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FOOD AND BEVERAGE

INDUSTRY REPORT

FOR NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (NEPA)



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INTRODUCTION

Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA), consisting of Northern I-81 Corridor communities such as Scranton, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton, has long been a magnet for food and beverage manufacturing and distribution operations.

Several factors have combined to grow the food industry in NEPA. These include quick access to raw materials and the Northeast's consumption zones, an available, quality, and affordable labor supply, abundant and reliable utilities, and a wide variety of affordable sites and buildings with room for expansion.

COMPANIES WITH FOOD OR BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS IN NEPA

- Americold
- Banko Beverage
- Bimbo Bakeries
- Campbell's/Snyder's Lance
- Chewy.com
- Coca Cola
- Core-Mark
- Core X
- Flowers Foods
- Gress Refrigerated Services & Logistics
- Henningsen Cold Storage
- Herr's Food Products
- ID Logistics
- igourmet.com
- Lineage
- McLane Co.
- Nestle Health Science
- PepsiCo
- Pero Family Farms
- Red Bull
- Romark Logistics
- Tastee Choice
- U.S. Cold Storage
- US Foods
- UTZ Brands
- Walmart
- Wegmans Food Markets

COMPANIES WITH FOOD OR BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PLANTS IN NEPA

- Alpha Group
- Aspire Bakeries
- Ateeco (Mrs. T's Pierogies)
- Bakkavor
- Barry Callebaut
- Bazooka Candy Brands
- Bimbo Bakeries
- BC Bundt
- Cargill
- Citterio USA
- D.G. Yuengling & Son
- Gertrude Hawk Chocolates
- Gonnella Frozen Products
- The Hershey Company
- J&J Snack Foods
- J.M. Smucker Company
- Lion Brewery
- Little Leaf Farms
- Maid-Rite Specialty Foods
- Michael Foods Egg Products
- Mission Foods (GRUMA)
- Nardone Brothers Baking
- National Bakery
- Niagara
- USHydrations
- Pasqualichio Brothers
- Pittston Co-Packers
- Quaker Oats (Gatorade)
- Topps Company, Inc.
- Wise Foods







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INTERSTATES MEET IN NEPA

LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

NEPA is in the center of the Boston/Washington Corridor and is at the confluence of six major highways. Interstates 81, 80, 84, 380, 476, and 78 meet here and provide excellent access to firms wishing to serve Maine to Virginia and west to Ohio.

Interstates 81, 80, 84, 380, and 78 are toll-free in NEPA. There are no major bridges or tunnels in the region to delay truck departures or arrivals.

The region's main highway, I-81, runs from the US/Canadian border in the North to Knoxville, Tennessee in the South. I-81 intersects several major East-West highways, which include I-80 (access to New York City), I-78 (access to the Lehigh Valley and New Jersey), I-84/I-90 (access to Boston), I-76 (access to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia), I-70/I-270 (access to Washington DC), and I-83 (access to Baltimore).

The drive time from the center of NEPA to the Port of Philadelphia is two hours. The drive from NEPA to the Port of New York/New Jersey takes just over 2.5 hours.

More than 99 million people, about one third of the nation's population, live within a 500 mile radius of NEPA, and more than 51 million people live within 200 miles. New York City, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Syracuse can all be reached in about two hours. More than 49 million people live within a four-hour drive from the center of NEPA, and more than 62 million live within five hours.

Numerous nationally-known truckload and less than truckload firms are active in NEPA including ABF Freight, A. Duie Pyle, Central Transport International, Estes Express Lines, FedEx, J.B. Hunt Transport Services, NFI Logistics, Old Dominion Freight Line, Pitt Ohio Transportation Group, Prime, Inc., R+L Carriers, Schneider National, SAIA Motor Freight Line, UPS, Ward Trucking, and Western Express. In addition to these national and super-regional carriers, NEPA is served by dozens of locally owned trucking companies, offering flexible capacity and specialized services for regional distribution.

FedEx Ground, UPS, and DHL have multiple facilities in NEPA. UPS has an operation at an entrance to CenterPoint Commerce & Trade Park East, near Pittston, PA, while FedEx Ground and DHL are located in an adjacent business park.

