

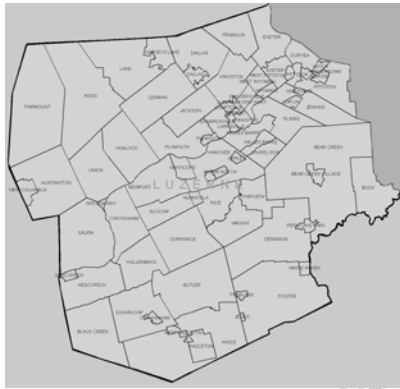
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# Demographics



# Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

## 2000 Demographic Profile



### General Characteristics

| General Characteristics                    | Number  |
|--|---------|
| Total population                           | 319,250 |
| Male                                       | 153,795 |
| Female                                     | 165,455 |
| Median age (years)                         | 40.8    |
| Under 5 years                              | 15,811  |
| 18 years and over                          | 252,184 |
| 65 years and over                          | 62,740  |
| One race                                   | 317,435 |
| White                                      | 308,476 |
| Black or African American                  | 5,408   |
| American Indian and Alaska Native          | 285     |
| Asian                                      | 1,860   |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 47      |
| Some other race                            | 1,359   |
| Two or more races                          | 1,815   |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race)           | 3,713   |
| Household population                       | 306,387 |
| Group quarters population                  | 12,863  |
| Average household size                     | 2.34    |
| Average family size                        | 2.95    |
| Total housing units                        | 144,686 |
| Occupied housing units                     | 130,687 |
| Owner-occupied housing units               | 91,914  |
| Renter-occupied housing units              | 38,773  |
| Vacant housing units                       | 13,999  |

### Economic Characteristics

| Economic Characteristics   | Number  |
|--|---------|
| In labor force (population 16 years and over)                      | 151,869 |
| Mean travel time to work in minutes (population 16 years and over) | 21.2    |
| Median household income (dollars)                                  | 33,771  |
| Median family income (dollars)                                     | 43,335  |
| Per capita income (dollars)  | 18,228  |
| Families below poverty level                                       | 6,827   |
| Individuals below poverty level                                    | 34,136  |

### Social Characteristics

| Social Characteristics  | Number  |
|---|---------|
| Population 25 years and over  | 226,374 |
| High school graduate or higher  | 183,484 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher   | 37,036  |
| Civilian veterans (population 18 years and over)                          | 40,016  |
| Disability status (population 21 to 64 years)                             | 34,583  |
| Foreign born  | 6,171   |
| Male, Now married (population 15 years and over)                          | 69,858  |
| Female, Now married (population 15 years and over)                        | 68,325  |
| Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over) | 15,580  |

### Housing Characteristics

| Housing Characteristics                | Number |
|--|--------|
| Single-family owner-occupied home      | 78,799 |
| Median value (dollars)                 | 84,800 |
| Median of selected monthly owner costs | (X)    |
| With a mortgage                        | 865    |
| Not mortgaged                          | 303    |

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3)

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