

## PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN

CENSUS AND BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS CALL IT THE  
"ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON, PA-NJ  
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA," INCLUDES LEHIGH,  
NORTHAMPTON, CARBON AND WARREN COUNTIES

### GENERAL

The City of Allentown is the county seat of Lehigh County and, with 118,032 residents, [REDACTED] U.S. Census Bureau 2010 estimate, ranks as Pennsylvania's third largest city. The Allentown-Bethlehem Metropolitan Statistical Area, comprised of Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties is the third largest urbanized area in the Commonwealth, with population estimated at 712,481. Only the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas have more residents. The City is strategically located within a 300-mile radius of the larger metropolitan areas on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

### CITY GOVERNMENT

On April 23, 1996, the voters of the City of Allentown adopted a Home Rule Charter pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, Act of April 13, 1972, P.L. 184, as amended, 53 P.S. Sections 2901 et seq. The City's Home Rule Charter took effect on the first Monday of January 1997. An elected Mayor with a four-year term serves as the chief executive of the City. A seven-member part-time City Council elected at large for four-year staggered terms, forms the legislative branch of the City government. The other elected City official is the City Controller who serves a four-year term. The City Council holds regular public meetings, at least twice a month, usually the first and third Wednesday of each month, in order to enact legislation in the form of ordinances and resolutions.

### INDUSTRIES/LABOR FORCE

The Allentown area remains an attractive location for new and existing businesses. A number of major corporations, including, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., PPL and Mack Trucks have selected Lehigh County as their headquarters or as the location of significant operations. Other major industries include apparel, electrical and electronic equipment and fabricated metal products. Investments have remained strong in the Allentown area and the Lehigh Valley area relative to the state and northeast as a whole.

STATE HIGHWAYS, NOT U.S.?

### TRANSPORTATION

Interstate 78, U.S. Routes 22, 222 and 309 and several state highways radiate from the City and the Lehigh Valley and provide access to the major markets and ports of the East. The Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike is located [REDACTED] the City. Railroads serving the Lehigh Valley area include the Consolidated Rail Corporation and the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Conrail has a large classification yard in the Allentown area. [REDACTED]

### AMENITIES

The City of Allentown is home to a variety of cultural, recreational and educational facilities. It has two colleges, a AAA minor league baseball stadium, multiple museums, theater and bands. The 10,000 seat PPL Arena serves as home to the Lehigh Valley Hockey League and the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks of American Indoor Football. The City maintains 2,000 acres of park land, well above the national average.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN, NOT CONSOLIDATED  
RAIL (CONRAIL) OR CANADIAN PACIFIC?  
American  
a popular  
national average.

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA)  
DATA ONLY FOUND DOWN TO COUNTY  
LEVEL, NOT MUNICIPALITY/CITY

# CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

## Demographic and Economic Statistics Last Ten Years

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TABLE ENTRIES FOR YEARS PRIOR TO "2017" [2016?] APPARENTLY CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS CITY ANNUAL REPORTS. BEA NOTES STATE "...REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 2010-2015" AND VARY FROM CITY NUMBERS.

Fiscal Year	Population (1)	Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income (2)	School Enrollment (3)	Unemployment Rate (4)
2008	106,632	\$ 3,949,329,384	\$ 37,037	17,914	8.0%
2009	106,632	4,074,195,456	38,208	17,753	12.0%
2010	118,032	4,544,822,160	38,505	17,753	12.7%
2011	118,032	4,582,946,496	38,828	17,748	11.7%
2012	118,032	4,732,493,040	40,095	17,239	11.5%
2013	118,032	5,059,441,680	42,865	17,362	6.5%
2014	118,032	5,171,808,144	43,817	19,974	4.8%
2015	118,032	5,334,220,176	45,193	20,287	3.9%
2016	118,032	5,638,388,640	47,770	20,804	4.6%
2017	118,032	5,766,807,456	48,858	20,939	4.3%

### Source:

- (1) US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- (2) US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
- (3) Allentown School District, starting 2014, also includes Charter School Enrollment
- (4) US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

CITY REPORT'S LISTED ENTRIES APPEARS TO CORRELATE WITH BEA "ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON, PA-NJ" DATA, NOT "CITY OF ALLENTOWN" [48,858]

BEA IS ONLY SCHEDULED TO RELEASE "LOCAL AREA PERSONAL INCOME, 2017" DATA ON NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT 8:30 AM. "48,858" ENTRY FOR 2017 APPARENTLY BEA'S 2016 FIGURE FOR TABLE CA1, A-B-E PA/NJ. AS OF JULY 11, 2018, BEA WEB SITE INFO FOR TABLE CA1 GOES ONLY UP TO 2016, LAST UPDATE NOVEMBER 16, 2017. SOURCE OF CITY'S "2017" DATA UNKNOWN.