Several rail freight operators serve Northeastern Pennsylvania, providing critical connectivity for bulk commodities, manufacturing inputs, and intermodal distribution.

These include Norfolk Southern Railway, a Class I railroad offering direct access to national and international markets, as well as regional and short line operators such as Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad and the Luzerne & Susquehanna Railway (operated by the R.J. Corman Railroad Group).

Rail infrastructure in the region is supported by the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority (PNRRA), which owns and maintains key rail lines and partners with private operators to deliver freight service to local industries.

CITIES WITHIN A

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HOUR

DRIVE FROM NEPA

CITY	DRIVE TIME	CITY	DRIVE TIME
Allentown, PA	1:09	Syracuse, NY	2:17
Binghamton, NY	1:15	Altoona, PA	2:45
Newburgh, NY	1:46	Waterbury, CT	2:47
Philadelphia, PA	1:47	Dover, DE	2:52
Harrisburg, PA	1:48	Albany, NY	2:54
Reading, PA	1:55	Bridgeport, CT	2:58
Trenton, NJ	2:04	Baltimore, MD	2:59
Edison, NJ	2:09	Hartford, CT	3:14
Wilmington, DE	2:09	Rochester, NY	3:40
State College, PA	2:11	Arlington, VA	3:46
New York City, NY	2:12	Washington D.C.	3:59
White Plains, NY	2:15		

NEPA is served by two primary commercial airports: Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP) and Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP) offers convenient access to major hub airports with daily nonstop flights to cities such as Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and Chicago, along with additional connecting service to destinations nationwide. Air service is provided by major carriers including American Airlines and United Airlines. AVP is also home to Aviation Technologies, a premier fixed-base operator serving corporate and private aviation needs. Learn more at flyavp.com.

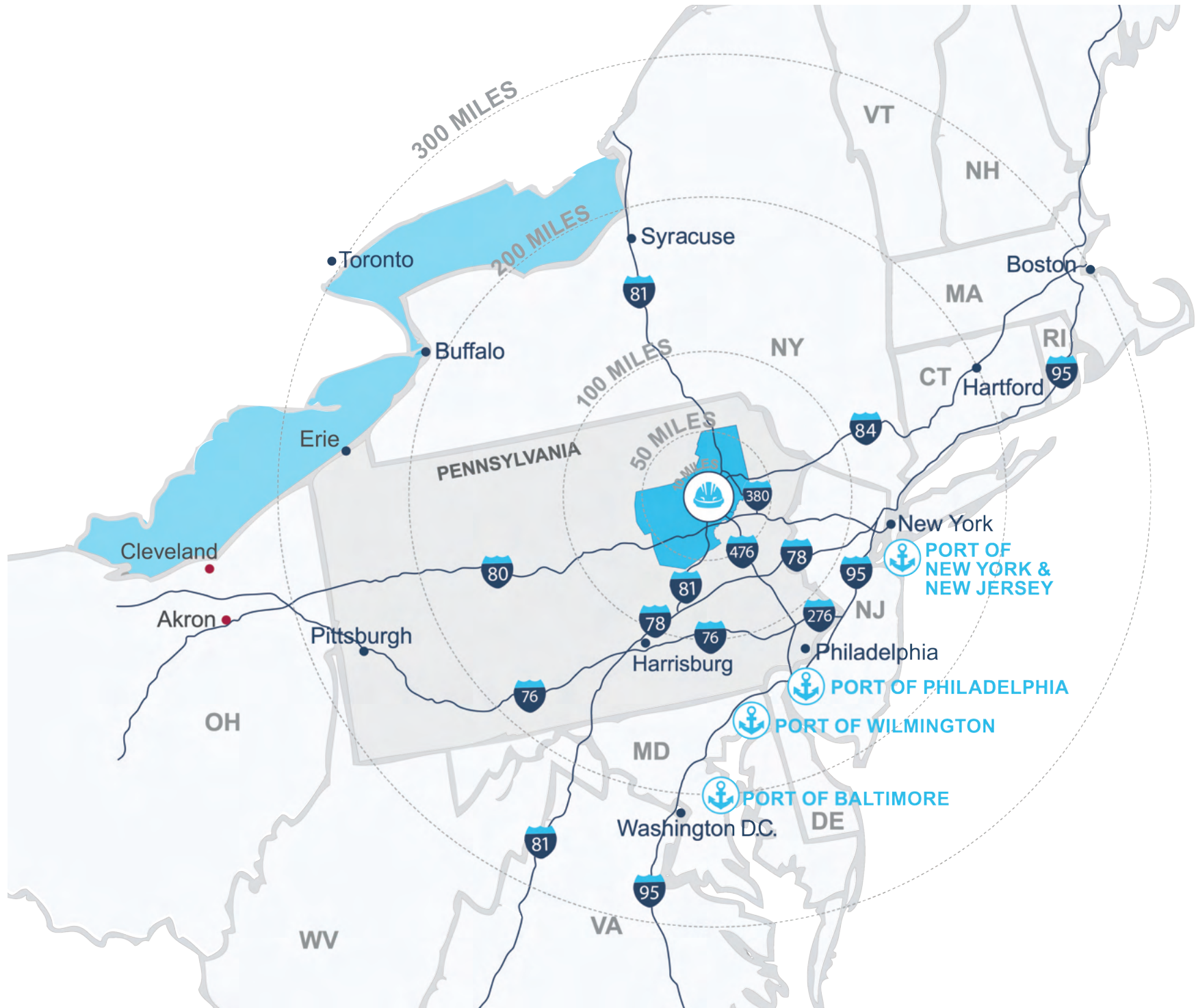
Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), located approximately one hour south of NEPA, provides a range of nonstop destinations and serves as a key regional air travel option. ABE offers direct service to major hubs including Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, and Detroit, as well as popular leisure destinations in Florida and the Southeast. Multiple airlines operate from ABE, providing extensive connectivity for both business and leisure travelers. Learn more at flyabe.org.

