Tree Shops, DSW Shoes, J. Jill, Jos. A Banks, Talbots and Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar.

A surge in retail growth along Business Route 6 has brought nationally recognized establishments to the area including Target, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, Marshalls, Kohl's, TJ Maxx, Home Goods and Starbucks.

For the shopper who likes to plan daylong excursions, discount outlets housing dozens upon dozens of trendy retailers await you just 30 minutes away. Our weekly flea and farmer's markets and their vendors stocked with antiques, produce and jewelry, welcome the negotiations of the avid bargain hunter.

If self-indulgence is the top priority on your shopping list, Scranton offers a variety of spas, salons and beauty parlors. Various European techniques, sea salt scrubs and exfoliations are available to you.

Scranton is also a diner's delight featuring numerous restaurant choices in every category and price range. The region's substantial culinary diversity ranges from fine dining to classic diners, steak, seafood and pasta houses. Many cafés, pubs and bistros line the streets of Scranton. American, Asian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Middle Eastern, Japanese, Thai, Chinese and Mexican dishes are all available and affordable.

Many restaurants and cafés are family owned and operated with a menu of recipes passed down through the generations. Main Street in Old Forge, "The Pizza Capital of the World," is best known for its Italian cuisine, specifically its "Old Forge style" pizza. Scranton is home to Cooper's Seafood House, featuring a life-size pirate ship and lighthouse.

# Festivals & Annual Events

If you like celebrations, you're in luck! Whether you prefer ski festivals in a winter wonderland, firework displays to ring in the New Year, or arts & music festivals in the summer sun, Northeastern Pennsylvania will definitely provide you with reason to celebrate!

Lackawanna County's rich cultural heritage is represented by a multitude of festivals and seasonal celebrations. Major annual events include Saint Ubaldo Race of the Saints **(www.saintubaldosociety.org)**, the second largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the nation and LaFesta Italiana.

In Scranton, everyone is Irish on Saint Patrick's Day! Scranton boasts the second largest parade in the nation **(www.stpatparade.com)**. Each year families, college students and young professionals participate in this "Mardi Gras" type celebration.

LaFesta Italiana **(www.lafestaitaliana.org)** draws tens of thousands to Courthouse Square at this annual Labor Day weekend festival. Visitors feast on an endless supply of food choices, while listening to live music and browsing merchandise for sale by local vendors.

Additional events held year round include the cherry blossom and wine tasting festivals, music and arts festivals, Fourth of July celebrations and Oktoberfest celebrations.

# Galleries and Museums

Many art galleries located within Downtown Scranton play host to an array of art exhibits featuring local artists. Works have included oil-paintings, watercolor pieces, modern photography techniques, sculptures and unique collages. The galleries display various exhibits throughout the year for every art lover to critique, admire and purchase.

Art enthusiasts can take part in the First Friday Art Walk (**www.firstfridayscranton.com**) where participating venues host art exhibits for the public. The event is held in the evening of every first Friday of the month. Each Friday has a different theme with food, shopping, live entertainment, and most importantly, FINE ART!

Greater Scranton features a variety of museums for historians to enjoy. Visitors can climb on powerful steam locomotives, see one of the world's most impressive collections of Dorflinger glass and inspect a Czech Torah that survived the Holocaust. They can also travel 300 feet below the earth's surface in a real coal mine, see a full-scale stegosaurus skeleton, peer into a 150-year old massive blast furnace and visit an actual basilica.

## Greater Scranton Art Galleries:

- **Afa Gallery**
- **ArtWorks Gallery & Studio**
- **Hope Horn Gallery**
- **Laura Craig Galleries**
- **Marquis Art & Frame**
- **Marywood University Mahady/ Suraci Galleries**
- Windsor Studio

## Greater Scranton Museums:

- Steamtown National Historic Site
- Everhart Museum
- Electric City Trolley Station and Museum
- Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour
- Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum
- **Dorflinger Glass Museum**
- Holocaust Museum and Research Center
- Scranton Iron Furnaces
- Basilica of National Shrine of Saint Ann
- Keystone College Astronomy Observatory
- Houdini Museum

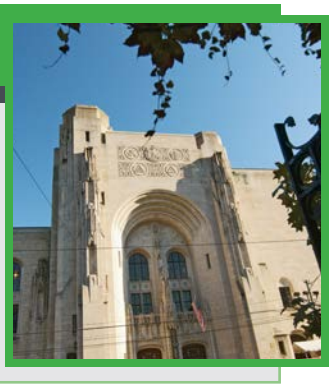
# Performing Arts

Scranton's passion for the performing arts remains unparalleled. Home to several spectacular theaters, Scranton boasts numerous acting groups, a highly regarded regional philharmonic orchestra and a diverse, year-round concert schedule.

The Pavilion at Montage Mountain (**www.montagemountainamp.com**) and the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza (**www.mohegansunarenapa.com**) near Wilkes-Barre, has turned Northeastern Pennsylvania into one of the Middle Atlantic region's prime entertainment destinations.

## Theaters located in Scranton include:

- Broadway Theatre of NEPA
- Comedy Dojo
- Houlihan McLean Center
- Peoples Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College
- Ballet Theatre of Scranton
- Ca PAA of NEPA, LLC
- The Leonard Theatre
- Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple
- Scranton Public Theatre
- **Act Out Theatre Group, LLC**



# Music Scene

Scranton and its suburbs provide an abundance of local venues and musicians who offer a wide variety of music. From jazz to alternative, from country to hard rock, and from hip-hop to Old Time Rock and Roll, there's something for everyone.

These venues have hosted entertainers such as Dave Matthews Band, Toby Keith, James Taylor, Kenny Chesney, Carrie Underwood, Counting Crows, Brooks and Dunn, Poison, Rascal Flatts, Motley Crüe, Kanye West, Janet Jackson, Neil Diamond, Bon Jovi, Elton John, Luke Bryan, Journey and Jason Aldean just to name a few. In addition, the Pavilion at Montage has hosted many festivals including The Peach Music Festival, Fuzz Fest, Vans Warped Tour and Camp Bisco.

Scranton takes pride in the critically acclaimed Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic. The Philharmonic presents numerous concerts throughout the year and is featured at the annual Fourth of July fireworks display in downtown Scranton.

# Nightlife

Downtown Scranton has exploded as a major player on the nightlife scene. Pubs and dance clubs dot the city's streets, all within walking distance of each other. A typical weekend night finds hundreds of club hoppers out and about creating an energy that underscores Scranton's nickname as, "The Electric City."

## Popular Hot Spots in Downtown Scranton include:

- Ale Mary's at the Bittenbender
- AV
- Backyard Ale House
- The Bog
- Harry's Bar
- Jack's Draft House
- The Keys
- Mulligan's
- P.J.'s Pub at the Hilton
- POSH @ The Scranton Club
- **Tequila Mexican Bar & Grill**
- Trax at the Radisson
- The 16th Ward
- Terra Preta Prime
- Bar Pazzo
- Coopers Seafood House

# Sports & Recreation

Northeastern Pennsylvania's rugged terrain, spectacular scenery, meandering waterways and four seasons of weather combine to offer a tremendous setting for outdoor activities.

## Seasonal Activities

Northeastern Pennsylvania's 13 ski resorts, including **Montage Mountain (www.montage mountainresorts.com)**, which is located six miles from Downtown Scranton, combine to create one of the most popular winter sports destinations on the East Coast. Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling are just a few of the wintertime activities enjoyed by visitors and residents. During the warmer months campers from all over the country travel to Northeastern Pennsylvania to enjoy the scenery, hiking trails, swimming areas and fishing streams. Summertime brings sun-tans and smiles as families and friends splash in to **Montage Waterpark (www.montagemountainresorts.com)** for a day of fun-in-the-sun!

## Biking and Hiking

Northeastern Pennsylvania is a paradise for hikers and mountain bikers. Bike clubs and great biking trails are available including the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, a multi-purpose trail that follows the Lackawanna River for 40 miles. Trails range from 11 to 15 miles. *Cycling Magazine* has voted nearby Jim Thorpe, PA "one of the top three mountain biking destination in the U.S." More adventurous spirits can put their biking, running and swimming skills to the test in the Endless Mountain Triathlon and Wilkes-Barre Triathlon.

## Fishing and Hunting

From the lakes and streams of Lackawanna County, fishermen reel in rainbow, brown, golden and brook trout, walleye, small mouth, large mouth and striped bass, pickerel and panfish. Fly-fishing and ice fishing are also wildly popular in the area.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stocks brown, brook, golden and rainbow trout in many different streams and rivers. From Carbondale to Olyphant, the Lackawanna River is regulated under Class A Wild Brown Trout Water and does not receive any stocked trout.

The Northeast Region has something for every sportsman. The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Region includes 13 counties bordered on the north by New York and on the east by New Jersey. This part of the state offers many recreational activities, including the popular Pocono resorts, but it's the fall and winter hunting seasons that attract thousands of sportsmen.

This diverse habitat produces an abundance of wildlife and offers sportsmen excellent hunting opportunities for big and small game and trapping for furbearers. The Northeast is home to bear, deer, turkey and snowshoe hare. It has cottontail, grouse, woodcock, squirrel, waterfowl and stocked pheasant.With the abundant wildlife resources, the Northeast Region has plenty of land open to public hunting. There are over 350,000 acres of State Game Lands located within the region.

## Golfing

The rolling hills and breathtaking scenery of Northeastern Pennsylvania make some of the best public and private golf courses on the East Coast. There are 36 public golf courses within a 45-minute drive of Downtown Scranton. Lackawanna County is home to four excellent private country clubs, which have hosted prestigious tournaments and have been recognized for excellence by national golf magazines.

# Sports & Recreation

## Running and Triathlons

Scranton is a runner's paradise. Whether you're interested in running scenic hills and trails or participating in a nationally recognized marathon, Scranton offers a variety of options to every level of runner.

