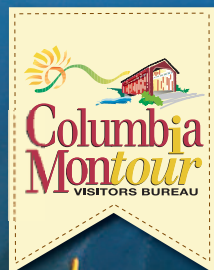


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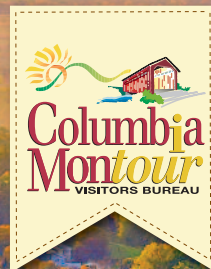
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- **Total Population:** 65,400
- **Educational Attainment:**  
44.8% High school Diploma,  
13.5% Bachelor's Degree,  
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- **Labor Force:** 32,234
- **Unemployment:** 5.8%
- **Top Jobs by Occupation:**  
15.7% Office and Administrative Support, 11.1% Sales,  
8.2% Executive Managers and Administrators, 7.9% Production Workers, 6.4% Education/ Training/Library
- **Household Income:** \$52,200
- **Home Owners:** 69.2%
- **Renters:** 30.8%



- **Total Population:** 18,200
- **Educational Attainment:**  
40.1% High School Diploma,  
15.05% Bachelor's Degree,  
13.07% Graduate Degree.
- **Labor Force:** 8,836
- **Unemployment:** 4.3%
- **Top Jobs by Occupation:**  
15.3% Office and Administrative Support, 12.8% Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, 9% Healthcare Support, 6.5% Executive Managers and Administrators, 6.5% Production Workers
- **Household Income:** \$51,623
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## Demographics

- Founded: 1786
- Population: 10,327
- Leading Industry: Manufacturing
- Median Age: 46
- Median Household Income: \$43,750



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- Berwick is home to Wise Foods (Potato Chips and Snacks)
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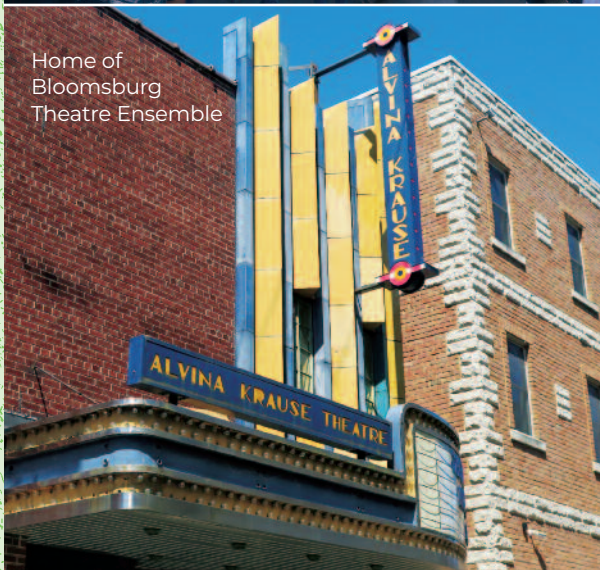
## Demographics

- Founded: 1802
- Population: 12,711\*
- Leading Industries: Education, Health Care, and Social Assistance
- Median Age: 24
- Median Household Income: \$41,035



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- Median Age: 41
- Median Household Income: \$36,301





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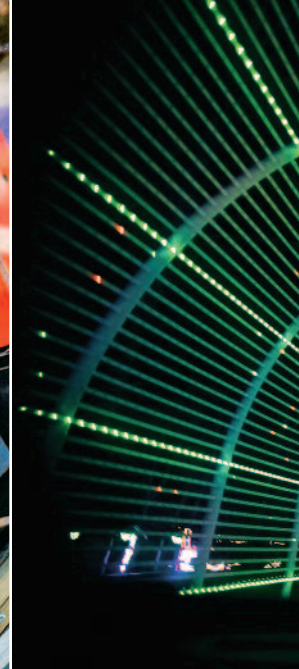


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# Arts & Culture



Briggs Farm Blues Festival  
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Artspace Gallery, Bloomsburg



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Gallery at Greenly Center



Art and culture is thriving in Columbia & Montour Counties with live theater, music, art galleries, and performances.



Bloomburg Theatre Ensemble  
photo by Bob Rush



Weis Center at Bucknell University  
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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Arts in Bloom:** [bloomu.edu/arts-in-bloom](http://bloomu.edu/arts-in-bloom)

**Artspace Gallery:** [artspacebloomsburg.com](http://artspacebloomsburg.com)

**The Berwick Theater and Center for Community Arts:** [theberwicktheater.org](http://theberwicktheater.org)

**Bloomburg Theatre Ensemble:** [bte.org](http://bte.org)

**Briggs Farm Blues Festival:** [briggsfarm.com](http://briggsfarm.com)

**Commonwealth University – Bloomsburg Galleries:** [bloomu.edu/performing-arts-facilities](http://bloomu.edu/performing-arts-facilities)