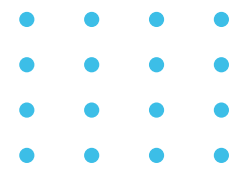
ACCESS TO CONSUMPTION ZONES FROM CENTER OF NEPA

DRIVE TIME	POPULATION
1 HOUR	1,003,168
2 HOURS	9,894,168
3 HOURS	34,436,614
4 HOURS	49,507,999
5 HOURS	62,492,498

Source: Esri







REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE ADVANTAGES FOR FOOD & BEVERAGE COMPANIES IN NEPA

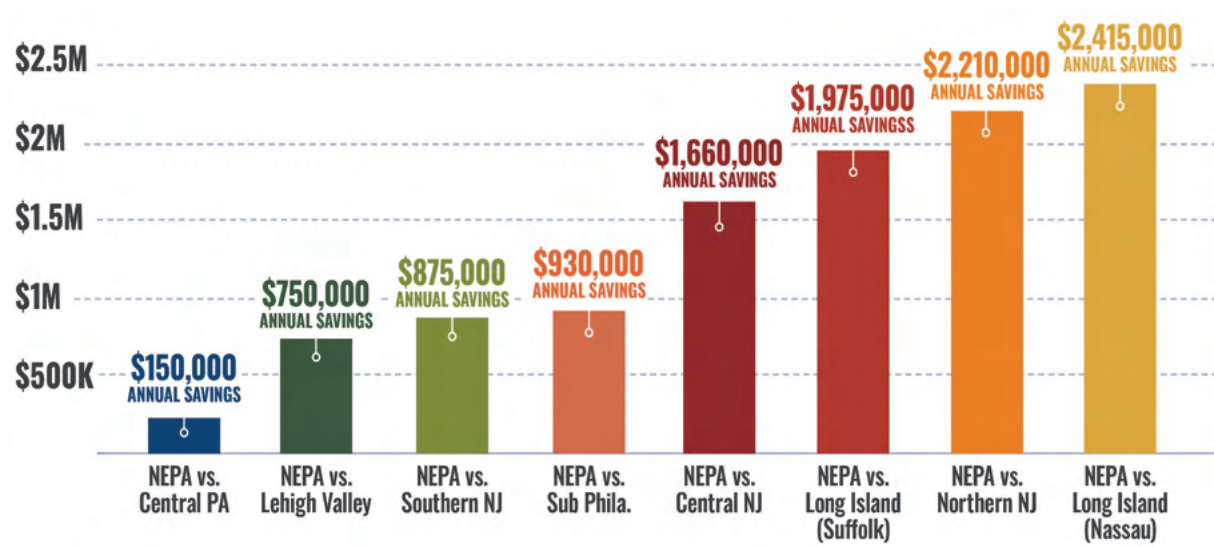
Food and beverage companies in Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) benefit from a highly competitive real estate environment that supports both manufacturing and distribution operations.