Each October more than, 2,000 runners from all over the world descend upon Scranton to compete in the nationally ranked Steamtown Marathon **(www.steamtownmarathon.com)**. Featuring a 955' drop in elevation from start to finish, the Steamtown Marathon is one of the nation's fastest marathon courses according to *Runner's World* and is a certified qualifying event for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

The Scranton Half Marathon **(www.scrantonhalf.com)** is one of Northeast Pennsylvania's premier distance-running events. This 13.1 mile race, begins and ends at the Scranton Memorial Stadium, with an Olympic-style finish on the track. The course provides runners the opportunity to pass through many of Scranton's neighborhoods, Downtown Scranton and the newly developed Lackawanna River Heritage trail. Approximately 3,000 runners, representing multiple countries and state participated each year.

## Spectator Sports

Greater Scranton offers tons of fun to sports fanatics including AHL hockey, AAA baseball, NASCAR racing and arena football. Samples of the array of sporting activities you will find in Northeastern Pennsylvania include:

- The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins **(www.wbspenguins.com)**, the AHL affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins, play over 35 annual home games at the $44 million Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.
- The Scranton /Wilkes-Barre RailRiders **(www.swbrailriders.com)**, Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, plays 72 home games on Montage Mountain each season. Renovated in 2013, the state-of-the-art PNC Field boasts something for everyone in NEPA. Ballpark features include: seating capacity for 10,000 fans, Kost Party Pavilion, Mount Airy Homer Zone lawn seating, Bud Light RailHouse Bar with Oak Grove hospitality area, Party Decks, RailRiders Club and Suite level, Geisinger Kiszone, 360 degree open concourse, Family Fun Zone, HD Video Board and 150' LED Video Wall....AND most importantly, great memories to last a lifetime!
- Pocono Raceway **(www.poconoraceway.com)**, has been recognized as one of NASCAR's most competitive speedways. Located just 30 minutes from Scranton, Pocono Raceway features a 2.5 mile tri-oval course.

In addition to professional sporting events, Northeastern PA offers a variety of high school and college athletics providing an endless supply of games and matches from which to choose.

# Kid's Activities

Northeastern Pennsylvania is a great place to be a kid! A few of the activities children can enjoy include:

- Biddy Basketball Leagues
- Cosmic Bowling
- **Boy/Girl Scouts**
- Children's Library
- Youth Soccer
- Coal Mine Tour
- Dance Studios
- Karate
- Little League Baseball
- YMCA
- Kid's Fishing Derby
- **Gymnastics**
- Lahey Family Fun Park
- Montage Mountain Ski Resort
- Montage Waterpark
- Claws'N'Paws
- Cedar BMX
- Skate Parks

# Education

Quality education, from preschool through graduate school, is one of the region's top priorities. High school graduation rates are significantly higher than state and national averages and drop out rates are miniscule, less than 2% in most local districts.

Close to 80% of our public high school graduates further their education, many at one of the local colleges, universities and technical schools located throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

## K through 12

Eleven public school districts serve Lackawanna County. Millions of dollars have been invested in new schools and in new technology. Class sizes are small - our average student/teacher ratio is just 14:1 and average graduating class size is more than 180. Advanced placement, gifted programs and special education services are offered by most local school districts.

## Lackawanna County Public Schools

### Abington Heights

**Website:** www.ahsd.org

**Municipalities:** Abington Twp.
**Clarks Green Borough**
Clarks Summit Borough
**Glenburn Twp**
Newton Twp.
North Abington Twp.
Ransom Twp.
South Abington Twp.
Waverly Twp.

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|---|---|
| Total Enrollment: | 3,304 |
| Secondary Enrollment: | 1,042 |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 15:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **97.3%** |

### Carbondale Area

**Website:** www.carbondalearea.org

**Municipalities:** Carbondale City
Fell Twp.

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| Total Enrollment: | 1,655 |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **695** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 16:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **93.3%** |

### Dunmore

**Website:** www.dunmoreschooldistrict.net

**Municipalities:** Dunmore Borough

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|---|---|
| Total Enrollment: | 1,558 |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **759** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 16:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **90.2%** |

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics and PA Department of Education

# Education

## Lackawanna County Public Schools

### Lackawanna Trail

**Website:** www.ltsd.org

**Municipalities:**
Benton Twp.
Dalton Borough
La Plume Twp.
West Abington Twp.
Clinton Twp.-Wyoming Co.
Factoryville Borough-Wyoming Co.
Nicholson Borough-Wyoming Co.
Nicholson Twp.-Wyoming Co.

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| **Total Enrollment:** | **990** |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **475** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 12:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **88%** |

### Lakeland

**Website:** www.lakelandsd.org

**Municipalities:**
Carbondale Twp.
**Greenfield Twp.**
Jermyn Borough
**Mayfield Borough**
Scott Twp.

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| **Total Enrollment:** | **1,470** |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **714** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **89.5%** |

### Mid Valley

**Website:** www.mvsd.us

**Municipalities:**
Dickson City Borough
Olyphant Borough
Throop Borough

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| **Total Enrollment:** | **1,797** |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **764** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 15:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **93.5%** |

### North Pocono

**Website:** www.npsd.org

**Municipalities:**
Clifton Twp.
Covington Twp.
Elmhurst Twp.
Jefferson Twp.
Madison Twp.
Moscow Borough
Roaring Brook Twp.
Springbrook Twp.
Thornhust Twp.
Lehigh Twp.-Wayne County

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| **Total Enrollment:** | **2,977** |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **916** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **95.4%** |

# Education

## Lackawanna County Public Schools

### Old Forge

**Website:** www.ofsd.cc

**Municipalities:** Old Forge Borough

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|---|---|
| **Total Enrollment:** | **971** |
| Secondary Enrollment: | 434 |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **91.4%** |

### Riverside

**Website:** www.riversidesd.com

**Municipalities:** Moosic Borough
Taylor Borough

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|---|---|
| Total Enrollment: | 1,524 |
| Secondary Enrollment: | 686 |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **85.%** |

### Scranton

**Website:** www.scrsd.org

**Municipalities:** Scranton City

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| Total Enrollment: | 10,038 |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **2,671** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **81.3%** |

### Valley View

**Website:** www.valleyviewsd.org

**Municipalities:** Archbald Borough
Blakely Borough
Jessup Borough

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|---|---|
| Total Enrollment: | 2,456 |
| **Secondary Enrollment:** | **775** |
| Student-Teacher Ratio: | 14:1 |
| **Graduation Rate:** | **90.2%** |

# Education

## Secondary Vocational / Technical Schools

### Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

**Website:** www.ctclc.edu

**Total Enrollment:** 700

**Municipalities:** Lackawanna County 10 School Districts

Career Technology Center (CTC) offers outstanding programs for students in the trades, technical and allied health areas. **More than 35,000 high school students and nearly 37,000 adult students have been trained here to assume responsible** roles in the local business community.

## Parochial and Private Schools

Lackawanna County offers numerous parochial and private school options.

The Diocese of Scranton operates a multi-county parochial school system including Holy Cross High School and Scranton Preparatory School. Scranton Preparatory School, a private high school operating in the Jesuit tradition, has received national accolades for the academic achievements of its students.

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| **Total Enrollment:** | | **3,746** |
| **Catholic:** | **9 schools** | **2,676 students** |
| **Other religious:** | **9 schools** | **409 students** |
| **Non-Sectarian:** | **5 schools** | **247 students** |
| Charter: | 2 schools | 414 students |

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics

## Higher Education

Area institutions of higher learning provide a multitude of degree and non-degree programs for both traditional and adult **students. The Greater Scranton area has many outstanding colleges, universities and business schools. Sixteen post-**secondary institutions, enrolling over 46,000 students, are located within a 50-mile radius of Downtown Scranton.

Our regional institutions of higher education offer a multitude of choices and degrees.

A brief overview of the institutions are as follows:

Clark Summit University – Located in Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, CSU has a long tradition of training people for the Christian ministry vocations. (**www.clarkssummitu.edu**)

Bloomsburg University – Located on 282-acres in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Bloomsburg **University of Pennsylvania is the largest post-secondary institution in the five county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).** The University is one of 14 institutions in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. (**www.bloomu.edu**)

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East Stroudsburg University – Located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania, East **Stroudsburg University is one of 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Founded in 1893 as a Normal School to prepare teachers, the institution changed its name in 1927 to East Stroudsburg State Teachers College and again in 1960 to East Stroudsburg State College, reflecting the addition of liberal arts and sciences curriculum. In 1973,** it achieved university status. (**www.esu.edu**)

Johnson College – The region's premier post-secondary trade, technical and clinical institution, Johnson College was **founded in 1912 as a school for young men and women. Located in Scranton, on a distinguished 60-acre setting, Johnson is a private, non-profit, co-educational professional institution with a strong tradition of working with regional business and industry to ensure a skilled and qualified workforce. (www.johnson.edu**)

Keystone College **– Located on a 270-acre picturesque campus in LaPlume, PA, Keystone College is a small private college founded in 1868. With over 1,000 residential and commuter students and a 12 to 7 student/faculty ratio, the opportu**nities for involvement and leadership are plentiful. (**www.keystone.edu**)

King's College – Located in Wilkes-Barre, King's is an independent, four-year college in a Catholic tradition that offers 36 major programs of study leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts and Associate in Sciences degrees. (**www.kings.edu**)

Lackawanna College **– Founded as Scranton Business College in 1894, Lackawanna College is private and non-profit, offering bachelor and associate degrees in over 27 majors. Certificate and continuing education programs for** several other academic programs are available. The college is located in Downtown Scranton in an elegant, historically **certified building. (www.lackawanna.edu**)

