

Appendix A: Demographics

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS:

Population (2000)

7,174

Population Trends

	Tamaqua Borough	Schuylkill County
2000	7,174	150,336
1990	7,943	152,585
1980	8,843	160,630
1970	n/a	n/a

Population by Gender

Male	Female
3,438	3,736

Population by Age

	1980		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years	471	5.3	362	5.0
5-19 Years	1,923	21.7	1,343	18.7
20-34 Years	1,761	19.9	1,339	18.6
35-54 Years	1,780	20.1	1,930	26.9
55-64 Years	1,245	14.1	676	9.5
Over 65 Years	1,663	18.8	1,524	21.2
Median Age	n/a		40.1	
Median State Age	38.0		38.0	

Education (Population 25 Years and Over)

	Number	Percent
High school graduate or higher	3,963	77.3
Bachelor's degree or higher	381	7.4

Income

Families	1,949
Median 4-person family income	\$36,406
Median household income	\$27,899
Median U.S. household income	\$41,994
Median Pennsylvania household income	\$40,106
Median county household income	\$48,906
Percent below Pennsylvania household income	30.4
Median Earnings, full-time	
Male	\$29,970
Female	\$20,637
Families below the poverty level	216
Percent families below the poverty level	11.1

Population by Race

	Number	Percent
White	7,080	98.7
Black or African American	13	0.2
Latino	93	1.3
Other	18	0.3

Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Same House	4,249	62.3
Same County	1,969	28.9
Same State	374	5.5

LABOR MARKET CHARACTERISTICS:

Employment Status

	1980	1990	2000
Civilian Labor Force	3,583	3,320	3,215
Employed	3,209	3,029	3,200
Unemployed	374	291	195
Unemployment Rate	10.4	8.8	6.1

Occupation by Sector and Industry

Sector	Number	Percent
Management and Professional	484	16.1
Service	449	14.9
Sales and Office	598	19.9
Construction, Extraction	457	15.2
Production, Transportation	1,017	33.8

Industry	Number	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Farming, and Mining	62	2.1
Construction	208	6.9
Manufacturing	849	28.3
Wholesale Trade	63	2.1
Retail Trade	483	16.1
Transportation	120	4.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	146	4.9
Professional, Scientific, and Management, Administrative, and Waste Management	130	4.3
Education, Health, and Social Services	403	13.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	206	6.9
Public Administration	56	1.9
Other Services	248	8.3

Top Ten Employers (Schuylkill County)

1	Pennsylvania State Government
2	Alcoa Extrusions Inc.
3	Lowe's Home Centers Inc.
4	Pottsville Hospital
5	Good Samaritan Regional
6	Schuylkill County
7	United States Government
8	Schuylkill IU 29
9	Regional Development Corporation
10	Wal-Mart Associates Inc.

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE CHARACTERISTICS

	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	3,594	100.0	3,602	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	3,346	93.1	3,179	88.3
Vacant Units	248	6.9	423	11.7
Single Family Units	2,702	75.2	2,689	74.7
Multi-Family Units	892	24.8	913	25.3
Owner Occupied Units	2,311	69.1	2,171	68.3
Renter Occupied Units	1,035	30.9	1,008	31.7
Age of Structure				
10 Years or Less	30	0.8	81	2.3
11-20 Years	277	7.7	55	1.5
21-30 Years	59	1.6	224	6.2
31-60 Years	461	12.8	707	19.7
Over 60 Years	2,784	77.5	2,535	70.4
Value				
Less than \$50,000	1,642	78.7	1,111	56.0
\$50,000-99,999	390	18.7	725	36.5
\$100,000-149,999	27	1.3	114	5.7
\$150,000-199,000	8	0.4	29	1.5
\$200,000 or more	0	0.0	6	0.3

Monthly Owner Costs as a Percent of Household Income

	Number	Percent
Less than 15.0 Percent	819	41.3
15.0-19.9 Percent	366	18.4
20.0-24.9 Percent	207	10.4
25.0-29.9 Percent	96	4.8
30-34.9 Percent	134	6.8
Over 35.0 Percent	363	18.3

Gross Rent as a Percent of Household Income

	Number	Percent
Less than 15.0 Percent	175	17.3
15.0-19.9 Percent	165	16.3
20.0-24.9 Percent	115	11.4
25.0-29.9 Percent	104	10.3
30-34.9 Percent	75	7.4
Over 35.0 Percent	306	30.2

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Health Care Facilities

St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital
Hazleton General Hospital
Hazleton-St. Joseph's Medical Center

Library

Tamaqua Public Library

Area Commercial Airports

Reading Regional
Lehigh Valley International
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International

Public Schools

Tamaqua Area School District

Area Colleges and Universities

Kutztown University
Lehigh Carbon Community College
Luzerne County Community College
Wilkes University
Penn State Berks
Muhlenberg College
Bloomsburg University