

## A Community Profile



### REGIONAL LOCATION

Nestled in western Pennsylvania midway between Pittsburgh, Erie, Chicago and New York City, at the junction of Interstates 79 and 80, Mercer County offers unique locational advantages for business and industrial development and is indeed a great place in which to visit, live, work and invest!

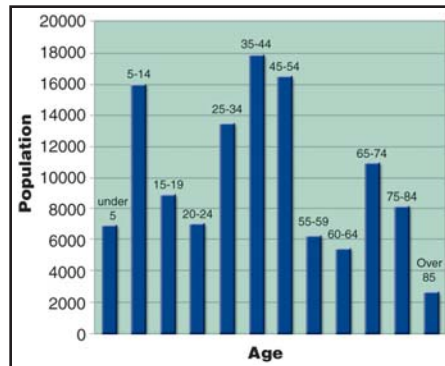
Unique outdoor recreational opportunities abound with hunting, fishing, and boating in abundance at Goddard and Pymatuning State Parks and the PA Gamelands throughout the area. A one-hour drive to Pittsburgh and Cleveland further affords residents and businesses alike access to major league sporting events, cultural, and entertainment opportunities. Small town living with an ease of access to major metropolitan areas, Mercer County truly offers the best of both worlds!

Whether you are seeking new business locations or simply visiting the area, our team of development professionals, "Team Mercer County," is eager to serve your every need! "Mercer County is truly a great place to visit, live, work and do business."

### DEMOGRAPHICS

**Population** (2000 census) **120,293**

Median Age 39.6  
Under 18 years 23.4%  
Age 65 and over 18.1%



### Economic Centers Population

Greenville Area	24,620
Grove City Area	16,494
Lakeview Area	12,174
Mercer Area	14,766
Shenango Valley	52,239
(including the cities of Sharon, Farrell & Hermitage)	

### REGIONAL UTILITIES

Aqua America  
Dominion Peoples  
National Fuel Gas  
Penn Power (A First Energy Co.)  
Verizon

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Interstate Highways:

Junction I-79 & I-80  
I-79 Exits: 113, 116, 121 & 130  
I-80 Exits: 4, 15, 24

#### Commercial Air:

Cleveland Hopkins International  
Erie International  
Pittsburgh International  
Youngstown/Warren Regional  
Venango Regional

#### Rail:

Bessemer & Lake Erie/CN Railway  
Norfolk & Southern

### TOP 20 EMPLOYERS

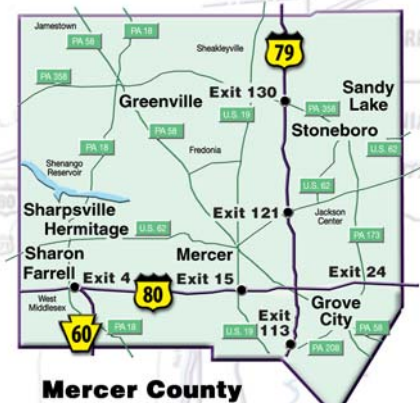
Sharon Reg. Health System  
Horizon Hospital System Inc.  
John Maneely Co.  
State Government  
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.  
Werner Co.  
George Junior Republic Inc.  
Duferco Farrell Corp.  
U.S. Investigations Services Inc.  
United Community Hospital  
General Electric Company  
Grove City College  
Sharon School District  
Sharon Tube Company  
Hermitage School District  
Mercer County  
Grove City Area School District  
Farrell Area School District  
George & Thomas Cone Company  
St Paul Homes

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To obtain a Mercer County  
Industrial Directory, contact:  
Penn-Northwest Development  
Corporation at 724-662-3705 or  
visit [www.penn-northwest.com](http://www.penn-northwest.com)

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Citizens Bank  
First National Bank of PA  
Greenville Savings Bank  
Mercer County State Bank  
National City Bank  
Sky Bank



**Mercer County**

## RECREATIONAL/CULTURAL AMENITIES

Shenango River Lake  
 Lake Wilhelm  
 Sandy Lake  
 Pymatuning Reservoir  
 Greenville Symphony Orchestra  
 McKeever Environmental Center  
 Mercer Raceway Park  
 18 public golf and country clubs  
 Historical sites and museums

## EDUCATION/TRAINING, EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT

12 Secondary School Systems  
 4 Parochial Schools  
 3 Career and Training Centers

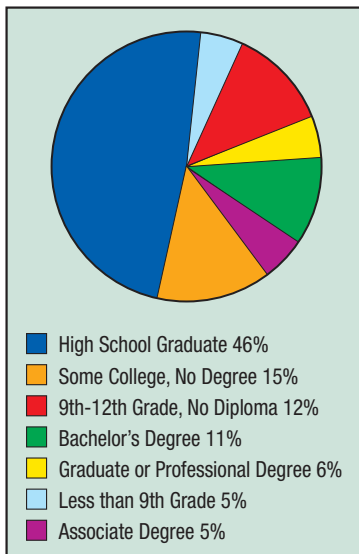
### Colleges & Universities:

Thiel College  
 Grove City College  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Westminster College  
 Slippery Rock University  
 Youngstown State University

### Workforce Recruitment and Development:

Mercer County CareerLink  
[www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)

### Educational Attainment



## WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Civilian	58,100
Non-agricultural	48,900
Industrial	
Goods producing	9,700
Service	39,200
Regional Workforce (within 30 miles)	391,600

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## ACCESS TO MARKETS



- Over half of the major U.S. markets within one day's driving distance
- 24 of America's top 35 industrial markets
- More than half of the US and 20% of the Canadian population; Half of Canada's 16 metro centers with populations of 1 million or more
- 150 counties with sales of \$1 billion or more
- Over half the U.S. retail sales volume
- Two-thirds of America's industrial output and employment
- Midway between New York and Chicago

## MEDICAL/HEALTH CARE

Sharon Regional Health System  
 United Community Hospital,  
 Grove City  
 UPMC Horizon, Greenville  
 & Farrell Campuses

## TOURISM

For information about tourism in the Mercer County area, please visit the Mercer County Convention & Visitors Bureau website:

[www.mercercountypa.org](http://www.mercercountypa.org)



Serving the Mercer County, Pennsylvania area since 1985, Penn-Northwest Development Corporation is a 501-c-3 private, non-profit economic development corporation.

Professional Industrial Plant Expansion, Relocation, and Start-up Services Include:

- Industrial Site/Facility Database
- Business Assistance & Financing Programs
- Financial Packaging
- Workforce Assessments
- Industrial Outreach Services
- Keystone Opportunity Zone
- Training and Technology
- Business Planning Services
- Development Coordination

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The following properties are located in Keystone Opportunity Zones - defined parcels with greatly reduced or no tax burden for property owners until 2010, or in some cases 2013.

Broadway North  
 Cooper Industrial Commons  
 Reynolds Industrial Parks  
 Morocco Family Partnership  
 Stateline Industrial Park  
 Winner Development/Westinghouse

For more information on KOZ's, visit <http://koz.newpa.com> or [www.penn-northwest.com](http://www.penn-northwest.com)