Luzerne County Community College – A leader in technology training, LCCC is a public, two-year college of**fering associate degree, certificate and diploma programs. (www.luzerne.edu**)

Marywood University **– Established in 1915 in the spirit of dedicated service, characteristic of the Sisters, Servants** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Marywood was originally founded as a Liberal Arts college for women. Marywood's Under**graduate School was restructured in 1990 to provide residence for men and all degree-granting units are now co-education**al. Its suburban Scranton campus is considered one of the most beautiful in the state. (**www.marywood.edu**)

Misericordia University **– Founded in 1924 by the Sisters of Mercy of Dallas, PA, College Misericordia is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the region and the first four-year college in Luzerne County. Misericordia is a** Catholic, four-year, co-educational liberal arts institution serving both residential and commuter students. (**www.miseri-cordia.edu**)

The Pennsylvania State University – Penn State's University Park campus is located in State College, Penn-sylvania, an approximately two and one half-hour drive from the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Statistical Area. Penn State has three Commonwealth campuses within the MSA: the Worthington Scranton Campus in Dunmore is located in Lackawanna County. Penn State Worthington Scranton offers baccalaureate and associate degrees. (**www.psu.edu**)

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University of Scranton – A Catholic and Jesuit institution in Pennsylvania's Pocono Northeast offering **over 90 graduate and undergraduate programs, The University of Scranton is known for many things, especially its outstanding sense of community.** Founded in 1888, the University has a student population of approximately 5,286, including adult, part-time and graduate students. In 2011, U.S. News and World Report ranked Scranton among the top 10 universities in the North. (**www.scranton.edu**)

Wilkes University – Located along the banks of the Susquehanna River, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Wilkes University is a four-year private independent institution offering **Bachelor and Master's Degree programs in over 40 fields.** (**www.wilkes.edu**)

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine – One of the newest medical schools in the country, providing advanced education and health research projects. The college is housed in a new state-of-the-art Medical Science Building in downtown Scranton. **GCSOM serves as a vital presence throughout the region,** covering 16 counties and three campuses in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport, PA. (**www.geisinger.edu/education**)

Enrollment (Numbers include full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate enrollment.)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Clarks Summit University** | **990** |
| **Bloomsburg University** | **8,942** |
| East Stroudsburg | 6,830 |
| Johnson College | 451 |
| Keystone College | 1,400 |
| **King's College** | **2,387** |
| Lackawanna College | 1,418 |
| **Luzerne County Community College** | **4,984** |
| **Marywood University** | **2,945** |
| **Misericordia University** | **2,879** |
| **Pennsylvania State University Hazleton** | **900** |
| Pennsylvania State University Wilkes Barre | 46 |
| Pennsylvania State University Worthington Scranton | 1,100 |
| **The Commonwealth Medical College** | **409** |
| University of Scranton | 5,286 |
| Wilkes University | 5,132 |
| TOTAL | 46,513 |

* Source: National Center for Educational Statistics

Our educated and well-trained workforce is one of Scranton's major assets, and a reason so many companies have chosen to locate and expand their businesses here.

Organizations that attract and retain workers include:

### Skills in Scranton

Skills in Scranton is an award-winning business-education partnership program that helps build leadership qualities among students and provides educators with opportunities to implement projects to benefit them.

### Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Tomorrow's Leaders Today is a leadership skill training program that prepares high school juniors who demonstrate leadership abilities become active participants in the development of the region.

# Location & Transportation

## Bull's Eye!

Yes, you can get there from here. Scranton sits smack dab in the center of the target for companies wishing to serve Maine to Virginia and west to Ohio. We're at the crossroads of five interstate highways and are just a two-hour drive from Manhattan and Philadelphia. We are also an overnight truck delivery to 96 million North American consumers!

## Highways Converging in Scranton

- **I-81** accesses Syracuse, Buffalo and Canada to the North, and the Gulf Coast states via Knoxville to the south;
- **I-80** (serving Scranton via I-81 and I-380) is the direct eastern link to the Metropolitan New York area, and to Chicago and the west;
- **I-84** provides a direct route to Hartford and the New England states;
- **I-476** (Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike) provides a direct link to the Philadelphia area;
- **I-380** provides a connection from I-81 to I-84 and I-80;
- **U.S. Route 6** (Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Highway) is 16 miles of new highway extending from the I-81/I-380/I-84 junction to Carbondale in northern Lackawanna County.

The average daily commute in Greater Scranton is just 20 minutes! If you need information about obtaining a Pennsylvania's driver's license, visit **(www.dmv.state.pa.us)**.

## Air Transportation

The primary airport serving our area is the **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport** **(www.flyavp.com)**, which is just nine miles south of Downtown Scranton.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport is a full-service facility operated jointly by the Commissioners of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

Location: 4 miles south of Scranton directly off Interstate 81, Exit #178

| Runways: Two |
| --- |
| **4-22 is 7,501 ft. x 150 ft.** (asphalt grooved) |
| **10-28 is 4,300 ft. x 150 ft.** (asphalt grooved) |

Airport Facilities (24-hours): FAA Tower and Radar Approach; Airport Security; Crash-Fire Rescue

Navigational Aids: Instrumental Landing System (ILS), including Distance Measuring Equipment (DME); Runway Visibility Indicator (RVI); Approach Lighting System (ALS); Airport Surveillance Radar; Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI); Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI); and Runway End Identification Lighting (REIL).

## Airline Service

Delta, United and American Airlines provide direct service to major international hubs, with one-stop service to hundreds of destinations worldwide. There is nonstop service from/to the following: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Washington-Dulles.

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## Air Cargo Service

Freight operations at the airport currently include the handling of air cargo, express and regular mail. Facilities are well equipped to meet the increasing demand for air cargo service. Companies currently utilizing the airport include: Air Net, Federal Express, United Parcel Service and Wiggins Airways.

## Airport Services

Aviation Technologies – 24-hour full service Fixed Base Operator (FBO). Providing charter, flight school, fueling, repair service for general/corporate aviation aircraft, aircraft management, military/government contract fuel, ground handling operation, above-ground fuel storage facility, catering, conference room, and pilot suppliers. Additionally, they maintain a corporate/GA terminal with meeting and flight planning facilities, a computerized weather service terminal and courtesy transportation of flight crews.

**U.S. Customs** - International landing rights status with full U.S. Customs service, (capable of 24-hour response).

**Parking Facilities** - 1,250 public spaces are security patrolled.

**Rental Cars**- Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz and National. Also, Uber, Lyft and area taxi services provide service. NEPTA offers bus service to/from airport.

**Accommodation and Restaurant** - The Best Western Plus is located on the grounds of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

**Conference Facilities** - A corporate conference room is available for rent through the Administration Office.

**Wireless Internet** – Free wireless internet service available anywhere inside the Terminal Building.

## Located at the Airport

Pocono Club and Business Center, frequent parking program; Meditation Room; Military Appreciation Room, Dunkin Donuts, Baggage Carts; Lucky's Craft Food and Drink; Observation Deck; Game Room; Pay on Foot Stations; Northeast PA News & Gift and Information Center (24-hour automated airport information via phone).

*Entire Terminal is accessible to people with disabilities.

## Bus Transportation

The **County of Lackawanna Transit System** **(www.coltsbus.com)** provides public bus service throughout the county and **Martz Trailways** **(www.martzgroup.com)** has a bus depot at the new intermodal transportation center located on Lackawanna Avenue in Downtown Scranton.

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## Rail Transportation

Scranton industries are served by the **Pennsylvania North East Regional Railroad Authority**, a county-run shortline, which has direct linkages with two Class-1 main line rail carriers, Norfolk Southern and Canadian Pacific. Access to two Class-1 carriers provides businesses with competitive prices and service, as well as increased options in shipping. Rail freight services over the regional system are provided by the private common carrier rail operator, The Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Co.

**Northeast Freight Transfer** manages and operates class-one intermodal terminals in the northeast. From newly created start-ups to re-tooling existing operations, Northeast Freight Transfer will use their experience working with railroads, steamship companies, port authorities, and terminal developers to develop safe, efficient contracted terminal operations.

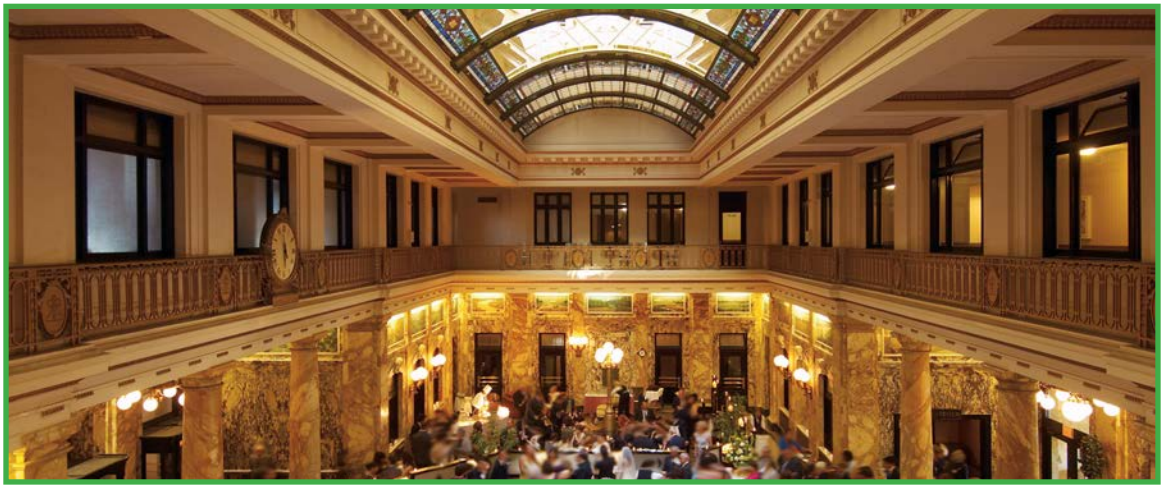
We are even home to the Steamtown National Historic Site (**www.nps.gov/stea**), a $70 million rail museum operated by the National Park Service.

