

Fayette County 2022

Many know Fayette County for being located in the middle of the scenic Laurel Highlands, home to some of the most world-renown tourist attractions and outdoor recreation. What may not be as well-known is its significance to the world economy through many multi-national and major corporations with operations here. Fayette's diverse economy, based in healthcare, agriculture, tourism, energy, logistics, manufacturing, and emerging industries like informational technology and biotech, coupled with its quality of life amenities, and proximity to metropolitan areas, makes it a desirable place to live, work, play, and prosper.

Geography and natural resources played a major role in the shaping of the area. With fertile land, transportation resources, and its strategic location to Pittsburgh, Fayette County first became a crossroads of business and commerce, and then an industrial powerhouse, as its coal and mineral resources were extracted and brought to market, fueling and building the nation. Uniontown, the county seat, once boasted the most millionaires per capita anywhere in the US.

Today, building upon that legacy continues. The County's stunning natural beauty, combined with its easy access to mid-Atlantic metropolitan markets and urban communities in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland, make it an ideal place to live, work, play and prosper. The region, commonly known as the Laurel Highlands, is located within a 500 miles radius of over one half of the population of the United States and Canada.

Both existing and new companies continue to be attracted to the County's business amenities, which, in addition to proximity and access to markets. Those include abundant and inexpensive utilities, a cost-effective workforce, numerous development-ready sites and buildings in several business parks, state and local incentives, numerous workforce development programs and training, and second to none business support services from local and regional economic development groups.

Healthcare has continued to move forward as a leading industry and workforce generator. The primary healthcare facility in Fayette is now fully owned and operated by WVU Medicine. Since purchase of the Uniontown facility, WVU has expanded to include a new cancer center, pediatrics, and orthopedics. The facility has continued expansion plans. Also on the healthcare front, Exela Health has announced the development of a new outpatient and ambulatory care center.

