Income

Per Capita Income

Per capita income in the seven-county Northeastern Pennsylvania region has historically been lower than the state and nation. Figure 1 provides detailed information from 1979, 1989, 1999 and the average over 2015 - 2019. In 1979, 1989 and 1999, the United States and Pennsylvania had a per capita income that was higher than all seven Northeastern Pennsylvania counties. Also, in 1979, 1989 and 1999, Pike and Monroe counties had a per capita income that was closest to the nation and state. According to 2015 - 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, Pike County had the highest per capita income in the region ($34,589). However, it was lower than the state ($34,352) and nation ($34,103).

Figure 1. Per Capita Income, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2015 - 2019

Median Household Income

According to Figure 2, Luzerne County (16.5 percent) had the highest percent increase in median household income, and it was followed by Schuylkill County (14.8 percent). Luzerne County
Income Statistics exceeded the percent increase for the state (15.2 percent) and region (13.1 percent). All the counties had a percent increase that was above the 8.0 percent rate of inflation between 2015 and 2019.

Figure 2. Estimated Median Household Income, 2015 and 2019

![Estimated Median Household Income, 2015 and 2019 chart]

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figures 3 and 4 provide the percent of region and county median household income to that of Pennsylvania and the United States, respectively. Between 2015 and 2019, the percentage of area median household income increased in Luzerne County when based on the state. There were no counties with an increase when it is based on the nation. The percentage of median household income to the state and nation exceeded 100 percent in Monroe and Pike counties. This occurred as a result of the migration to those two counties by people who work in the New York City area.
Figure 3. Percent of Region and County Median Household Income to that of Pennsylvania, 2015 and 2019

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Figure 4. Percent of Region and County Median Household Income to that of the United States, 2015 and 2019

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