## Lodging

In addition to providing attractive accommodations at affordable rates, the hotels and motels of the Greater Scranton region host conferences of all sizes. Many are full-service establishments, with lounges, live entertainment, health and fitness facilities, media equipment and business supplies.

## Road Transportation

| Distance from the Scranton Metro Area | |
|---|---|
| Binghamton, NY | 60 miles |
| Allentown, PA | 75 miles |
| Sparta, NJ | 78 miles |
| Morristown, NJ | 99 miles |
| New York, NY | 121 miles |
| Harrisburg, PA | 122 miles |
| Philadelphia, PA | 125 miles |
| Syracuse, NY | 130 miles |
| Wilmington, DE | 142 miles |
| Hartford, CT | 192 miles |
| Baltimore, MD | 202 miles |
| Washington, DC | 241 miles |
| Pittsburgh, PA | 280 miles |
| Buffalo, NY | 280 miles |
| Boston, MA | 294 miles |
| Erie, PA | 324 miles |
| Toronto, ON | 373 miles |
| Cleveland, OH | 375 miles |
| Montreal, QE | 381 miles |



# Business Parks

## Lackawanna County

The Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO) is the Chamber's not-for-profit industrial development corporation. SLIBCO has developed fifteen local business parks totaling close to 3,000 acres.

**Abington Executive Park – This privately-owned office park is situated in South Abington Township and is just four miles** from the City of Scranton. All underground utilities are provided to the park's 184 acres and all sites have easy access to interstates. Major tenants include Metropolitan Life Insurance, Keystone Community Resources and Burkavage Design Associates.

**Archbald Business Park** – SLIBCO has developed over 300 acres of industrial land located adjacent to U.S. Route 6 in Archbald. Archbald Business Park is home to Daron Northeast.

**Crystal Pennsylvania Business Park** – Formerly know as Benton Park, SLIBCO developed this 232-acre industrial park **in 1986. The park is located in Benton Township and is adjacent to Interstate 81. Access to the Interstate is exceptional (via Exits 201 and 202) and the park features an on-site sewage and water distribution system. Crystal Window & Door Systems** occupies the park.

**Business Park at Carbondale Yards – Located in the City of Carbondale and Fell Township, this flat, 88-acre park offers** all modern utilities and all sites are served by an active Lackawanna County Rail Authority freight line. The park is a short **drive from the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Highway (U.S. Route 6). Tenants include Millennium Packaging and the** Carbondale Technology Transfer Center.

**CLIDCO Industrial Park** – this 50-acre park near Downtown Carbondale was developed by the Carbondale Lackawanna **Industrial Development Corporation (CLIDO). The park is 100% occupied. The main tenant is Hendrick Manufacturing Co.**

**Covington Industrial Park** – Located on Route 435 in Covington Township near Interstate 380, this park consists of 400 acres that have been developed for the construction of customized "big box" warehouse/distribution centers. Electricity, water and sewer services are available and the remaining site in this park has been designated a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Area. The developer, First Industrial Realty Trust, has developed over 3 million square feet of space for tenants such as Neovia, Amazon Logistics, Innovel Solutions and Americold.

**Dickson City Industrial Park** – This 50-acre industrial park is located in Dickson City Borough just off Boulevard Avenue. Among the small business located here is Richard Mellow Company. The park also contains a maintenance facility for Lackawanna County.

**Glenmaura Corporate Center – This 353-acre office/commercial park is located in Moosic and Scranton on Montage Moun**tain. This joint venture between SLIBCO, Lackawanna County and Hemingway Development Corporation is home to Bank of **America, Cinemark Theaters, CIGNA Healthcare and The Shoppes at Montage. The park offers all major utilities including dual** source power and dual source telecommunications service. Sites within the park have been designated a Local Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) area offering a 10-year tax abatement.

**Jessup Small Business Center** – This new 132-acre mixed-use business park is located in Jessup Borough on a scenic vista overlooking the picturesque Lackawanna Valley. The park is adjacent to U.S. Route 6, a four-lane limited access highway. The juncture of Interstates 81, 84 and 380 is just four miles away. This entire SLIBCO- developed park offers Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, Keystone Innovation Zone, Federal Opportunity Zone and LERTA designation. All utilities including **municipal sewer and natural gas are available. Private development companies have constructed flex buildings within the park** and SLIBCO operates a business incubator at The TekRidge Center.

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## Lackawanna County

**Keyser Valley Industrial Park** – This 118-acre industrial park is located entirely in Scranton along North-South Road. The **park offers quick access to the Interstate system via Keyser Avenue. All major utilities serve the property and the park is 100% occupied. Major tenants include AZEK Building Products, Simplex Homes, Gress Refrigerated Services, Standard Iron Works,** Vycom Corp. and Quadrant EPP.

**Keystone Industrial Park – Keystone Industrial Park was developed by SLIBCO in 1962. It is situated within the boroughs** of Dunmore and Throop adjacent to Interstate 81. Total size of the park is 320 acres. The terrain is level and all utilities includ**ing natural gas are readily available. Park tenants include widely known firms such as UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Barry Callebaut, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Maid-Rite Steak Company and PA Dept. of Transportation.**

**Lackawanna Executive Park – This small office park is located on Main Street in Dickson City Borough, immediately off Exit 190 of Interstate 81.**

**Marvine Properties** – Marvine Properties is a 53-acre development located within the City of Scranton. The park offers various lot sizes and all major utilities are available. Access to the park is via Boulevard Avenue near the Lackawanna County Recycling Center and the Armed Forces Reserve Center.

**MEYA Park – This 77-acre industrial park lies in Jessup Borough adjacent to Mid Valley Industrial park. All major utilities** are available. The park offers quick access to the interstate highway system via U.S. Route 6 which is less than one mile away. **Major tenants include Material Technology & Logistics and Mar-Paul Company.**

**Mid Valley Industrial Park – The 498-acre Mid Valley Industrial Park is located in the Lackawanna County boroughs of** Throop, Olyphant and Jessup. Sites are easily accessible from U.S. Route 6 and Interstate 81 and all major utilities are available. Tenants include Cintas, Fastenal, MTF Biologics, Dempsey Linen Supply, Tucker Rocky and Biologics.

**Mount Pleasant Corporate Center – A 23-acre office and commercial park, owned by SLIBCO, is located in Downtown Scranton, offering Keystone Innovation Zone designation. Park tenants including Geisinger Health System and Sheetz enjoys** the convenience of working in an urban location while enjoying the amenities of a suburban setting.

**Old Forge Industrial Park** – Located on Moosic Road in Old Forge Borough, this privately owned park houses Mariotti Lumber Company's warehouse and headquarters facility. Approximately 30 acres have been prepared for build-to-suit projects, with the master plan calling for three additional buildings. All utilities are provided, and the park is close to I-81 and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

**PEI Power Park** – This park is located in Archbald Borough. PEI Power Corporation's Archbald Cogeneration Plant, located in the park, uses methane and natural gas to produce steam and electricity. Occupants of the park are offered a long-term opportunity to purchase steam at below market rates. The park's major tenants are Simona America, Inc and Innocor Foam Technologies, Inc.

**Rocky Glen/Moosic Industrial Park – Located just outside the City of Scranton in Moosic Borough, Rocky Glen/Moosic** Industrial Park covers 62 acres and all utilities are provided. Major tenants include Albright Precision, Preferred Meals, MIA Products and Jack Williams Tire.

**Scott Technology Park** – This scenic 243-acre park adjacent to Route 632 in Scott Township, Lackawanna County, was **developed by SLIBCO. Sites are available for advanced technology, pharmaceutical, office and R&D related operations. The** park's major tenants include Calvert Labs, Process Technologies, Concrete Countertop Solutions, PharmaCann and Automotive Distributing Company. Phase II of the park is designated a Keystone Opportunity Zone.

# Business Parks

## Lackawanna County

**Shady Lane Business Park – Located in South Abington Township, Shady Lane Business Park occupies 67 acres, all** zoned industrial. This privately owned complex has level terrain and is subdivided into parcels starting at three acres in size. **Utilities include electric, natural gas, deep wells, and municipal sewer. Tenants include Acker Drill L.L.C. and G.R. Noto Electri-**cal Construction.

**South Scranton Industrial Park** – Located near Exit 182 of Interstate 81 in the City of Scranton, the South Scranton Indus-**trial Park is 100% occupied. Major tenants include VYCOM, MACtac Specialty Products and Olympia Chimney Supply.**

**Stafford Avenue Business Park** – Located on 64 acres adjacent to Interstate 81 in the City of Scranton, this privately **owned park provides a "flex space" community for businesses. All utilities are provided, while tenants enjoy easy access to** highway and air transportation.

**Stauffer Industrial Park – Located along the Scranton/Taylor Borough boundary, this 390-acre industrial park was developed by SLIBCO in 1970. All major utilities are provided. The park tenants include: Kane is Able, United Parcel Service, Arlington Industries, Sanofi Pasteur and Department of Labor Industry.**

**Valley View Business Park** – Valley View Business Park is located in the boroughs of Archbald and Jessup adjacent to the Jessup Small Business Center and PEI Power Park. The majority of the park has been designated a Keystone Opportunity Ex-pansion Zone. All modern utilities including municipal sewer and natural gas are available. Tenants include McLane Company, **TMG Health, Cardinal LG and Lackawanna County Center for Public Safety.**

**Valley View Business Park Professional Plaza** – Valley View Business Park Professional Plaza is strategically **located along SR 247 in Jessup. The plaza is a sister development to Valley View Business Park and Jessup Small Business** Center. The Park is Federal Opportunity Zone approved. The plaza consists of 20 acres and four building sites. SLIBCO is seeking retail and commercial development opportunities to service the adjacent parks. The proposed plaza development includes a hotel, restaurant, day care and convenience store/gas station.