**The Exchange:** [exchangearts.org](http://exchangearts.org)

## Area Community Arts Groups

**Berwick Arts Association:**  
[berwickartsassociation.com](http://berwickartsassociation.com)

**Danville Arts Council:** [danvilleareaarts.org](http://danvilleareaarts.org)

**Fishing Creek Players:** [fishingcreekplayers.org](http://fishingcreekplayers.org)

**North Mountain Art League:**  
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Lions Gate Apartments,  
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## Real Estate Comparison of our Largest Communities

### **Bloomsburg**

- Total Housing Units: 5,207
- Median Home Age: 40 years
- Median Home Value: \$235,000
- Median Rent per Month: \$1,305

### **Danville**

- Total Housing Units: 8,130
- Median Home Age: 45 years
- Median Home Value: \$250,000
- Median Rent per Month: \$1,500

### **Berwick**

- Total Housing Units: 4,947
- Median Home Age: 32 years
- Median Home Value: \$178,000
- Median Rent per Month: \$800

**Source:** Barbara Hamilton,  
Central Susquehanna Valley Board of REALTORS®





With top rated school districts and higher education opportunities in our own backyard, Columbia and Montour Counties are great places to raise children and prepare them for their future.



## Higher Education

### **Commonwealth University – Bloomsburg**

57 undergraduate majors  
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Over 7,400 student enrollment  
More than 250 student clubs and organizations

### **Luzerne County Community College**

Two-year comprehensive community college with an extension office in Berwick. Over 100 academic, technical, and career-training programs

### **Other nearby institutions**

Bucknell University • King's College  
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Pennsylvania College of Technology  
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## Private, Parochial, & Online Schools

### **Private**

Greenwood Friends School, Preschool - 8

### **Parochial**

Bloomsburg Christian School, Pre K – 12  
Columbia County Christian School, K - 12  
St. Columba Catholic School, Preschool - 8  
St. Joseph School, Preschool - 8  
Saint Cyril, Preschool & Kindergarten

### **Online**

The Keystone School, K - 12





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Luzerne County Community College Berwick extension



## Early Childhood Education

### Danville Child Care Development Center

High quality early childhood education and care in a safe, nurturing environment. National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation, Department of Education Preschool License.

### Columbia Child Development Program Head Start & Child Care Services

Two area locations with NAEYC Accreditation and a STARS 4 Program.

## Regional School Districts



### Benton Area

Student Population:	635
Student Teacher Ratio:	12:1
Graduation Rate:	96%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	57%
AP Participation:	14%
Early College:	37%



### Berwick Area

Student Population:	2600
Student Teacher Ratio:	14:1
Graduation Rate:	90%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	33%
AP Participation:	23%
Early College:	15%



### Bloomsburg Area

Student Population:	1530
Student Teacher Ratio:	14:1
Graduation Rate:	90%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	76%
AP Participation:	17%
Early College:	75%



### Central Columbia Area

Student Population:	1907
Student Teacher Ratio:	14:1
Graduation Rate:	98%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	64%
AP Participation:	52%
Early College:	32%



### Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech

Student Population:	620
Student Teacher Ratio:	13:1
Graduation Rate:	95%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	91%
AP Participation:	1%
Early College:	12%



### Danville Area

Student Population:	2171
Student Teacher Ratio:	12:1
Graduation Rate:	99%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	47%
AP Participation:	47%
Early College:	4%



### Millville Area

Student Population:	553
Student Teacher Ratio:	8:1
Graduation Rate:	100%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	40%
AP Participation:	36%
Early College:	0%



### Southern Columbia Area

Student Population:	1240
Student Teacher Ratio:	13:1
Graduation Rate:	99%
Rigorous Courses of Study:	60%
AP Participation:	41%
Early College:	38%



# Health & Wellness



## HEALTHCARE

Residents of Columbia and Montour counties have access to the finest healthcare practitioners and facilities available anywhere.



### Area Hospitals

#### Geisinger Medical Center

Ownership Type: Not-for-profit  
Primary Services: General Medical and Surgical  
Personnel: 6,400+  
Total Beds: 505  
Annual Admissions: 28,000+  
Annual Outpatient Visits: 1.5 million+  
Annual Births: 1,900+  
Founded: 1915

#### Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital

Ownership Type: Not-for-profit  
Primary Services: General Medical and Surgical  
Personnel: 400+  
Total Beds: 60  
Annual Admissions: 2,100+  
Annual Outpatient Visits: 117,500+  
Annual Births: 430+  
Founded: 1905 (part of Geisinger since 2012)

2022 data

Geisinger Woodbine Lane, Danville







Geisinger Medical Center, Danville  
photo by Geisinger



## SENIOR LIVING

**Columbia and Montour counties offer a wide variety of senior care and senior living facilities. These options range from independent and assisted living communities to complete care facilities and providers.**

Americare Home Care Services • Brookdale Bloomsburg Senior Living  
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Compassus Bloomsburg Hospice • Heritage Heights Apartments  
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The Gardens at Millville • Traditional Home Care



Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital



# Business

The Columbia and Montour County area has a diversity of solid industries to keep the economy stable and positioned for growth.

## & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**The Columbia and Montour County area** is fortunate to have a diversity of industries to keep the economy stable and positioned for growth. Healthcare, higher education, and well-established manufacturers are the basis of an economic core that is less susceptible to turbulent economic times. This diversity also provides a wide range of employment opportunities. The area's assets combined with abundant business resources provide an environment that supports existing employers and foster new business development.

**A comprehensive network of support services** exists to assist the growth of businesses ranging from home-based startups to large manufacturers. The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce serves as a clearinghouse to connect employers with resources.



Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Meeting



Columbia Business Park,  
Bloomsburg





Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony,  
Frosty Valley Resort, Montour County

## Economic/Industrial Development

Professionally staffed economic development organizations can shepherd a project from beginning to end, assisting with site selection and development, zoning and permitting, infrastructure, logistics, and funding.

- **Berwick Industrial Development Association (B.I.D.A.)** – [bida.com](http://bida.com)
- **DRIVE** – [driveindustry.com](http://driveindustry.com)

## Downtown Enhancement

Safe, vibrant downtowns are at the heart of our communities. These organizations work to attract people into the central business districts, support the small businesses located there, and encourage new business development.

- **Danville Business Alliance** – [visitdanvillepa.org](http://visitdanvillepa.org)
- **Downtown Bloomsburg Inc.** – [downtownbloomsburg.org](http://downtownbloomsburg.org)
- **Community Strategies Group** – [csgpa.org](http://csgpa.org)

## Business Services & Entrepreneurship

Local small business development centers (SBDC) offer free consulting for entrepreneurs and regularly hold a variety of free or nominal-fee courses.



Bucknell  
SBDC



Wilkes  
SBDC

Montour County is served by the **Bucknell University SBDC**, and Columbia County is served by the **Wilkes University SBDC**. SBDCs also host local business incubators and shared workspaces.

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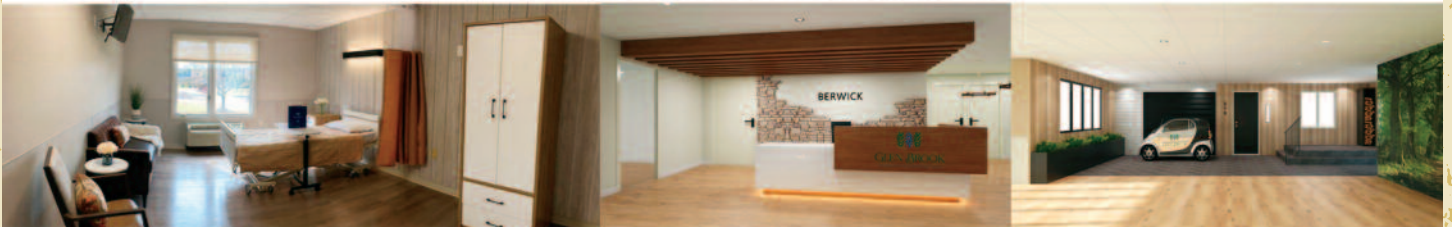


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## Workforce Development

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**The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce** – Developing programs for workplace wellness, leadership, skills development, and career exploration, the Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

organization that bridges the gap between business, industry, and education.

## Economic Development



The Chamber and Visitor's Bureau collaborate with other organizations to foster business success and growth in Columbia and Montour Counties. Scan the QR code to learn more.

## Area Information

**The Press Enterprise** produces a wide variety of special publications featuring important area information. They are available for download or viewing by scanning the QR code.

**Real Estate Plus** – A local asset to home buyers and sellers alike.

**The Good News** – This is a local guide to houses of worship in the area.

**Health & Wellness** – Connect with healthcare professionals.

**Living Well** – Connects those retired with new and exciting adventures.

**Focus: Close to Home** – Includes more about education, emergency services, healthcare, history, recreation, and voter information.



## Philanthropy & Nonprofit Service

Connect with ways to give back to our community through service and philanthropy with the **Community Giving Foundation**, [csgiving.org](http://csgiving.org) and the **Susquehanna Valley United Way**, [svuw.org](http://svuw.org). Both organizations have many nonprofit affiliates and partners.



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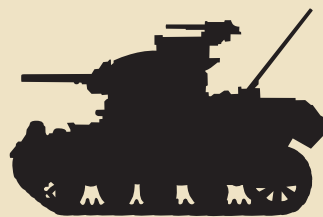
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