One of NEPA's most significant advantages is cost. Industrial lease rates are substantially lower than in major Northeast markets such as Northern New Jersey, Central New Jersey, and Long Island. In many cases, companies can reduce base lease costs by 40–60%, while also benefiting from lower operating expenses, including taxes, utilities, and maintenance.

NEPA also offers a wide range of modern industrial facilities, including bulk warehouses, flex manufacturing space, and build-to-suit opportunities tailored to food processing, packaging, cold storage, and distribution.

Speed to market is another key advantage. NEPA's many pre-permitted sites and speculative buildings allow companies to move from site selection to operation more quickly than in many competing markets, an important benefit for companies facing tight production schedules or shifting demand.

Finally, NEPA's business parks are designed for growth. Many sites offer ample land and infrastructure capacity, enabling companies to expand production or distribution without relocating.





20,000 +

PEOPLE WORK IN MERICLE-DEVELOPED PROPERTIES

DELIVERING REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS IN NEPA

Northeastern Pennsylvania's strength as a food and beverage hub is reflected in the number of companies operating here, including Bimbo Bakeries, PepsiCo, Campbell's/Snyder's-Lance, Mission Foods, Wegmans, Red Bull, and US Foods.

These companies benefit not only from NEPA's location and workforce, but also from the region's ability to consistently deliver industrial real estate solutions.

A network of experienced developers and contractors supports this growth, with many projects delivered through speculative construction and pre-permitted sites that allow for faster occupancy.

For food and beverage companies, successful projects in NEPA typically offer:

- Fast timelines supported by available buildings and ready sites
- Flexible space from small facilities to 1M+ SF operations
- Infrastructure readiness, including utilities and transportation access
- Efficient project delivery, from design through occupancy

Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services is one example of a developer active in this environment, having delivered 30 million of square feet of industrial space for a wide range of users in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mericle's vertically integrated "one-stop-shop" structure and its aggressive development of speculative industrial buildings and ReadyToGo!™ Sites are very helpful to food manufacturers and distributors operating under compressed timeframes wishing to deal with a single source.

All of Mericle's available buildings and sites can be reviewed at [mericle.com](https://www.mericle.com).

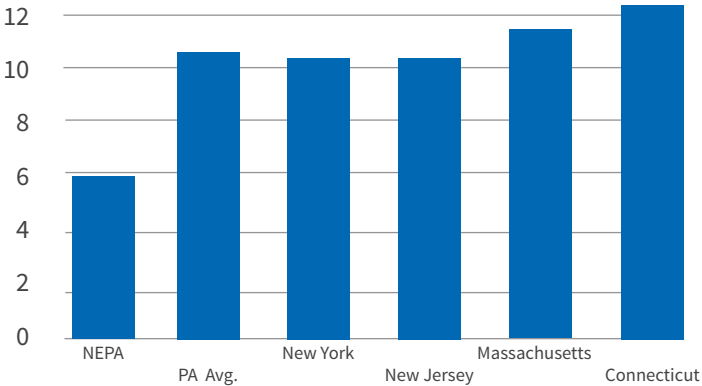
UTILITIES

NATURAL GAS

Northeastern Pennsylvania is located directly atop the Marcellus Shale, one of the most productive and lowest-cost natural gas basins in North America. This geographic advantage allows many industrial users in NEPA to access competitively priced natural gas supply, particularly when utilizing interruptible or direct supply arrangements.