**W.W. Scranton Office Park at Montage – The 123-acre W.W. Scranton Office Park at Montage in Scranton and Moosic** Borough is located at the base of the scenic Montage Ski Resort immediately off Exit 182 of Interstate 81. Underground electric, **natural gas, water, sewer and fiber optic service are all available, with each site having easy access to highway and air transpor-**tation. Tenants include Prudential, EDM Americas, WNEP-TV/16, Hampton Inn and Comfort Suites.

Please visit our real estate database (www.scrantonplan.com/real-estate) to search our inventory of available buildings and land sites in Lackawanna County. Let our experienced and award winning team of economic development professionals coordinate your site tour today.

# Demographics

Lackawanna County is part of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre MSA. The MSA counties include Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming. Total population of the MSA is 621,256. However, when the population of the other counties that surround Lackawanna County is added, the total population of Northeastern Pennsylvania reaches more than 1.1 million.

Listed are the individual population breakdowns for Lackawanna and the surrounding counties.

Detailed demographics for Lackawanna County then follow.

## Population QuickFacts

| | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Northeastern PA | 1,167,853 | 100% |
| Carbon County | 65,249 | 5.59% |
| Columbia County | 67,295 | 5.76% |
| Lackawanna County | 214,437 | 18.36% |
| Luzerne County | 320,918 | 27.50% |
| Monroe County | 169,842 | 14.54% |
| Pike County | 57,369 | 4.91% |
| Schuylkill County | 148,289 | 12.70% |
| Susquehanna County | 43,356 | 3.71% |
| Wayne County | 52,822 | 4.52% |
| Wyoming County | 28,276 | 2.42% |

• Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Lackawanna County QuickFacts

| | |
|---|---|
| Population, 2010 | 214,437 |
| Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2010 | 5.4% |
| Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2010 | 20.5% |
| Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2010 | 17.7% |
| White persons, percent, 2010 | 92.0% |
| White persons, not of Hispanic/Latino origin, percent, 2010 | 89.7% |
| Black or African American persons, percent, 2010 | 2.5% |
| Asian persons, percent, 2010 | 1.7% |
| Persons reporting some other race, percent, 2010 | 0.2% |
| Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2010 | 1.5% |
| Female persons, percent, 2010 | 51.9% |
| Housing Units, 2010 | 96,832 |
| Homeownership rate, 2010 | 66.2% |
| Households, 2010 | 86,924 |
| Persons per household, 2010 | 2.3 |
| Median household money income, 2009 model-based estimate | $43,715 |

• Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Demographics

## Lackawanna County Breakdown

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population, 2010 | 214,437 | 100% |

### Sex and Age

| | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 103,119 | 48.1% |
| Female | 111,318 | 51.9% |
| Under 5 years | 11,559 | 5.4% |
| 5 to 9 years | 11,717 | 5.5% |
| 10 to 14 years | 12,457 | 5.8% |
| 15 to 19 years | 14,865 | 6.9% |
| 20 to 24 years | 14,879 | 6.9% |
| 25 to 29 years | 12,562 | 5.9% |
| 30 to 34 years | 11,677 | 5.4% |
| 35 to 39 years | 12,279 | 5.7% |
| 40 to 44 years | 14,046 | 6.6% |
| 45 to 49 years | 15,579 | 7.3% |
| 50 to 54 years | 16,277 | 7.6% |
| 55 to 59 years | 15,086 | 7.0% |
| 60 to 64 years | 13,559 | 6.3% |
| 65 to 69 years | 10,020 | 4.7% |
| 70 to 74 years | 7,960 | 3.7% |
| 75 to 79 years | 6,921 | 3.2% |
| 80 to 84 years | 6,368 | 3.0% |
| 85 years and over | 6,626 | 3.1% |
| Median age (years) | 41.8 | (X) |

### Race

| | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| **Top 10 by population** | | |
| One race | 211,141 | 98.5% |
| White | 197,296 | 92.0% |
| Black or African American | 5,423 | 2.5% |
| Asian | 3,644 | 1.7% |
| Asian Indian | 1,672 | 0.8% |
| Other Asian | 867 | 0.4% |
| Chinese | 420 | 0.2% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 330 | 1.7% |
| Vietnamese | 209 | 0.1% |
| Korean | 165 | 0.1% |
| Filipino | 268 | 0.1% |
| **Hispanic or Latino and Race** | | |
| Total Population | 214,437 | 100% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 10,682 | 5.0% |
| Puerto Rican | 4,656 | 2.2% |
| Mexican | 2,463 | 1.1% |
| Cuban | 222 | 0.1% |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 3,341 | 1.6% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 203,755 | 95.0% |
| White alone | 200,261 | 93.4% |

•Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Demographics

## Income QuickFacts

| Income in 2010 | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Households | 85,955 | 100% |
| Less than $10,000 | 6,651 | 7.70% |
| $10,000 to $14,999 | 5,398 | 6.30% |
| $15,000 to $24,999 | 11,983 | 13.90% |
| $25,000 to $34,999 | 10,882 | 12.70% |
| $35,000 to $49,999 | 13,128 | 15.30% |
| $50,000 to $74,999 | 16,193 | 18.80% |
| $75,000 to $99,999 | 9,255 | 10.08% |
| $100,000 to $149,999 | 8,387 | 9.80% |
| $150,000 to $199,999 | 1,851 | 2.20% |
| $200,000 or more | 2,227 | 2.60% |

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|---|---|
| Mean family income | $59,249 |
| Median household income | $43,557 |
| Per capita income | $24,290 |

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|---|---|
| Median earnings (dollars): | |
| Male full-time, year-round workers | $42,088 |
| Female full-time, year-round workers | $31,856 |

## Housing QuickFacts

| Income in 2010 | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Total housing units | 96,832 | 100% |
| Occupied housing units | 87,226 | 90.1% |
| Owner-occupied | 57,353 | 65.8% |
| Renter-occupied | 29,873 | 34.2% |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Avg. household size of owner-occupied units | 2.51 | (X) |
| Avg. household size of renter-occupied units | 2.08 | (X) |

## Education QuickFacts

| School Enrollment | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Population 3 years and over | | |
| Enrolled in school | 52,492 | 100% |
| Nursery school, preschool | 4,146 | 7.9% |
| Kindergarten | 2,225 | 4.2% |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 18,251 | 34.8% |
| High school (grades (9-12) | 10,652 | 20.3% |
| College or graduate school | 17,218 | 32.8% |

| Educational Attainment | | |
|---|---|---|
| Population 25 years and over | | |
| Less than 9th grade | 6,128 | 4.1% |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 11,130 | 7.4% |
| High school graduate, (includes equivalency) | 59,387 | 39.6% |
| Some college, no degree | 24,971 | 16.7% |
| Associate degree | 11,526 | 7.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 21,919 | 14.6% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 14,888 | 9.9% |

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|---|---|---|
| Percent high school graduate or higher | (X) | 88.5% |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher | (X) | 24.5% |

• Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Celebrate the Seasons

We've got plenty of warmth and sun in the summer, spectacular fall color, sparkling winter days and breathtaking vistas of spring flowers. In short, if you live here, you'll enjoy four well-defined seasons.

Annually, 56 inches of snowfall results in excellent skiing conditions from early December through mid-March when average temperatures are in the 30s and 40s.

## Average Monthly Temperatures in Northeast Pennsylvania

| | HIGHS | LOWS |
|---|---|---|
| January | 34 | 20 |
| February | 35 | 19 |
| March | 41 | 23 |
| April | 53 | 33 |
| May | 65 | 43 |
| June | 74 | 52 |
| July | 81 | 60 |
| August | 82 | 61 |
| September | 77 | 57 |
| October | 66 | 46 |
| November | 55 | 37 |
| December | 43 | 29 |

• Source: National Weather Service

# Incentive Financing Programs

## Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTP)

This program provides capital for early stage technology companies and established manufacturing firms. BFTP offers investment capital from $5,000 to $100,000 per funding round for early stage companies to support the commercialization of a product/service. For established manufacturing firms, BFTP makes available grant funding up to $25,000 per project to support product development of process improvements. In addition, the BFTP provides referrals to consultative services and the resources associated with the Commonwealth of PA's institutions of higher education for strategic planning assistance, access to university expertise, laboratory facilities and equipment, legal, accounting, and other business assistance.

## The Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program

The City of Scranton's Business and Industry Loan/Grant Program is a Federally-funded program through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that provides financial resources to assist in the development of and expanding economic opportunities. The Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) administers this program.

The Program, which provides loans or grants to businesses who are located in Scranton or wish to relocate to Scranton. These loans/grants may be used to acquire real estate, to renovate business premises, to purchase machinery and equipment, inventory and working/operating capital. This program does not provide venture capital, nor can it be used to satisfy equity needs. Borrowers must create one job for every $35,000 borrowed and at least 51% of the jobs must be held by low and moderate-income persons ( job creation is calculated on a full-time equivalency basis).

The primary role of the program is to stimulate and support private investment in our community with employers that can create new jobs in Scranton. The program is not the sole source of funding and rarely the largest investor. The program is designed to provide "gap" financing for activities and initiatives that meet our investment requirements.

General Requirements

- The maximum total allocation for which a Business Loan/Grant can apply is $250,000.
- Loan/Grant assistance to an individual Business must be between $25,000 and $250,000.
- Loan/Grant may not exceed 30% of the total project cost to assist in the start-up or expansion of a Business in the City of Scranton.
- A minimum amount of 10% owner equity cash contribution to the project is required.
- Complete details can be found on our website at: www.scrantonpa.gov/oecd_programs.html or by contacting OECD at 570-348-4216.

