

Over 90% of the population in the above region are native born and Caucasian. If they relocate, it is intrastate, and English is their primary language. While it varies by county, the top three occupations in this region fall into the laborer, tradesman, and service or administrative categories.

In all counties, females comprise 51 - 53% of the population. The most populous county by far is Erie. The median family income for Erie County is \$32,145, with a per capita income of \$12,317. Forty - seven percent of the county's households earn less than \$25,000. Eighty - one percent of persons 3 years and older are enrolled in elementary or high school. This is lower than their counterparts by 2 - 10 %.

In Erie County, there are 171,369 persons over 25 years of age. Of these, 77.5% are high school graduates, and 16.2% possess a bachelor's degree.

Employment

The Erie metropolitan area had a 5% growth in employment from April 1991 - 1994. The chief industries in the region are manufacturing, retail, and professional services. The order of importance varies depending on the county.

The following is a breakdown of households by income range and the percent of total households (Erie County only):

<u>Income</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>% State</u>
\$25,000 - 34,999	18.2	16.6
\$35,000 - 49,999	18.7	18.4
\$50,000 - 74,999	11.6	14.1
> \$75,000	4.8	7.9