

Appendix A: Demographics

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS:

Population (2000)

5,034

Population Trends

	La Salle Street Area	Borough of Berwick	Columbia County
2000	5,034	10,774	64,157
1990	5,210	10,976	63,202
1980	n/a	11,855	61,967
1970	n/a	12,274	55,114

Population by Gender

Male	Female
2,390	2,644

Population by Age

	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years	317	6.1	252	5.0
5-19 Years	933	18.0	937	18.6
20-34 Years	1,049	20.1	901	17.9
35-54 Years	1,110	25.8	1,343	26.7
55-64 Years	539	10.3	519	10.3
Over 65 Years	1,262	24.2	1,088	21.6
Median Age	n/a		40.9	
Median State Age	32.1		32.1	

Education (Population 25 Years and Over)

	Number	Percent
High school graduate or higher	2,473	69.7
Bachelor's degree or higher	294	8.3

Income

Families	1,329
Median 4-person family income	\$33,891
Median household income	\$27,346
Median U.S. household income	\$41,994
Median Pennsylvania household income	\$40,106
Percent below Pennsylvania household income	31.8%
Median Earnings, full-time	
Male	\$26,975
Female	\$20,770
Families below the poverty level	155
Percent families below the poverty level	11.7

Population by Race

	Number	Percent
White	4,898	97.3
Black or African American	46	0.9
Latino	41	0.8
Other	49	1.0

Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Same House	3,108	66.3
Same County	1,084	23.1
Same State	365	7.8

LABOR MARKET CHARACTERISTICS:

Employment Status

	1980	1990	2000
Civilian Labor Force	n/a	2,392	2,351
Employed	n/a	2,126	2,171
Unemployed	n/a	266	180
Unemployment Rate	n/a	6.3	4.5

Occupation by Sector and Industry

Sector	Number	Percent
Management and Professional	358	16.5
Service	273	12.6
Sales and Office	614	28.3
Construction, Extraction	259	11.9
Production, Transportation	659	30.4

Industry	Number	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Farming, and Mining	9	0.4
Construction	175	8.1
Manufacturing	646	29.8
Wholesale Trade	77	3.5
Retail Trade	341	15.7
Transportation	32	1.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	77	3.5
Professional, Scientific, and Management, Administrative, and Waste Management	148	6.8
Education, Health, and Social Services	301	13.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	127	5.8
Public Administration	102	4.7
Other Services	121	5.6

Top Ten Employers (Columbia County)

1	State System of Higher Education
2	Wise Foods Inc.
3	CHS Berwick Hospital Corp.
4	Magee Rieter Automotive Systems
5	Del Monte Corporation
6	Berwick Area School District
7	Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
8	Kawneer Company Inc.
9	Haddon Craftsmen Inc.
10	Bloomsburg Hospital

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE CHARACTERISTICS

	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	2,372	100.0	2,474	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	2,256	95.1	2,274	91.9
Vacant Units	116	4.9	200	8.1
Single Family Units	1,686	71.1	1,660	67.2
Multi-Family Units	686	28.9	810	32.8
Owner Occupied Units	1,558	69.1	1,488	65.4
Renter Occupied Units	698	30.9	786	34.6
Age of Structure				
10 Years	298	12.6	157	6.4
20-30 Years	210	8.8	241	9.8
30-40 Years	620	26.1	1,000	40.5
Over 40 Years	1,030	43.4	1,007	40.8
Value				
Less than \$50,000	802	63.5	198	15.2
\$50,000-99,999	435	34.5	917	70.3
\$100,000-149,999	23	1.8	134	10.3
\$150,000-199,000	1	0.1	48	3.7
Over 200,000	1	0.1	8	0.6

Monthly Owner Costs as a Percent of Household Income

	Number	Percent
Less than 15.0 Percent	537	41.1
15.0-19.9 Percent	256	19.6
20.0-24.9 Percent	214	16.4
25.0-29.9 Percent	61	4.7
30-34.9 Percent	50	3.8
Over 35.0 Percent	178	13.6

Gross Rent as a Percent of Household Income

	Number	Percent
Less than 15.0 Percent	118	14.7
15.0-19.9 Percent	99	11.7
20.0-24.9 Percent	122	15.2
25.0-29.9 Percent	78	9.7
30-34.9 Percent	53	6.6
Over 35.0 Percent	229	28.6

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Health Care Facilities

Berwick Hospital Center
Bloomsburg Hospital

Library

Berwick Public Library

Public Transportation

AMTRAK

Area Commercial Airports (40 Miles)

Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton International Airport
Williamsport Regional Airport

Public Schools

Berwick Area School District

Area Colleges and Universities (20 Miles)

Bloomsburg University
Misericordia College
King's College
Luzerne County Community College
Penn State University, Hazelton Branch
Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Branch
Wilkes University

Parks and Recreational Facilities (20 Miles)

Ber Vaughn Park
Test Track Park
Francis Slocum State Park
Locust Lake State Park
Ricketts Glen State Park
Tuscarora State Park

Tourist Attractions and Community Assets (20 Miles)

Children's Museum of Manhattan
Museum of Anthracite Mining