## First Industries Fund

The First Industries Fund (FIF) is a program aimed at strengthening Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries through loans and loan guarantees. The program is administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA).

Funding can be used for land and building acquisition and construction, machinery and equipment purchases and upgrades, working capital.

Loan Guarantees: 50 percent of outstanding principal balance up to $2.5 million.

## Job Creation Tax Credit Program

The Job Creation Tax Credit Program is available to eligible businesses who, within three years from a negotiated start date, create 25 or more jobs or increase employment by 20%. Every new full-time job, up to a set maximum which meets certain minimum wage standards, will result in a $1,000 tax credit that the business can use to pay a number of state business taxes. The business may claim these credits only after the jobs are created.

# Incentive Financing Programs

## Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) Tax Credit Program

An incentive program that provides tax credits to for-profit companies less than eight years old operating within specific targeted industries within the boundaries of a Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ). With a total pool of up to $15 million in tax credits available to KIZ companies annually, the KIZ tax credit program significantly contributes to the ability of young KIZ companies to transition through the stages of growth. A KIZ company may claim a tax credit equal to 50% of the increase in that KIZ Company's gross revenues in the immediately preceding taxable year attributable to activities in the KIZ, over the KIZ Company's gross revenues in the second preceding taxable year attributable to its activities in the KIZ. The KIZ Tax Credit is limited to $100,000 annually per KIZ company. Applications must be submitted annually.

## KOZ / KOEZ Program

Eligible companies that locate in a Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) or a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ) are exempt from most state and local taxes through 2024, depending on the site. Some of the local and state taxes
from which an eligible business may be exempt include, but are not limited to:

- Local real estate taxes
- Local business privilege or mercantile taxes (if any)
- Pennsylvania's Capital Stock & Franchise Tax
- Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income Tax
- State sales tax on the purchase of taxable property or services (excluding motor vehicles) that are used and consumed by businesses within the zone
- State sales tax on telephone and electric service used by a business in the zone
- State sales tax on "building machinery and equipment" purchased by a contractor in conjunction with a construction contract

If a Pennsylvania-based company is relocating an operation from a non-KOZ/KOEZ into one of the zones, then it must do one of two:

- Increase its full-time employment by at least 20% in the first full year of operation
- Make a capital investment in the zone equal to at least 10% of the gross revenues of the business in the preceding calendar or fiscal year

A business relocating from outside Pennsylvania into a KOZ/KOEZ must simply own or lease property in a zone from which it actively conducts a trade, profession or business.

## MetroAction, Inc. - Small Business Loan Programs

MetroAction, Inc., the small business affiliate of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, is a non-profit community development organization dedicated to providing small business loans and business development assistance throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. Small businesses located throughout Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Schuylkill, Wayne and Wyoming Counties are eligible to apply for
funding up to $100,000 at fixed terms and interest rates.

# Incentive Financing Programs

## Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) - Tax Exempt Bond Financing

**Taxable Bond Program** - All businesses needing access to low-cost capital are eligible for the Taxable Bond Program. Loans are only available for over $400,000. Loans may be used to cover 100% of project costs for land and building acquisition, building renovation and new construction, machinery and equipment acquisition and installation, designated infrastructure, refinancing and working capital.

**Tax Exempt Bond Program** - Provides loans ranging from $400,000 to $10,000,000 for manufacturers, charitable organizations and other facilities designated as eligible for tax-exempt financing. Loans can finance up to 100% of total eligible project costs to acquire and prepare land, for the construction, acquisition, or renovation of buildings, to purchase new equipment, infrastructure improvement/creation and working capital.

## Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA)

PIDA provides low-interest loans and lines of credit for eligible businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs and for the development of industrial parks and multi-tenant facilities. Eligible uses include land and building acquisitions; construction and renovation costs; machinery and equipment purchases; working capital and accounts receivable lines of credit, Multi-tenant facility projects; Industrial park projects. The PIDA program finances a portion of total eligible project costs. The maximum participation amount is determined by a variety of factors such as the proposed use of the PIDA funds, the business enterprise type applying for financing, the amount of matching financing from sources outside of PIDA, and the number of full-time jobs to be retained or created.

A variety of different industry sectors are eligible for PIDA financing including manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, research and development, hospitality, defense conversion, recycling, construction, child day-care, retail and service, export, and computer-related service enterprises.

PIDA loan terms are up to 15 years for land and building acquisitions and construction / renovation projects; Up to 10 years for machinery and equipment purchases; Working capital and accounts receivable lines of credit have a term of 1 year and can be renewed. Interest rates for the program are based on current market conditions.

## Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania (WEDnetPA)

WEDnetPA is an alliance of 26 educational providers across Pennsylvania that act as the delivery mechanism for the Commonwealth's WEDnetPA program. Each WEDnetPA partner serves as the point of contact for businesses accessing WEDnetPA funds. The Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania was created to make companies across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania more competitive by updating and improving the skills of their employees to meet specific company needs. The goal of the WEDnetPA program is to strengthen the business environment of Pennsylvania by improving the skill level and productivity of Pennsylvania workers. Funding is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Pennsylvania First Fund. Through the WEDnetPA program, qualified in-state businesses and out-of-state companies relocating to the economic-friendly business climate of Pennsylvania can access funding for a wide range of training.

Essential Skills (ES) training has a maximum reimbursement of $600 per eligible employee up to $75,000 per fiscal year. Technical Skills training offers a maximum reimbursement of $1,200 per eligible employee up to $50,000 per fiscal year. Business type eligibility is required.

# Incentive Financing Programs

## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA)

On-The-Job Training (OJT) is a specialized type of training, designed primarily for use with either public or private employers. Essentially, when an OJT Contract for employment is initiated with a specific employer, the customer, or job seeker, becomes the employee of the designated company or organization. The company pays the employee at his/her full hourly wage and provides all benefits as applicable. The employer then provides the number of hours the employee worked, on monthly basis, to the Workforce Investment Act Fiscal Agent through an invoicing made in accordance with a pre-signed OJT Contract, based on up to 50% of the employee's stipulated wage of the initiated contract period. Customarily, the length of a contract period is determined by the type and/or intricacy of training required, wage level, number and type of benefits, etc. and usually is drawn for two (2) to four (4) weeks in length. Longer term extended contracts are granted only in cases of extremely difficult training situations and inflated wage rates. Final determination of contract length lies with the Fiscal Agent Executive Director.

## NEPA Business Finance Center

The NEPA Business Finance Center, through its pool of federal, state and local funds, provides low-interest loans to qualified small businesses. Interest rates range from 1% to 4% and are fixed throughout the term of the loan — regardless of any upward movement in prime lending rates.

The objective is to provide financing to help small business create/retain jobs, attract additional investment from banks and other sources of private and public funding. Loans through this Program offer repayment terms standard in today's credit markets. Generally, loans are used to supplement other financing by providing up to 50% of the loan amount with maximum of $5.5 million.

NEPA also provides affordable microloans for entrepreneurs, start-up enterprises and small businesses that can provide up to 90% financing with a minimum loan of $10,000 and a maximum loan of $25,000.

## SBA 504 Program

The SBA 504 Program offers long term, market based, fixed rate, subordinate financing for fixed assets. The 504 Program provides 40% financing with a maximum loan of $5.5 million dollars. Eligible small businesses must have less than 500 employees and meet income and net worth thresholds. A wide variety of business sectors are eligible for loan consideration.

## Small Business Administration Loan Fee Waiver Program

The country's first SBA Loan Fee Waiver Program sponsored by Lackawanna County and designed to stimulate private sector job growth and economic development. Qualified businesses working with qualified lenders will receive a check from Lackawanna County in the amount of the SBA loan fees incurred.

## Land Development and Construction Fee Waiver Program

A job-creation incentive program targeted toward businesses looking to expand or relocate operations in Lackawanna County. The County will reimburse a portion or all municipal fees and construction permit expenses for businesses creating ten permanent, full-time jobs in Lackawanna County within two-years of approval. Funding amount is dependent on jobs created, wages paid, the business' industry, and total capital investment.

## Lackawanna County Business Improvement Grant

A Program that was created to promote economic development and spur local economic growth by encouraging the private sector to pursue exterior façade improvements, purchase/install new equipment or improvements on an existing facility to accommodate the purchase/installation of new equipment leading to the creation or retainage of vital full time jobs in Lackawanna County.

A qualified business must match the Business Improvement Grant Program monies on a 50/50 basis with business funds or in-kind services to undertake or complete the improvement within six (6) months on the issuance of the grant. (i.e. A $5,000 BIG grant must be matched at the time the grant is awarded with $5,000 from the business in funds or in-kind services. Maximum Business Improvement Grant amount is capped at $5,000).

# Taxes

## Pennsylvania Taxes

**Personal Income Tax:** The Pennsylvania personal income tax rate of 3.07% is one of the lowest in the U.S. and is applied to: compensation, capital gains, proprietorship, interest, gambling and out-of-state lottery winnings, and net gains or income derived through estates or trusts. Corporations defined as "S" corporations for federal tax purposes may elect to be treated as a partnership for Pennsylvania tax purposes and pay the 3.07% Personal Income Tax rather than the 9.99% Corporate Net Income Tax.

**Sales/Use Tax:** Pennsylvania imposes a statewide sales tax of 6%. There are no local sales taxes. Personal exemptions include clothing, grocery food, pharmaceuticals and other necessities. Business exemptions include sale for resale, manufacturing, processing, farming, printing, research & development, mining and public utilities.

**Corporate Net Income Tax:** Domestic and foreign corporations are subject to the corporate net income tax for the privilege of doing business; carrying on activities; having capital or property employed or used in Pennsylvania; or owning property in Pennsylvania.

