

WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



Education

Our area benefits from the educational offerings at East Stroudsburg University, Northampton Community College and Monroe Career and Technical Institute.

ESU introduced the nation's first Bachelors Degree in Computer Security. Additionally, their business accelerator supports entrepreneurs while also offering internship opportunities for students. Visit www.esu.edu for more details.

NCC offers recent high school graduates, as well as adult learners; a variety of credit and non-credit classes at an affordable price, without sacrificing quality of instruction. More information can be found at www.northampton.edu.

Since 1972, MCTI has been providing quality secondary and post-secondary career training in 22 areas of study. MCTI serves students from all area school districts, as well as adult learners from throughout the area. Visit them online at www.monroecti.org.

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP 2008-2009		WEBSITE
East Stroudsburg Area School District	8,295	cavalier.net
Pleasant Valley School District	6,557	pvbears.org
Pocono Mountain School District	11,801	pmsd.org
Stroudsburg Area School District	5,896	stroudsburg.k12.pa.us

Available Workforce

As one of Pennsylvania's fastest growing counties, Monroe County can provide your business with a skilled available workforce. Our population has more than doubled in the past 25 years. As of June 2011, our civilian workforce numbered 81,700 and our average unemployment rate for year 2010 was 9.92%.

More importantly, the county is one of the few Pennsylvania regions with a consistently increasing population of young adults (ages 18 to 34), a critical factor for companies seeking new workers.

With a high school graduation rate that exceeds the state and national averages and a higher than average educational attainment level, the workforce here is ready-to-go.

"We have been doing business in Monroe County for more than 50 years and we have found the workforce to be productive, reliable, and exceptionally dependable."

~Karl Weiler, Chairman, Weiler Corporation

Commuters

Many Monroe County commute to jobs outside the county. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, more than 72,000 county residents commute to work, with 15 percent commuting 90 miles or more. Many of these commuters are highly skilled in fields including technical and administrative work.

High skill levels, abundant entry-level workers, and a high growth rate all combine for the benefit of employers. Monroe County is in a unique position to provide the workforce that businesses need to succeed.

Training

Education and training are offered through a well-developed combination of on-the-job, customized, and classroom training. Monroe County CareerLink offers one-stop employment and training services. The online system, found at www.cwds.state.pa.us, allows 24-7 access for both employers and job seekers. For staff assistance call **(570) 620-2850**.

The Commonwealth of PA recently made Incumbent Worker Training grants available to help satisfy the training needs of some targeted industries. Inquiries can be directed to the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board at **(570) 325-2462**. The WedNET Program also provides guaranteed training to employers for current employees. Visit www.wednetpa.org.

Burnley Workshop Employment And Rehabilitation Services has been providing training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the Greater Poconos since 1964. Burnley's employment placement and training services empower individuals by helping them achieve their fullest physical, mental, social, vocational and economic potential. Visit www.burnley.org to learn more.