2010 - ON: CITY REPORT USES "POPULATION, CENSUS, APRIL 1, 2010" DATA. BEA USES "CENSUS BUREAU MIDYEAR POPULATION ESTIMATE" TO CALCULATE "PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME" [CITY 2017 LISTING: 118,032. CENSUS BUREAU JULY 1, 2017 POPULATION ESTIMATE: 121,283].

CITY TABLE "PERSONAL INCOME" COLUMN IS UNSOURCED. CALCULATION CHECKS THAT IT EQUALS "POPULATION" [CENSUS] TIMES "PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME" [BEA]. GOES AGAINST CONVENTION OF LISTING SOURCE DATA TOWARD LEFT, CALCULATED RESULTS TOWARD RIGHT.

IF THE CITY REPORT USES ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON PA-NJ METROPPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA DATA IN PLACE OF ALLENTOWN'S, THEN IT IS LIKELY HIGHER THAN THE CITY'S INDIVIDUAL INCOME. CENSUS [REPEAT: CENSUS] DATA SHOWS PER CAPITA INCOME FOR BETHLEHEM, EASTON, LEHIGH CTY, NORTHAMPTON CTY, CARBON CTY, AND WARREN CTY ALL SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RELATIVE TO ALLENTOWN'S, BY CENSUS METHOD [\$18,380 ALLENTOWN, \$21,980 - \$35,386 OTHERS].

IF "PERSONAL INCOME" IS CALCULATED FROM CITY'S TABLE LISTINGS, IT MAY BE INFLATED ABOVE WHATEVER SOURCE DATA WAS USED BY BEA. SINCE BEA USED "MIDYEAR POPULATION ESTIMATE" TO CALCULATE ITS "PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME" FROM ITS SOURCE INCOME DATA, THEN IF THE CITY USED "POPULATION CENSUS" DATA TO EXTRACT "PERSONAL INCOME" FROM BEA "PER CAPITA INCOME," THE POPULATION DIFFERENCES (121,283 VS. 118,032) WOULD GIVE A HIGHER "PERSONAL INCOME."

**Bureau of Economic Analysis****CA1 Personal Income Summary: Personal Income, Population, Per Capita Personal Income  
Metropolitan Statistical Area**

GeoFips	GeoName	LineCode	Description	2014	2015	2016
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (Metropolitan Statistical Area)	<u>1</u>	Personal income (thousands of dollars)	38,201,950	39,861,684	40,827,928
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (Metropolitan Statistical Area)	<u>2</u>	Population (persons) 1/	830,452	833,049	835,652
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (Metropolitan Statistical Area)	<u>3</u>	Per capita personal income (dollars) 2/	46,001	47,850	48,858

**Legend / Footnotes:**

1/ Census Bureau midyear population estimates. Estimates for 2010-2016 reflect county population estimates available as of March 2017.

2/ Per capita personal income was computed using Census Bureau midyear population estimates. Estimates for 2010-2016 reflect county population estimates available as of March 2017.

Note-- All dollar estimates are in current dollars (not adjusted for inflation).

Last updated: November 16, 2017-- new estimates for 2016; revised estimates for 2010-2015.

