



Pennsylvania Workforce Development Areas

Sector Focus

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The Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) in Pennsylvania have identified specific sectors that hold promise in terms of future employment. Initiatives for the identified sectors have been developed by the WDAs to integrate workforce and economic development strategies that highlight the needs of employers in an identified industry and potential employees for the sector. Because they bring workforce development, economic development, and other partners together, sector strategies can result in more efficient use of public resources¹.

Sectors included could experience job growth or decline over the next several years, but they are expected to remain vital to the community. The sectors for the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Areas listed below were identified by reviewing Workforce Development Area websites, local plans, and resources related to local and strategic planning, targeted industries, and industry clusters and partnerships. When using this information for programmatic decisions, please confirm the accuracy with local Workforce Development Board staff to ensure that there is alignment with the local plan.

Workforce Development Area

Allegheny County

Focus Sectors

Construction

Energy

Healthcare

Information Technology

Manufacturing

¹ Adapted from: National Association of Workforce Boards & The National Network of Sector Partners Linking Industries, Communities, and Workers. (n.d.). *The road to sector success: A guide for workforce boards*. Retrieved from <http://www.centraliowawib.com/SectorStrategies.pdf>

Workforce Development Area

Berks County

Focus Sectors

Agriculture

Healthcare

Logistics and Transportation and Warehousing

Manufacturing (*Precision Machining, Industrial Maintenance/Mechatronics*)

Bucks County

Advanced Materials and Diversified Manufacturing (Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Parts and Auxiliary Equipment)

Bio Medical

Business and Financial Services

Education

Healthcare

Logistics and Transportation

Lumber, Wood, and Paper

Central

Advanced Manufacturing

Healthcare

Logistics and Transportation

Real Estate and Finance and Insurance

Chester County

Agriculture

Business Services and Information Technology

Energy

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Manufacturing

Workforce Development Area

Delaware County

Focus Sectors

Healthcare and Social Assistance
Information Technology and Professional Services
Manufacturing

Lackawanna County

Finance and Information Technology
Healthcare
Manufacturing and Business
Transportation, Logistics, and Warehousing

Lancaster County

Agriculture/Agribusiness
Construction
Healthcare and Social Assistance
Live Entertainment
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics

Lehigh Valley

Accommodations and Food Service
Administrative Support
Construction
Healthcare and Social Assistance
Professional Scientific and Technical
Retail Trade
Transportation and Warehousing

Workforce Development Area

Luzerne-Schuylkill

Focus Sectors

Advanced Manufacturing
Food Processing
Healthcare
Logistics and Transportation

Montgomery County

Business/Financial/Information Technology
Healthcare
Manufacturing

North Central

Business Services
Healthcare and Social Assistance
Hospitality
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics

Northern Tier

Energy (Natural Gas)
Healthcare and Social Assistance
Manufacturing
Retail and Hospitality
Technology
Transportation and Logistics

Northwest

Advanced Manufacturing
Building and Construction Trades
Healthcare and Social Assistance

Workforce Development Area

Philadelphia County

Focus Sectors

Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics
Business and Financial Services
Construction and Infrastructure
Early Childhood Education
Healthcare/Behavioral Health
Hospitality and Retail Trade
Information Technology (Technology Services)

Poconos Counties

Energy
Food Processing
Healthcare
Logistics and Transportation

South Central

Advanced Manufacturing
Healthcare
Logistics and Transportation

Southern Alleghenies

Advanced Manufacturing
Building and Construction
Business Services
Healthcare
Transportation and Logistics

Workforce Development Area

Southwest Corner

Focus Sectors

Advanced Manufacturing
Building and Construction
Energy (Mining, Oil, and Natural Gas)
Healthcare
Transportation and Logistics

Tri-County

Building and Construction
Business Services
Energy
Healthcare
Hospitality
Transportation

West Central

Building and Construction
Healthcare
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics

Westmoreland-Fayette

Advanced Manufacturing
Energy
Healthcare
Transportation