While published state-level industrial natural gas prices include transportation and distribution costs, large users in NEPA can often achieve significantly lower effective commodity costs. As illustrated below, estimated NEPA industrial gas costs compare favorably to other Northeast markets, where delivered prices are typically higher.

Estimated Industrial Natural Gas Costs (2026)



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Natural Gas Monthly (2025 data); state industrial natural gas prices; industry estimates for Marcellus-based direct supply pricing.

WATER

Water quality is good and pressures are very strong. In fact, in some business parks, companies choose to install pressure reducers to control water pressure to their buildings.

The primary water supplier in NEPA is Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC). Via PAWC, several business parks in NEPA can provide very large quantities of water daily to industrial users.

“Serving Northeastern Pennsylvania, UGI Utilities is uniquely situated in the heart of the Marcellus Shale region. Our large commercial and industrial transportation customers have access to some of the most favorably priced natural gas in the country. Further, the abundance of supply in the region is expected to provide long term price stability, making the region a prime target for growth.”

DON BROMINSKI, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
UGI UTILITIES, WILKES-BARRE, PA



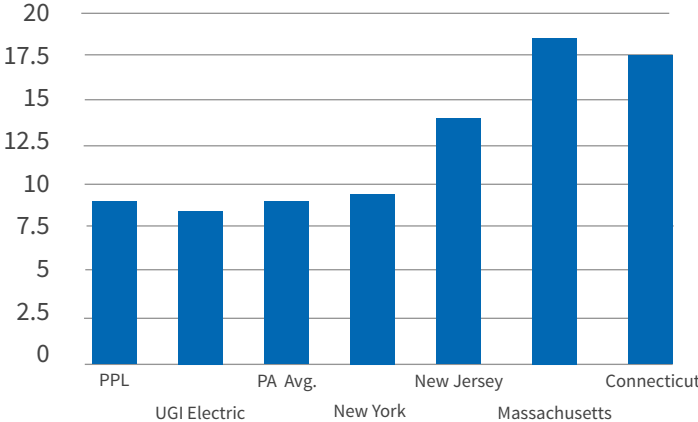
ELECTRICITY

Industrial users in Northeastern Pennsylvania benefit from access to competitive electric supply markets served by PPL Electric Utilities and UGI Utilities. While published utility default rates are higher, many large users procure power through Pennsylvania’s deregulated market, resulting in effective rates that are often at or below the statewide industrial average.

As illustrated below, estimated industrial electric rates in NEPA compare favorably to high-cost Northeast markets such as New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. This cost advantage can significantly reduce operating expenses for energy-intensive users, including food and beverage processors, cold storage operators, and advanced manufacturers

Redundant power is supplied to several local industrial and office parks via PPL Electric Utilities and UGI Utilities. In most parks, multiples of 4000 Amp service is offered.

Estimated Industrial Electric Rates (2026)



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Electric Power Monthly Table 5.6.B (2025 data); PPL Electric Utilities Price to Compare filings; UGI Utilities published rates; competitive market pricing estimates based on publicly available supplier data.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Multiple telecom vendors, including Verizon, Frontier Communications, Level 3, and Comcast serve the area and provide fiber, copper, and cable service to local business parks.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

More than 2,000 acres of land within Northeastern Pennsylvania are designated as part of **Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #24**, which is administered by the Eastern Distribution Center. Multiple properties are located within FTZ-designated sites, including significant portions of **CenterPoint Commerce & Trade Park and Grimes Industrial Park near Pittston, PA**, as well as sites within the **Jessup Small Business Center and Valley View Business Park near Scranton**.

Foreign Trade Zones are secure areas under U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) supervision that are considered outside of U.S. Customs duty payment requirements for certain purposes. Within an FTZ, companies may store, assemble, manufacture, or process imported and domestic goods with greater flexibility and efficiency.