**CA1 Personal Income Summary: Personal Income, Population, Per Capita Personal Income**  
 County

GeoFips	GeoName	LineCode	Description	2014	2015	2016
42025	Carbon, PA	<u>1</u>	Personal income (thousands of dollars)	2,700,074	2,823,460	2,901,279
42025	Carbon, PA	<u>2</u>	Population (persons) 1/	64,435	63,936	63,594
42025	Carbon, PA	<u>3</u>	Per capita personal income (dollars) 2/	41,904	44,161	45,622
42077	Lehigh, PA	<u>1</u>	Personal income (thousands of dollars)	16,502,743	17,306,518	17,734,075
42077	Lehigh, PA	<u>2</u>	Population (persons) 1/	358,552	360,852	363,147
42077	Lehigh, PA	<u>3</u>	Per capita personal income (dollars) 2/	46,026	47,960	48,834
42095	Northampton, PA	<u>1</u>	Personal income (thousands of dollars)	13,790,889	14,337,932	14,706,704
42095	Northampton, PA	<u>2</u>	Population (persons) 1/	300,296	301,190	302,294
42095	Northampton, PA	<u>3</u>	Per capita personal income (dollars) 2/	45,924	47,604	48,650

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**Data Compiled From U.S. Census Bureau Web Site on July 11, 2018**

	<b>Allentown</b>	<b>Bethlehem</b>	<b>Easton</b>	<b>Lehigh Cty.</b>	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>Carbon Cty.</b>	<b>Warren Cty. NJ</b>
<b>Population Estimates,</b> July 1, 2017	121,283	75,707	27,109	366,494	303,405	63,853	106,798
<b>Population Estimates Base,</b> April 1, 2010	118,093	74,986	26,769	349,673	297,696	65,248	108,655
<b>Population, Census,</b> April 1, 2010	118,032	74,982	26,800	349,497	297,735	65,249	108,692
<b>Persons Per Household</b> 2012-2016	2.76	2.39	2.51	2.58	2.57	2.46	2.53
<b>Median Household Income</b> (in 2016 dollars), 2012-2016	\$37,256	\$49,349	\$45,361	\$57,685	\$62,753	\$50,822	\$72,999
<b>Per Capita Income in Past</b> <b>12 Months</b> (in 2016 dollars), 2012-2016	\$18,380	\$25,432	\$21,980	\$29,587	\$31,086	\$25,743	\$35,386

**CA1 Personal Income Summary: Personal Income, Population, Per Capita Personal Income**  
 County

GeoFips	GeoName	LineCode	Description	2014	2015	2016
42000	Pennsylvania	<u>1</u>	Personal income (thousands of dollars)	613,658,783	637,183,688	648,694,472
42000	Pennsylvania	<u>2</u>	Population (persons) 1/	12,790,565	12,791,904	12,784,227
42000	Pennsylvania	<u>3</u>	Per capita personal income (dollars) 2/	47,977	49,811	50,742

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**RPI1 Real Personal Income by state 1/  
State or DC**

GeoFips	GeoName	LineCode	Description	2014	2015	2016
00000	United States	<u>1</u>	Real personal income (thousands of chained (2009) dollars)	13,568,823,882	14,201,214,855	14,363,078,040
00000	United States	<u>2</u>	Real per capita personal income (chained (2009) dollars) 2/	42,586	44,235	44,412
42000	Pennsylvania	<u>1</u>	Real personal income (thousands of chained (2009) dollars)	573,720,568	594,249,713	596,803,010
42000	Pennsylvania	<u>2</u>	Real per capita personal income (chained (2009) dollars) 2/	44,856	46,458	46,672

**Legend / Footnotes:**

*1/ Real personal income for states and metropolitan areas is personal income divided by the RPPs and the national PCE price index. The result is a chained dollar (using 2009 as the base year) estimate of real personal income.*

*2/ Real per capita personal income is total real personal income divided by total midyear population.*

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RPI2 Real Personal Income by MSA and state portion 1/

Metropolitan Statistical Area

GeoFlgs	GeoName	LineCode	Description	2014	2015	2016
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (Metropolitan Statistical Area)	1	Real personal income (thousands of chained (2009) dollars)	34,763,378	36,247,707	36,748,918
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ (Metropolitan Statistical Area)	2	Real per capita personal income (chained (2009) dollars) 2/	41,861	43,512	43,976

Legend / Footnotes:

1/ Real personal income for states and metropolitan areas is personal income divided by the RPPs and the national PCE price index. The result is a chained dollar (using 2009 as the base year) estimate of real personal income.

2/ Real per capita personal income is total real personal income divided by total midyear population.

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