



Why Chester County is a great place for small business and entrepreneurs to relocate and/or expand.

- Nationally 7 out of every 10 businesses are small businesses
- Great diversity in business climate
 - We attract higher wage paying jobs through manufacturing, life sciences and corporate offices. Much of the reason our median household income is \$81,000, 42% higher than that of the state median household income

- Population 491,000 (2008 estimate), up 13% from 2000 census
- 760 square miles

- 14,000 established businesses
- 25% of the nation's consumer buying power is within a days drive.
- 23% of workforce is in manufacturing
- 13.8 % retail
- 1 out of 6 jobs in the Philadelphia region are linked to the life sciences industry
- Unemployment Rate of 7.3% (10.4% national; 9.8% statewide (in three lowest unemployment rates in the State)
- Highly educated high school students with a 90% graduation rate 9 points above state average
- 14 public school districts; 11 charter schools, 15 independent schools
- Colleges & Universities are in abundance
- Chester County ranks 14th nationally in disposable income. Recently named by Forbes Magazine as the 24th wealthiest county in the Nation
- Median household income is \$81,000 (2007) (statewide 48,500)
- Per Capita income (2008) is \$50,787 (statewide \$36,825)
- Median age 38.2

Politics

- 46% republicans
- 38% democrats
- 16% other
- Census Participation: 77% participation rate to date for CC; 74% for State and 69% for nation

Sources for Information

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