FTZ designation allows companies to improve cash flow and reduce operating costs through a variety of benefits, including:

- **Duty deferral** on imported goods until they enter U.S. commerce
- **Duty reduction or elimination** through inverted tariff relief
- **Duty exemption on re-exports**
- **Elimination of duties on scrap, waste, or defective goods**
- **No duties on domestic content or value added within the zone**
- **Streamlined customs procedures and reduced administrative costs**

These advantages make FTZ sites in Northeastern Pennsylvania particularly attractive for manufacturers, distributors, and global logistics operations seeking to optimize supply chain efficiency.





THIRD PARTY LOGISTICS

In addition to the dozens of truckload and less than truckload companies with operations in NEPA, there are also numerous national and local **third party logistics (3PL)** companies here. These include Calex Logistics, Davinci Micro Fulfillment, DB Schenker, DHL, FedEx Supply Chain, FulFillPlus, Hub Group, ID Logistics, J.B. Hunt, Karchner Logistics, Kenco, MGL US Logistics, Neovia, NFI, The Patton Logistics Group, Romark Logistics, ShipMonk, and Valley Distributing and Storage.

COLD CHAIN SPACE

Some of the nation's largest **cold storage** companies have major industrial facilities in NEPA. For example, Arcadia Cold Storage, Core X Logistics, Lineage, Henningsen Cold Storage Company, United States Cold Storage, Inc., Americold, and RLS Logistics, together operate cold chain space here. In addition, Prime Inc., one of North America's largest refrigerated trucking companies, has a large terminal in NEPA.



WORKFORCE

LABOR AVAILABILITY

Local employers report that most non-skilled workers will commute up to 20 miles to work, while skilled workers will commute more than 30 miles. Local commutes are enhanced by an excellent interstate and local road network. For example, a 20 mile commute can typically be made in less than 30 minutes. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, average daily commutes to work range from 20 to 25 minutes throughout NEPA.

Recent unemployment information for 20, 30, and 40 miles from the center of NEPA:

20 MILES FROM CENTER OF NEPA TOTAL POPULATION = 468,013			
YEAR	CIV. LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
2026	238,365	230,427	7,938
30 MILES FROM CENTER OF NEPA TOTAL POPULATION = 699,744			
YEAR	CIV. LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
2026	353,521	341,150	12,371
40 MILES FROM CENTER OF NEPA TOTAL POPULATION = 990,170			
YEAR	CIV. LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
2026	496,629	479,094	17,535

Source: Esri



The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton metropolitan area has experienced a steady labor market recovery since 2020, with unemployment rates closely tracking Pennsylvania and remaining within a narrow band of national averages. This stability reflects a resilient workforce supported by a diverse base of logistics, manufacturing, and service-sector employers.

Annual Unemployment Rates (%)			
YEAR	Scranton/WB/Hazleton MSA	Pennsylvania	United States
2020	8.3%	8.1%	8.1%
2021	6.3%	6.0%	5.3%
2022	4.6%	4.5%	3.7%
2023	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%
2024	4.2%	3.8%	4.1%
2025	4.3%	3.9%	4.2%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics and LAUS

Labor availability for companies needing seasonal help is enhanced by the fact that there are close to 26,000 college students within 30 miles of the center of NEPA, many of whom often seek part-time employment.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

According to [unionstats.com](https://www.unionstats.com), the rate of unionization of private employers in NEPA has been steadily declining since the 1980s. In 1986, 20.2% of the private workforce in NEPA had union membership. By 2025, the percentage had dropped to 3.2%.

EDUCATION & TRAINING



COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

NEPA is home to 16 college campuses with a combined 43,000 students. Several of these local colleges offer degree and certificate programs that may be of interest to companies that manufacture or distribute food and beverage products. These schools and some of their key programs include:

Luzerne County Community College

- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality Management
- Pastry Arts
- Building Maintenance Technology
- Industrial Maintenance

Keystone College

- Hospitality Management
- Business Management

Lackawanna College

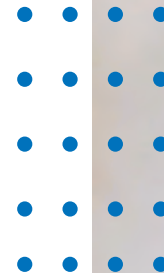
- Baking & Pastry
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality Management

Johnson College

- Logistics & Supply Chain Management
- Diesel Truck Technology
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology

Pennsylvania State University

- Agribusiness Management
- Food Science
- Hospitality Management
- Nutritional Sciences
- Project and Supply Chain Management





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COLLEGE
CAMPUSES

TRAINING PROGRAMS

WEDnetPA (Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania)

WEDnetPA is a state-funded workforce training program administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The program provides grants to eligible employers to support both essential skills training (such as communication, leadership, and workplace effectiveness) and advanced technology training (including manufacturing systems, software, and equipment training).

