Employment by Industry

Figures 1, 2 and 3 provide the employment by industry for Northeastern Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania and the United States, respectively. These statistics are from 2011 and 2015 and were selected because it is the most current five-year interval possible and 2015 was the most current year that employment data were available from U.S. Census Bureau “County Business Patterns.”

Figure 1. Northeastern Pennsylvania Employment by Industry, 2011 and 2015

![Bar graph showing employment by industry in Northeastern Pennsylvania for 2011 and 2015.](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html)


Figure 1 indicates that actual employment growth in 2011 - 2015 occurred in ten industries of the Northeastern Pennsylvania economy. The growth occurred in Transportation and Warehousing (4,304 jobs); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (1,884 jobs); Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (1,531 jobs); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,327 jobs); Educational Services (1,110 jobs); Manufacturing (434 jobs); Accommodation and Food Services (373 jobs); Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (341 jobs); Construction (130 jobs); and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (10 jobs).
Employment in Northeastern Pennsylvania grew at its highest rate of 36.4 percent in Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction and was followed by Transportation and Warehousing at 21.5 percent. Retail Trade had the highest job loss (-10,462 jobs) and was followed by Information (-571 jobs). There were 508 jobs lost in Management of Companies and Enterprises, 410 jobs lost in Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, 333 jobs lost in Utilities, 258 jobs lost in Real Estate and Rental and Leasing and 250 jobs lost in Finance and Insurance. The two industries with the largest percent decreases were Retail Trade (-16.6 percent) and Management of Companies and Enterprises (-10.9 percent).

Figure 2. Pennsylvania Employment by Industry, 2011 and 2015


Figure 2 indicates that actual employment increase in 2011 - 2015 occurred in sixteen industries of the Pennsylvania economy. The highest increase occurred in Health Care and Social Assistance (40,726 jobs); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (35,357 jobs); Accommodation and Food Services (26,876 jobs); Transportation and Warehousing (21,881 jobs); Retail Trade (17,928 jobs); and Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (16,245 jobs). Employment in the state grew at its highest rate of 18.2 percent in Arts,
Entertainment and Recreation and was followed by Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (11.9 percent). Information had the highest job loss (-10,990 jobs) and was followed by Utilities with 3,026 jobs lost and 747 jobs lost in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining. The two industries with the largest percent decreases were Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining (-23.0 percent) and Utilities (-9.5 percent).

**Figure 1. United States Employment by Industry, 2011 and 2015**

![United States Employment by Industry, 2011 and 2015](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html)

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, “2011 and 2015 County Business Patterns,” 2011 information released May 2013 and 2015 information released April 2017,

Figure 3 indicates that an employment increase in 2011 - 2015 occurred in eighteen sectors of the national economy. Utilities was the only industry that had a job loss (-561 jobs) and had a -0.1 percent decrease. The highest growth occurred in Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (1,722,515 jobs) and Accommodation and Food Services (1,640,607 jobs). Employment in the nation grew at its highest rate of 18.3 percent in Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services and was followed by Construction (15.7 percent) and Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction; and Accommodation and Food Services, each with 14.2 percent.