Poverty

According to 2015 - 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, the poverty rate in five of the seven Northeastern Pennsylvania counties was lower than the nation (13.4 percent). Lackawanna and Luzerne counties both had a poverty rate of 14.7 percent, which was the highest poverty rate. Poverty at the regional level (13.2 percent) was lower than the nation and higher than the state (12.4 percent). Carbon County (11.7 percent), Monroe County (11.2 percent), Pike County (9.5 percent), Schuylkill County (12.4 percent) and Wayne County (11.4 percent) each had a poverty rate that was lower than the region, state, and nation.

Poverty Rates, 2015 - 2019

Source: U.S. Census Bureau