Employment by Industry

Figures 1, 2 and 3 provide the employment by industry for Northeastern Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania and the United States, respectively. These statistics, which are from 2014 and 2018, were selected because it is the most current five-year interval possible and 2018 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, 2014 and 2018

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 1 indicates that actual employment growth in 2014 - 2018 occurred in ten industries of the Northeastern Pennsylvania economy. The growth occurred in Accommodation and Food Services (4,344 jobs); Manufacturing (3,454 jobs); Transportation and Warehousing (1,410 jobs); Construction (1,174 jobs); Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (499 jobs); Other Services (Except Public Administration) (290 jobs); Health Care and Social Assistance (270 jobs); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (115 jobs); Educational Services (52 jobs); and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (36 jobs). Employment in Northeastern Pennsylvania grew at its highest rate of 67.9 percent in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting and was followed by Accommodation and Food Services at 12.4
percent and Construction at 10.4 percent. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation had the highest job loss (-1,895 jobs) and it was followed by Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (-1,688 jobs). There were 1,547 jobs lost in Retail Trade, 1,355 jobs lost in Finance and Insurance, 591 jobs lost in Management of Companies and Enterprises, 402 jobs lost in Utilities and 209 jobs lost in Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction. The two industries with the largest percent decreases were Not Classified Industries (-57.1 percent) and Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (-20.6 percent).

**Figure 2. Pennsylvania Employment by Industry, 2014 and 2018**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 2 indicates that actual employment increase in 2014 - 2018 occurred in fifteen industries of the Pennsylvania economy. The highest increase occurred in Health Care and Social Assistance (89,501 jobs); Accommodation and Food Services (38,331 jobs); Construction (22,508 jobs); Transportation and Warehousing (20,037 jobs); Finance and Insurance (19,205 jobs); and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (15,580 jobs). Employment in the state grew at its highest rate of 10.2 percent in Construction and was followed by Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (10.1 percent). Management of Companies and Enterprises had the highest job loss (-9,881 jobs) and was followed by Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction with 8,148 jobs lost and 3,597 jobs lost in Information.
The two industries with the largest percent decreases were Not Classified Industries (-36.4 percent) and Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction (-25.3 percent).

**Figure 3. United States Employment by Industry, 2012 and 2016**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure 3 indicates that an employment increase in 2014 - 2018 occurred in eighteen sectors of the national economy. Mining, Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction had the highest job loss of 153,273 jobs and it was followed by Not Classified Industries with a loss of 4,309 jobs. Not Classified Industries had the largest percent decrease at 23.7 percent. The highest growth occurred in Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (1,708,482 jobs) and Health Care and Social Assistance (1,646,715 jobs). Employment in the nation grew at its highest rate of 19.5 percent in Construction and was followed by
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (16.1 percent) and Transportation and Warehousing with 14.2 percent.