

Table 1. Labor Force and Employment in the Allentown HMA*, 2000 through May 2018

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	12 Months Ending	
																			May 2017	May 2018
Labor force	386.4	393.3	397.6	399.0	401.9	407.3	414.2	417.3	423.5	423.1	419.5	422.8	429.3	429.1	427.3	431.0	436.5	435.6	437.2	433.6
Resident employment	372.2	376.2	375.6	376.5	380.7	387.4	395.2	399.0	400.0	386.4	380.7	386.1	392.8	395.8	401.1	407.9	413.7	414.2	414.6	413.1
Unemployment	14.2	17.1	21.9	22.5	21.2	19.9	19.0	18.3	23.5	36.7	38.7	36.6	36.5	33.3	26.2	23.1	22.8	21.4	22.6	20.5
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	4.4	5.5	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.4	5.5	8.7	9.2	8.7	8.5	7.8	6.1	5.4	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.7
Total nonfarm payroll jobs	323.4	326.1	324.5	325.9	329.8	336.1	341.8	344.8	344.0	333.6	333.9	339.9	344.9	348.1	352.8	358.4	365.6	369.5	367.8	371.2
Goods-producing sectors	69.4	68.8	63.9	58.5	57.8	58.2	57.2	56.6	55.2	49.2	47.2	47.4	47.1	47.3	48.4	49.1	49.6	50.0	49.7	50.3
Mining, logging, and construction	14.5	14.7	14.9	14.9	16.0	16.9	17.0	16.6	15.7	13.1	12.2	12.4	12.2	12.5	13.0	12.9	13.2	13.4	13.2	13.6
Manufacturing	54.9	54.1	49.0	43.6	41.8	41.4	40.2	40.0	39.5	36.1	35.0	35.0	34.9	34.9	35.4	36.2	36.4	36.6	36.5	36.7
Service-providing sectors	254.1	257.2	260.6	267.4	272.0	277.9	284.7	288.2	288.8	284.4	286.7	292.5	297.8	300.8	304.4	309.4	316.0	319.5	318.1	320.9
Wholesale and retail trade	49.6	50.3	51.3	51.9	52.3	53.9	54.8	55.0	54.8	52.5	52.5	53.2	53.7	53.3	54.0	54.3	54.8	54.9	55.2	54.6
Wholesale trade	11.2	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.6	12.4	13.4	13.8	14.0	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.3	13.6	13.6	13.9	14.5	14.1	14.7
Retail trade	38.4	38.9	40.1	40.6	40.7	41.5	41.4	41.2	40.8	39.1	39.1	39.6	40.0	40.0	40.4	40.7	40.9	40.4	41.0	39.9
Transportation and utilities	12.0	12.5	12.7	13.3	12.6	13.8	15.3	15.5	15.2	14.6	14.9	16.8	18.9	19.4	20.5	23.0	26.0	28.6	27.3	30.1
Information	9.0	8.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	6.5	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.4
Financial activities	16.1	16.8	16.7	16.7	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.2	15.8	15.6	15.4	15.1	15.0	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.5	14.3	14.4	14.2
Professional and business services	37.3	37.2	37.2	39.2	41.2	41.9	43.4	43.7	42.6	40.9	43.1	45.9	46.2	47.6	48.8	49.0	49.8	49.4	50.1	48.9
Education and health services	50.9	52.2	53.6	55.7	57.5	59.1	60.9	62.8	64.4	65.8	67.1	68.2	70.1	71.1	71.9	73.2	74.1	75.5	74.4	76.4
Leisure and hospitality	26.3	26.2	27.6	28.3	28.8	29.2	30.0	30.5	30.8	30.8	31.4	32.3	33.4	34.4	34.8	35.8	37.3	37.5	37.4	37.3
Other services	14.5	14.8	14.9	14.9	15.2	15.3	15.1	15.2	15.1	14.6	14.1	14.1	14.1	13.8	13.6	13.8	14.2	14.5	14.3	14.5
Government	38.5	38.5	38.8	39.7	40.4	40.6	41.1	42.0	42.7	43.1	42.6	41.3	40.5	40.2	39.8	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.3	39.5
Federal	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
State	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6
Local	32.1	32.3	32.8	33.8	34.4	34.7	35.3	36.2	36.9	37.3	36.8	36.0	35.4	35.1	34.8	34.2	34.4	34.4	34.3	34.6

* Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Data are reported in thousands.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 2. Population and Household Trends in the Allentown HMA*, 2000 to Forecast

	2000	2010	Current	Forecast	Average Annual Change					
					2000 to 2010		2010 to Current		Current to Forecast	
					Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)
Population										
Allentown HMA*	740,395	821,173	843,400	853,700	8,075	1.0	2,725	0.3	3,425	0.4
Households										
Allentown HMA*	285,808	315,712	323,300	326,900	3,000	1.0	930	0.3	1,200	0.4

*Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. The current date is June 1, 2018. The forecast date is June 1, 2021. Rates of change are calculated on a compound basis.

Sources: 2000 and 2010—U.S. Census; current and forecast—estimates by analyst

Table 3. Housing Inventory, Tenure, and Vacancy in the Allentown HMA*, 2000, 2010, and Current

	Allentown HMA*		
	2000	2010	Current
Total housing inventory	307,269	342,200	348,100
Occupied units	285,808	315,712	323,300
Owner-occupied	204,951	225,198	221,500
%	71.7	71.3	68.5
Renter-occupied	80,857	90,514	101,800
%	28.3	28.7	31.5
Vacant units	21,461	26,488	24,800
Available units	9,237	11,634	8,975
For sale	3,530	4,163	2,225
Rate (%)	1.7	1.8	1.0
For rent	5,707	7,471	6,750
Rate (%)	6.6	7.6	6.2
Other vacant	12,224	14,854	15,800

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Sources: 2000 and 2010—U.S. Census; current—estimates by analyst

Table 4. Residential Building Permit Activity in the Allentown HMA*, 2000 through May 2018

Type of Building Permit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	12 Months Ending	
																		May 2017	May 2018
Allentown HMA*																			
Total	4,026	4,139	4,563	4,376	4,669	5,001	4,312	3,074	1,694	1,648	1,640	1,350	1,069	1,655	1,957	1,462	2,218	2,150	2,050
Single-family	3,259	3,513	4,202	3,999	4,461	4,319	3,860	2,640	1,508	1,401	1,177	1,059	829	1,139	1,051	943	1,059	1,050	1,000
Multifamily	767	626	361	377	208	682	452	434	186	247	463	291	240	516	906	519	1,159	1,100	1,050

*Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey; estimates by analyst

Table 5. Median Income in the Allentown HMA*, 1999, 2009, and 2016

	1999	2009	2016	Average Annual Change (%)	
				1999 to 2009	2009 to 2016
Median Family Income	54,028	70,000	75,440	2.6	1.1
Median household income	43,098	56,802	63,022	2.8	1.5

*Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton

Sources: Median Family Income—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research; 1999 Median household income—2000 Census; 2009 and 2016 American Community Survey 1-year data