

Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation

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Westmoreland County

In 1983, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners established a non-profit corporation known as the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) to promote economic development in the county. Although the main focus of the WCIDC is the development of industrial parks, the WCIDC is also committed to supporting economic development in the county through its involvement in a number of business assistance programs, transportation projects, special projects (i.e. Sony facility and the Westmoreland Logistics Park-Rail Freight Intermodal Terminal) and the redevelopment of abandoned industrial sites. The WCIDC has become the keystone among all other economic development groups in the county. The WCIDC's industrial park system consists of 15 fully developed, strategically located industrial parks including 4 brown-field redeveloped sites.

TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Excela Health	Health Care	4,500
United Parcel Service	Package Delivery	1,500
Polyconcept North America	Manufacturing	900
Elliot Company	Industrial Machinery	897
Kennametal	Industrial Tooling	750
West Penn Power	Electric Services	733
MSA Safety Inc.	Industrial Machinery	650
Alcoa Inc.	R & D	650
SuperValu	Grocery Distribution	600
Latrobe Specialty Metals	Blast Furnaces	500
Respironics, Inc	Medical Products	500
Dick's Sporting Goods	Whse/Distribution	394

Strategic Location

Westmoreland County is within a 500-mile radius of 70% of the country's total population! This thriving county offers direct access to interstate highways, rail service, and the impressive Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. In addition, the Pittsburgh International Airport is less than an hour away and the City of Pittsburgh, the country's largest inland port, is only a 30-minute drive.

County Facts

2015 Population: 357,956
Total Number of Municipalities: 65
County Seat: Greensburg
Land Area (sq. mi.): 1,025
Water Area (sq. mi.): 11

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Hempfield Township: Population 41,638

2016 EMPLOYMENT:

Civilian Labor force - 185,600
Employment - 173,900
Unemployment - 11,700
Unemployment rate - 6.3%

2014 INCOME:

Median household income-\$51,593

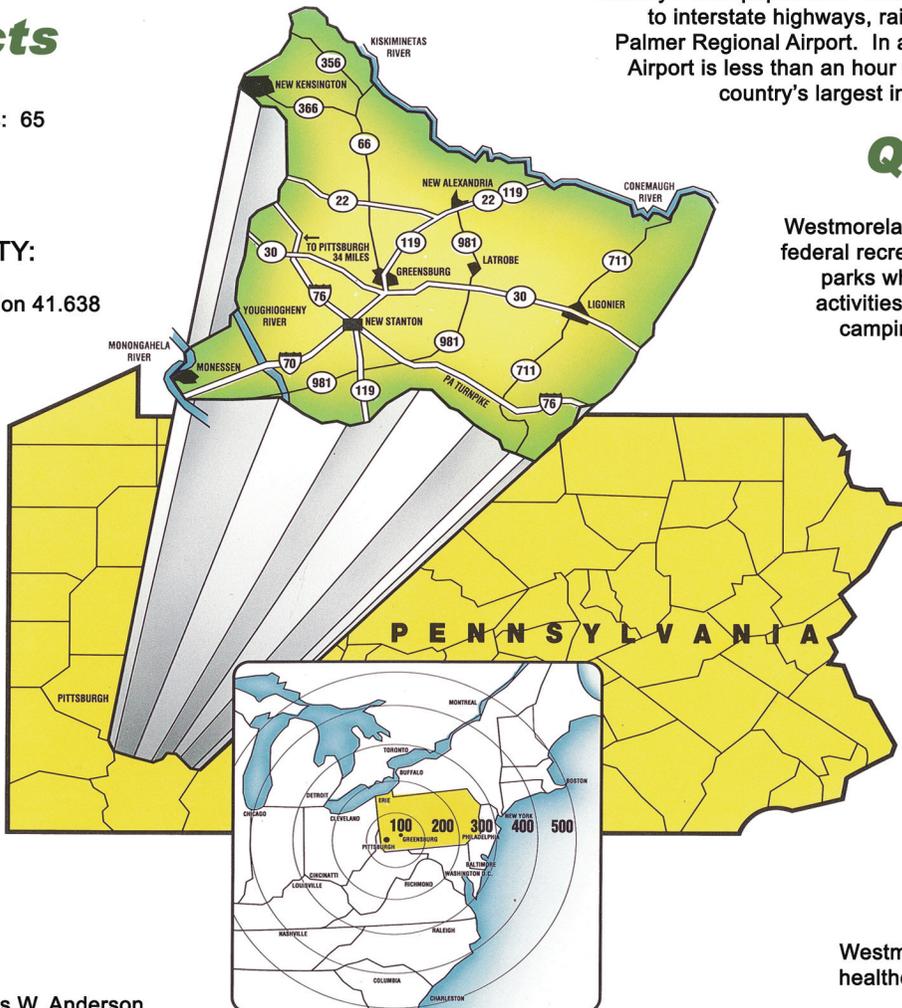
Per capita income-\$44,425

Source: PA Dept. of Labor & Industry and US Census Bureau



Board of Directors:

Gina Cerilli, Ted Kopas, Charles W. Anderson



Quality of Life

PARKS:

Westmoreland County has four state parks, two federal recreation areas and nine county-owned parks where residents can enjoy year round activities such as picnicking, fishing, boating, camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, etc.

CULTURE:

With such historic sites as Fort Ligonier, Bushy Run Battlefield and Hannastown, Westmoreland County is a major tourist attraction. The county hosts the 3rd largest Arts and Heritage Festival every summer and you can go back in time to the French Renaissance at the Renaissance Festival. Westmoreland County has 12 performing art theatres, including the Palace Theatre, home of the Westmoreland Symphony. Tourists and residents can enjoy the Westmoreland Museum of American Arts, as well as numerous historic museums and Idewild Park, an amusement theme park.

HEALTHCARE:

Westmoreland County offers good, quality healthcare services. Excela Health is one of the county's largest employers.



Transportation

Miles of Highway

Turnpike & Interstate: 58.4
 State & Federal: 1,313.6
 Secondary & Municipal: 1,191.2

Railroad (Class 1):

CSX and Norfolk Southern

Shortline:

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad

Area Highways

Interstates:
 70 70/76
 U.S. Routes:
 22 30
 State Routes:

31	51	66	136	201	217	286
356	366	380	711	819	981	982

Motor Freight:

34 carriers provide interstate and intrastate service;
 6 local freight terminals

Airports:

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport;
 Boquet Airport; Rostraver Airport

Transit Authority:

Westmoreland County Transit Authority

Port Facility:

Port of Pittsburgh (9' minimum up to 30' or more)

Westmoreland Logistics Park- Rail Freight Intermodal Terminal

located near New Stanton makes service from three Class 1 railroads as well as transcontinental service available to businesses. The Logistics Park consists of the lumber facility, warehouse and trans-load rail yard. The operator of this facility is Safe Handling Inc. Safe Handling is the premier and largest transloader/shipper of quality sensitive materials in Northern New England.



Westmoreland Logistics Park-
 Rail Freight Terminal

Education

Colleges: Located within Westmoreland County's borders are five colleges/universities. In addition, there are 29 colleges/universities in Southwestern Pennsylvania. One of the regions top industries in terms of attracting outside investment is higher education. Schools like, Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University attract students from around the globe.



University of Pittsburgh
 at Greensburg



Westmoreland County
 Community College

Vocational/Technical Schools:

Located in Westmoreland County are three vocational schools. In addition, there are over 80 technical schools within the 9-county Southwestern Pennsylvania region.

Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center
 Northern Westmoreland Vocational School
 Eastern Westmoreland Area Vocational Technical School

Elementary/Secondary School Districts:

Westmoreland County includes 17 school districts with a total 2006-2007 enrollment of 57,735.

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| Belle Vernon | Burrell |
| Derry Area | Franklin Regional |
| Greater Latrobe | Greensburg Salem |
| Hempfield Area | Jeannette City |
| Kiski Area | Ligonier Valley |
| Monessen City | Mt. Pleasant Area |
| New Kensington/Arnold | Norwin |
| Penn-Trafford | Southmoreland |
| Yough | |

Gas Companies:

Peoples Natural Gas, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Equitable Gas Company, T.W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company

Sewage:

Westmoreland County residents and businesses are serviced by 28 sewage authorities or companies.

Water:

Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) services a geographic area which encompasses two-thirds of Westmoreland County. The MAWC draws from several water sources offering abundant supply at competitive prices. The remaining portion of the county is serviced by 12 smaller water authorities or companies.



Beaver Run Reservoir

Utilities

Pennsylvania continues as the national leader in electric deregulation with all of the state's utility customers now able to participate in the Electric Generation Customer Act - Electric Choice. With Electric Choice now several years old, customers throughout the Commonwealth have realized a savings of over 10%, with commercial customers realizing even greater savings. Now, all electric customers have the right to select the company that generates their electricity based on prices, preferences and other incentives and services.



Electric Companies:

West Penn Power, Duquesne Light Company