This tax is levied at the rate of 9.99% on federal taxable income, without the federal net operating loss deduction and special deductions, and modified by certain additions and subtractions.

Entities exempt from the corporate net income tax include certain qualifying:

- not-for-profit organizations
- homeowners' associations
- membership organizations
- agricultural cooperatives
- business trusts
- non-PA companies that limit business activity to solicitation of sales of tangible personal property in PA

Further, corporations subject to bank and trust companies shares tax, gross premiums tax, mutual thrift tax and title insurance company shares tax are exempt from corporate net income tax.

Any entity classified as a corporation for federal income tax purposes is considered a corporation in Pennsylvania.

**Unemployment Compensation:** Pennsylvania unemployment compensation taxes are paid on the first $9,500 of wages for each employee. The contribution rate for newly liable non construction employers is 3.6890% and 10.2238% for construction employers.

**Personal Property / Inventory / Unitary Taxes:** None

## Local Taxes

**Wage Tax (Earned Income Tax):** The local wage tax is determined by an individual's place of residence and is applied to salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation. Wage taxes are limited to 1% of total compensation (0.5% to the municipality and 0.5% to the school district) in all Lackawanna County communities except the City of Scranton and the City of Carbondale. Residents of Scranton pay a 3.4% wage tax (2.4% to the city and 1% to the school district), residents of Carbondale pay 2.5%.

**Local Services Tax:** Persons employed by a business located within the City of Scranton, the City of Carbondale, and other communities are required to pay an annual fee to their respective cities. The Occupational Privilege Tax ranges from $10.00 -$156.00.

# Taxes

**Business Privelege/Mercantile Tax:** The City of Scranton and Archbald Borough impose a tax on gross receipts to any persons, firms or entities engaged in business as dealers of wholesale, retail and other services. The tax is based on annual gross receipts for the previous year and is levied at the following rates:

City of Scranton:

- Wholesale, Retail, Service: One mill (0.001) per each dollar of volume of the gross annual receipts

Scranton School District:

- Wholesale: 0.000452 mills per each dollar of volume of the gross annual receipts
- Retail: 0.000679 mills per each dollar of volume of the gross annual receipts
- Service: 0.00513 mills per each dollar of volume of the gross annual receipts

Archbald:

- Wholesale: One mill on the annual gross business transacted
- Brokers: One mill on the annual gross business transacted
- Retail: One and one-half mills on the annual gross business transacted
- Restaurant: One and one-half mills on the annual gross business transacted
- Hawkers & Peddlers: One and one-half mills on the annual gross business transacted
- Professionals & Contractors: One and one-half mills on the annual gross business transacted

# Utilities

## Electricity

### PPL Electric Utilities (www.pplelectric.com)

PPL Electric Utilities provides safe, reliable electricity to about 1.4 million **customers in 29 Pennsylvania counties.**

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**1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775), choose option #1**

**Customer Service**

**1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)**
**Agents are available 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST, Monday through Sunday.**

**Payment Assistance**

1-800-358-6623
**Agents are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**Mid-Large Business and Industrial Customers**

**1-888-220-9991, choose option #1**

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Residential: 1-866-660-4551
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Agents are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

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**Telecommunications for the Deaf (TTY) 1-800-231-7288**

**Mailing Address for Correspondence**

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**827 Hausman Road**
**Allentown PA 18104-9392**

**Mailing Address for Bill Payment**

PPL Electric Utilities
**P.O. Box 25239**
**Lehigh Valley PA 18002-5239**

## Telecommunications

### Verizon Communications-Pennsylvania (www.verizon.com)

Verizon-PA continues to be one of the premier providers of telecommunication services in Scranton and the Mid Atlantic Region. Verizon offers local, long **distance, data and wireless services through its 100% digital switching offices and the most extensive fiber optic network in Northeastern Pennsylvania.** Data services available through Verizon are: T1/T3, OC3, Frame Relay, dedicated **Internet, Intelilight, SS7 Interconnection and Transport, and SONET.**

# Utilities

## Telecommunications

### Frontier Communications (www.frontieronline.com)

Serving homes and businesses throughout Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, Frontier provides local telephone service, voicemail, long distance, dial-up, high-speed and WiFi Internet access. Frontier also provides PC support and services.

### Lackawanna County Wireless

The Lackawanna County Wireless Information Technology Infrastructure Initiative **will position first responders, municipal governments, medical organizations,** businesses, schools, and business development organizations with superior connectivity and networking resources through a robust, secure network. By partnering with Conxx, Lackawanna County secures the technical team that supports more than 80 municipal customers across the United States with services that include secure and encrypted networks, VOIP, wireless surveillance video, Wi-Fi, and network management products.

## Natural Gas

### UGI Penn Natural Gas Inc. (www.ugi.com)

**Delivered BTU:** 1,030 BTU per cubic foot

**Availability:** New or additional gas service can be made available to all customer classes when an adequate gas main exists at the customer location. Main extensions can also be considered on a cost-effective basis.

**Residential heating customer:**

**Average annual usage – 1150 ccf's / Annual bill – $540.50 ($0.47/ccf)**

**Commercial heating customer:**

Average annual usage – 300 mcf's / Annual bill – $1,383.00 ($4.61/mcf)

**Industrial heating and process customer:**

**Average annual usage – 2,000 mcf's / Annual bill – $9,220.00 ($4.61/mcf)**

**Rate information current as of June 1, 2019.**

## Water

### PA American Water Company (www.amwater.com)

**Water Sources:** 42 active, back-up and emergency surface sources (reservoirs, lakes and intakes including 36 reservoirs)

**Combined Storage Capacity:** 18,815,000 gallons

**Estimated Safe Yield:** 88,100,000 gallons per day

**Daily Usage:** 55,000,000 gallons per day

**Peak Daily Usage:** 65,000,000 gallons per day

Rate schedules and consultations are available upon request.

*An additional advantage to locating your business in Scranton / Lackawanna County is the very strong water pressure in most local business parks.

# Utilities

## Sewer

### PA American Water Company (www.amwater.com)

(Serves Scranton and Dunmore)

- **Capacity:** 20,000,000 gallons per day
- **Daily Use:** 15,000,000 gallons per day
- **Reserve Capacity:** 5,000,000 gallons per day
- **Level of Treatment:** advanced secondary, with biological nutrient reduction
- **Type of Treatment Process:** activated sludge
- **Type of Sludge Treatment: filter presses-landfilling**
- **Surcharge Threshold:** 330 parts per million (BOD); 350 parts per million (suspended solids)

### Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority

**Treatment Plant Location: Throop**

(Serves Throop, Dickson City, Olyphant, Blakely, Jessup, Archbald and Jefferson Twp.)

- **Capacity:** 10,000,000 gallons per day
- **Daily Use: 5,730,000 gallons per day**
- **Reserve Capacity: 4,270,000 gallons per day**
- **Level of Treatment:** Secondary with nitrogen and phosphorus removal
- **Type of Sludge Treatment: Belt filter press-landfilling and/or** agricultural utilization
- **Surcharge Threshold:** 350 parts per million (BOD); 350 parts per million (suspended solids)

**Treatment Plant Location: Archbald**

**(Serves Fell Twp., Carbondale City, Carbondale Twp., Mayfield, Jermyn** and Scott Twp.)

- **Capacity:** 6,000,000 gallons per day
- **Daily Use:** 3,100,000 gallons per day
- **Reserve Capacity: 2,900,000 gallons per day**
- **Level of Treatment: Secondary with nitrification**
- **Type of Sludge Treatment:** Activated sludge
- **Type of Sludge Treatment: Belt filter press-landfilling**
- **Surcharge Theshold:** 350 parts per million (BOD); 350 parts per million (suspended solids)

**Lower Lackawanna Valley Sanitary Authority**

(Serves Taylor, Old Forge, Avoca, Dupont and Duryea)

- **Capacity:** 6,000,000 gallons per day
- **Daily Use:** 3,500,000 gallons per day
- **Reserve Capacity:** 2,500,000 gallons per day
- **Type of Treatment Process:** activated sludge
- **Type of Sludge Treatment: belt filter press**