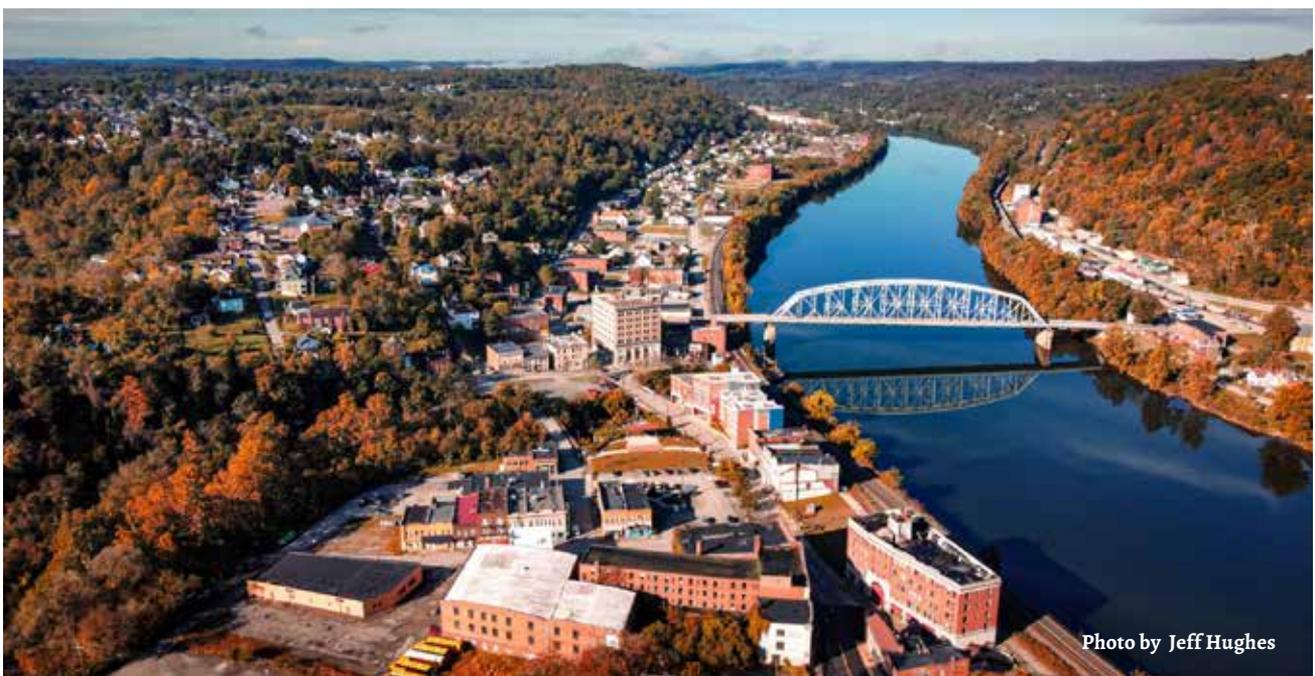


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An ideal location for business development and sustainability, Fayette County is home to many high-technology and defense contractors, including Boeing's Defense, Space and Security division; Advanced Acoustic Concepts that specialize in manufacturing undersea warfare systems; and Johnson Matthey that produces and supplies catalytic converters to the majority of diesel vehicles built in the western hemisphere. Microdiamant is a global technological leader in micron diamond precision surface finishing, widely used in over 20 countries across the US, Europe, and Asia; TSI touch manufactures touch sensitive overlay screens for commercial grade displays; and PTC is an "Internet of Things" software developer with 6,000 employees in 30 countries.

Just as important as attracting new business, Fayette has been fortunate to offer local companies a supportive environment making it possible for them to successfully start-up, operate, and grow here for decades. Some of those companies include, Crown Cork & Seal, the global leader in metal packaging technology with operations in 43 countries; Packaging Services Inc., a producer of custom cardboard packaging products for large industrial and retail customers; Hranec Corp., a steel fabricator and ductwork manufacturer; COE Distributing, a nationwide wholesale office furniture distributor; and Specialty Conduit & Manufacturing, which manufactures pipes, nipples, joints, etc. for the plumbing, electrical, and fiber optic industries, and recently started an affiliate operation, Fayette Pipe, to expand its capabilities.

Fayette continues to position itself for progress. Tens of millions of dollars are being invested in commercial and industrial land, building, and infrastructure development. Fay-Penn alone has nine different sites totaling more than 1,000 acres of available property (many with tax-free incentives), and numerous buildings



with leasable space. One of the newest developments currently underway in the southern end of the county is a 100,500 square foot speculative building designed to attract a large manufacturing or distribution center. Additional large scale projects are currently being planned in various locations throughout the county. Energy and utility improvements and diversification is also part of the county's efforts to position itself for growth. The construction of new solar energy farms are in the works to compliment other energy sources including gas and oil, and a 23 wind turbine South Chestnut Ridge Wind Farm. Broadband expansion is currently underway to serve underserved rural communities.

Complementing the robust business community are the County's livability amenities that make it attractive for retaining workforce and drawing visitors. The Great Allegheny Passage bike trail connects Pittsburgh to Washington, DC and traverses the County with breathtaking scenery of mountains, rivers, and gorges. The Passage alone generates about 80,000 visitors a year. The Youghiogheny River offers world-class whitewater adventures through Ohiopyle State Park. Frank Lloyd Wright's amazing organic architectural designs of Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, and Polymath Park are within a few miles of each other. Fort Necessity saw the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The spectacular Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort continues to be a global "must visit" destination. And nearby Seven Springs is a nationally-renowned ski resort. The County's numerous forests, game lands, parks and mountains provide some of the best four-season recreation anywhere in the eastern United States.

Fayette County is an ideal location for living, working, playing, and prospering. With its majestic mountain scenery and outdoor adventure, thriving communities, business and entrepreneurial support, and much more, here you will find that delicate balance between work and play. There is much more to learn about Fayette County, just as there is much more to tell.



 **COUNTY FACTS**

- 2019 Population: **129,274**
- Total Number of Municipalities: **42**
- County Seat: Uniontown
- Land Area (sq. mi.): **790.3**
- 2018 Population Density (people per mile): **165**
- 2018 Total number of employers: **2,846**
- 2018 Total jobs in county: **39,224**
- 2018 Total labor force: **57,081**
- 2018 Total employed residents: **53,754**
- 2018 Earnings per job (mean): **\$38,073**
- 2018 Median household income: **\$41,632**
- 2017 - 2018 Public High School Graduates: **1,135**
- - Post-secondary placement rate: **60.0%**
- 2018 Population 25 and over: **97,009**
- - with high school degree or higher: **87.9%**
- - with bachelor's degree or higher: **15.4%**

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, PA Department of Education, PA Department of Labor & Industry, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Largest Municipality:
North Union Township: **Pop 12,240**

Additional municipalities:
Belle Vernon
Brownsville
Connellsville
Masontown
Point Marion
Uniontown



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TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product(s)
Nemacolin Woodlands Resort	Resort
Walmart	Retail
Uniontown Hospital	Health Care
Sensus USA	Manufacturing
Highlands Hospital	Health Care
ProFrac Services LLC	Hydraulic Fracturing
Teletch Holdings	Call Center
NiSource Corporate Service	Energy
Maak Alamo LLC	Restaurants
Argon ST Inc	Design and Engineering

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