Funding is provided on a per-employee basis, with established caps per employee and per company that may vary by program year. Training must be job-related and delivered by qualified providers, which may include WEDnetPA partner institutions, third-party vendors, or company-approved trainers.

WEDnetPA is widely used by manufacturers, logistics operators, and food and beverage companies to upskill existing employees and improve productivity, helping employers remain competitive while investing in their workforce.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federally funded workforce development program administered locally through Workforce Development Boards (WDBs), including PA CareerLink® in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

WIOA programs provide funding to support the recruitment and training of eligible workers, including individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking to re-enter the workforce.

One of the most widely utilized components is the On-the-Job Training (OJT) program, which can reimburse employers for a portion of a new hire's wages during the training period. Additional WIOA programs may provide funding for classroom or occupational skills training to prepare individuals for in-demand careers.

These programs help employers reduce hiring and training costs while expanding access to a qualified labor pool.

Please visit dced.pa.gov for more information.





INCENTIVES

SQUARE FEET

50,000
100,000
250,000

EST. 10-YEAR LERTA SAVINGS

\$454,413
\$908,827
\$2,272,067

LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE (LERTA)

CenterPoint Commerce & Trade Park near Pittston and CrossRoads East Business Park near Hazleton offer industrial sites and buildings located in Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Zones. In both business parks, all of the local taxing bodies – the county, the municipality, and the school district – have approved the zone status.

Real estate taxes on improvements are abated 100% for 10 years for buildings constructed in CenterPoint and CrossRoads. The table to the left gives estimates of total savings that will be realized for various building sizes via LERTA. Actual savings may vary depending upon the cost of construction required to meet a tenant's specifications.



OTHER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

PENNSYLVANIA FIRST PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania First Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), provides **customized financial assistance** to support companies that are creating and retaining jobs within the Commonwealth.

Assistance may be structured as **grants, loans, and loan guarantees** and can be used for a wide range of eligible project costs, including:

- Land and building acquisition
- Site development and infrastructure improvements
- Construction and building fit-out
- Machinery and equipment purchases
- Workforce training
- Environmental assessments and remediation

Funding levels are determined on a **case-by-case basis**, based on the economic impact of the project, including job creation, capital investment, and strategic importance to the region. Participating companies are typically required to:

- Create and/or retain a significant number of full-time jobs
- Make a substantial private investment in the project
- Maintain operations at the project site for a defined period

The Pennsylvania First Program is one of the Commonwealth's primary tools for supporting large-scale economic development projects and is frequently utilized to help companies expand or relocate operations in Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PIDA)

The Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) provides **low-interest financing** to eligible businesses for land, building, and equipment acquisitions. The program is widely used by manufacturing, industrial, office, and research and development companies.

PIDA offers:

- **Long-term, fixed-rate loans** for real estate and machinery and equipment
- Competitive interest rates that are **reset periodically** based on market conditions
- Flexible terms to support business growth and expansion

Eligible projects may include:

- Land and building acquisition or construction
- Renovation or expansion of existing facilities
- Purchase and installation of machinery and equipment

Companies must apply through a **certified economic development organization (CEDO)**, such as a local industrial development authority or economic development agency.

Financing levels are typically tied to **job creation and retention**, as well as the overall economic impact of the project. PIDA remains one of Pennsylvania's most effective tools for helping companies **reduce capital costs and finance expansion projects**.

Please visit dced.pa.gov for more specific details and guidelines for all of Pennsylvania's incentive programs.