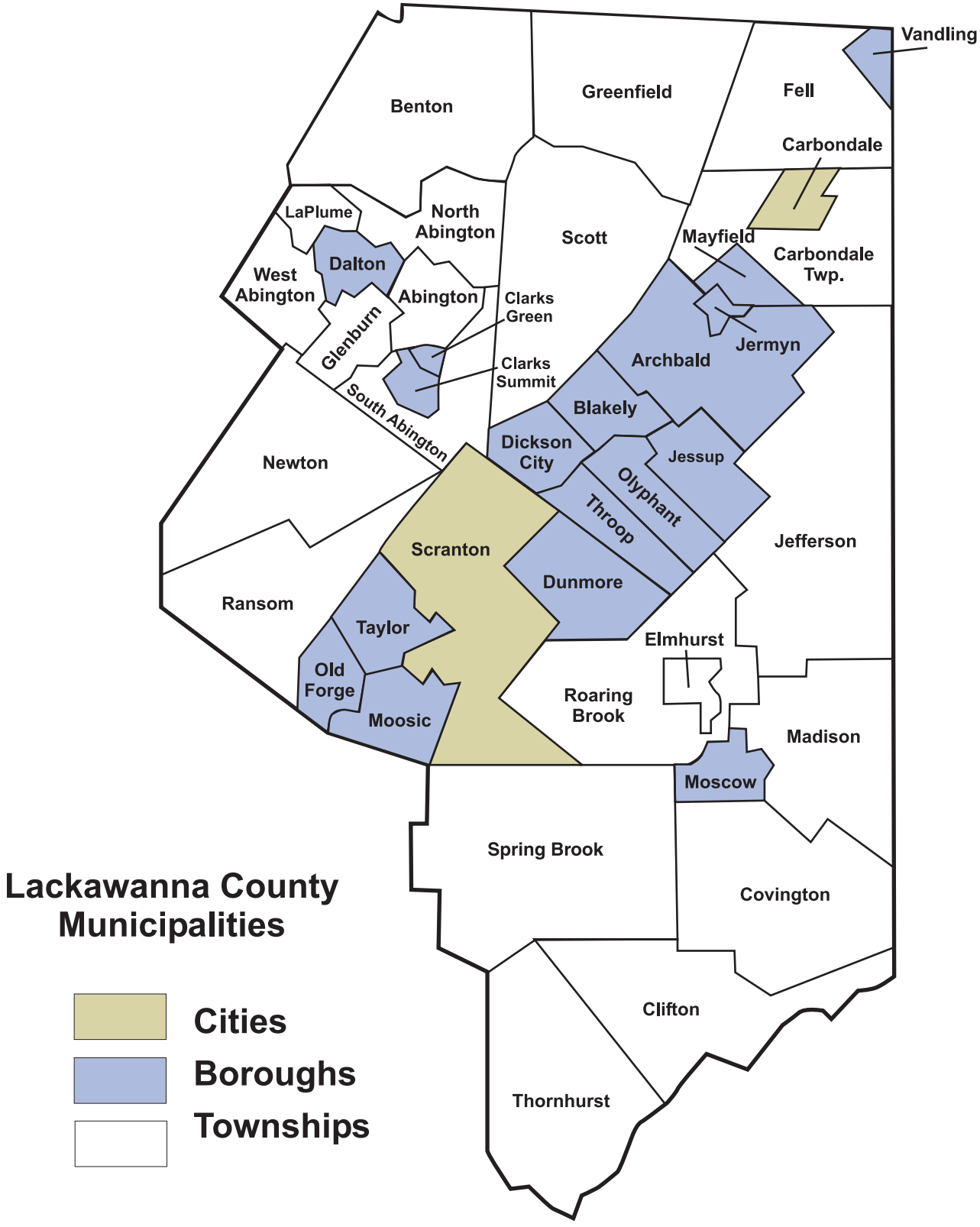
**Abington Regional Wastewater Authority**

**(Serves South Abington Twp., Clarks Green and Clarks Summit)**

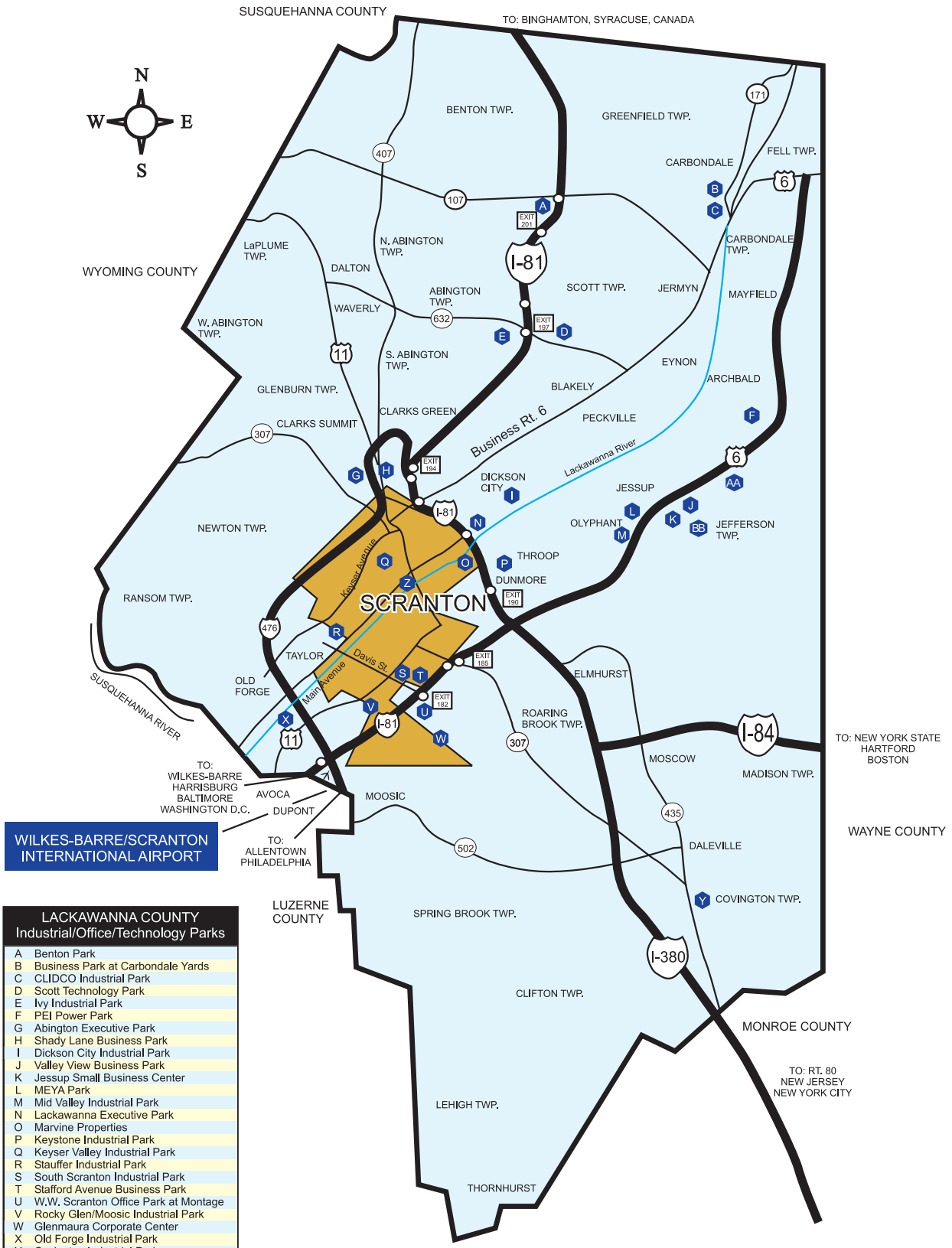
- **Capacity: 5,910,000 gallons per day**
- **Daily Use:** 3,340,000 gallons per day
- **Reserve Capacity: 2,570,000 gallons per day**
- **Type of Treatment Process:** activated sludge
- **Type of Sludge Disposal: landfill**

# Downtown Scranton Map

# Lackawanna County Map



# Business Parks Map




| LACKAWANNA COUNTY Industrial/Office/Technology Parks | |
|---|---|
| A | Benton Park |
| B | Business Park at Carbondale Yards |
| C | CLIDCO Industrial Park |
| D | Scott Technology Park |
| E | Ivy Industrial Park |
| F | PEI Power Park |
| G | Abington Executive Park |
| H | Shady Lane Business Park |
| I | Dickson City Industrial Park |
| J | Valley View Business Park |
| K | Jessup Small Business Center |
| L | MEYA Park |
| M | Mid Valley Industrial Park |
| N | Lackawanna Executive Park |
| O | Marvine Properties |
| P | Keystone Industrial Park |
| Q | Keyser Valley Industrial Park |
| R | Stauffer Industrial Park |
| S | South Scranton Industrial Park |
| T | Stafford Avenue Business Park |
| U | W.W. Scranton Office Park at Montage |
| V | Rocky Glen/Moosic Industrial Park |
| W | Glenmaura Corporate Center |
| X | Old Forge Industrial Park |
| Y | Covington Industrial Park |
| Z | Mount Pleasant Corporate Center |
| AA | Archbald Business Park |
| BB | Valley View Business Park Professional Plaza |

# Chamber Affiliates

## OUR AFFILIATES | THE CHAMBER EMPLOYS THE STAFF FOR ALL AFFILIATES LISTED BELOW.

### LACKAWANNA INDUSTRIAL FUND ENTERPRISES (LIFE)

Often referred to as our "community bank," LIFE funds were originally raised throughout the community to provide for industrial development. LIFE monies are continuously re-invested in projects. Each year, SLIBCO asks LIFE for what is essentially a line of credit to finance development projects. As SLIBCO sells property and/or receives state or federal grants, it repays LIFE.

### SCRANTON LACKAWANNA INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMPANY (SLIBCO)

SLIBCO is the industrial development affiliate of the Chamber. It develops multi-tenant buildings, industrial and office parks in northeastern Pennsylvania. SLIBCO also owns and manages two technology incubator facilities for start-up and expanding small businesses.

### THE SCRANTON PLAN

The Scranton Plan works in conjunction with SLIBCO as the industrial marketing arm of the Chamber. The Scranton Plan assists relocating or expanding businesses by linking business owners with available real estate and/or local, state and regional financial incentives.

### GCC WATER COOPERATIVE

The GCC Water Cooperative was formed to provide/supply its members with water. The members of the Cooperative include SLIBCO and the owners and/or occupiers of certain facilities located in the Glenmaura Corporate Center.

### SLIBCO UTILITIES, INC.

SLIBCO Utilities is the owner of the water distribution system within the Glenmaura Corporate Center.

### LEADERSHIP LACKAWANNA

Leadership Lackawanna provides community leadership training and professional development. Its Tomorrow's Leaders Today program is for high school juniors; the Core Program is geared toward emerging leaders from all segments of the community; and the Executive Program is for experienced leaders who are new to northeastern Pennsylvania or to their job/position. Its newest program, Welcome Scranton!, is designed to provide an insider's look at our community to both area natives and newcomers.

### METROACTION, INC.

MetroAction is the small business affiliate for the Chamber. It provides microloans to small businesses, as well as financing, training and counseling services.

### SKILLS IN SCRANTON BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Skills in Scranton works with educational institutions of all levels and local employers to promote career awareness and job training.

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