A smiling couple, a man and a woman, are looking at a hand holding a key with a house-shaped keychain. The background is blurred, showing the couple's faces and a blue shirt. The keychain is a silver house with a chimney and windows. The hand is holding the key by the ring, and the keychain is hanging from it. The overall scene is bright and positive, suggesting a successful home purchase.

COST ADVANTAGES & HOUSING COSTS

A little buys you a lot here.

Average sales prices of single family homes in Northeastern Pennsylvania are much lower than prices in most major metro areas in the Northeast US. Real estate taxes on your NEPA home are lower by comparison too.

AVERAGE COST OF A TYPICAL FOUR BEDROOM HOME

While home values have increased nationwide, Northeastern Pennsylvania continues to offer a significant housing cost advantage. The cost of a typical, 2,500 square foot four-bedroom home in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties remains substantially lower than in competing Northeast markets, allowing employees to achieve a higher quality of life at a lower cost.



COUNTY	STATE	EST AVG PRICE (\$)	EST PRICE/SF (\$)	EST ANNUAL TAXES (\$)
Lackawanna	PA	300000-340000	135	5000-6200
Luzerne	PA	320000-360000	140	5500-6500
Dauphin	PA	360000-400000	155	6500-7500
Cumberland	PA	400000-450000	165	6500-7500
Lancaster	PA	380000-420000	170	6000-7000
Northampton	PA	400000-450000	170	6500-8000
Lehigh	PA	420000-470000	180	7000-8500
Camden	NJ	350000-400000	180	8500-11500
Hartford	CT	350000-420000	180	7000-10000
Gloucester	NJ	420000-470000	190	8500-10500
New Castle	DE	400000-470000	190	3500-5000
Burlington	NJ	450000-520000	200	9000-11500
Orange	NY	450000-520000	210	9000-13000
Dutchess	NY	500000-575000	220	9000-13000
Prince George's	MD	500000-600000	220	5500-7000
Bucks	PA	550000-650000	230	8000-11000
Middlesex	NJ	550000-650000	230	10000-13000
Montgomery	PA	550000-650000	240	7500-10000
Anne Arundel	MD	550000-650000	240	5500-7000
Union	NJ	600000-700000	250	12000-16000
Chester	PA	650000-750000	260	8000-11000
Somerset	NJ	650000-750000	260	11000-14000
Suffolk	NY	600000-700000	260	10000-14000
Howard	MD	650000-750000	260	6500-8000
Rockland	NY	650000-750000	270	13000-18000
Morris	NJ	700000-800000	280	11000-15000
Fairfield	CT	800000-950000	320	12000-20000
Bergen	NJ	800000-950000	300+	12000-18000

Sources: Zillow, Redfin, Realtor.com



DISCOVER NEPA

Ten counties. One region. DiscoverNEPA™.

Why is Mericle, a real estate developer, promoting Northeastern Pennsylvania's (NEPA's) quality of life? Mericle has been very fortunate to provide commercial space to hundreds of companies since 1985 and we are especially proud that more than 20,000 people work in the buildings we've developed in NEPA. However, when companies are going through the site selection process, more factors come into play than just the availability of a certain type of building or site.



**Arts, Culture,
& Entertainment**



**Leisure, Shopping,
Sports & Adventure**



**Skilled Workers
& Low Costs of Living**

Skilled workers are drawn to communities known as great places to live. Northeastern Pennsylvania offers quick access to big city amenities, affordable living, safe neighborhoods, access to recreation, and the opportunity to be heard and make a difference. NEPA is the Northeast's best bet if you are seeking a stress-free, healthy lifestyle complete with thousands of world-class amenities.

We created DiscoverNEPA™ to show this region's best and brightest that Northeastern Pennsylvania's quality of life does compare favorably with the Austins and the Madisons, that you can do just about everything here, and that you should choose NEPA as the place to start and grow your career. We invite our tenants and other area businesses to use DiscoverNEPA™ as a tool to recruit talented people and their families to this region.

We invite you to visit [DiscoverNEPA.com](https://www.discovernepa.com) and to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Mericle is Northeastern Pennsylvania proud.

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