

Natural Resources

This area's wealth and prominence were originally derived from the Allegheny coal fields. Notwithstanding the resurgence of interest in coal, profits have continued to decline in this area.

Oil has replaced coal as a chief source of energy and Philadelphia has become one of the nation's largest refiners and distributors of petroleum products. The availability of refinery stocks has been the basis of the area's substantial petrochemical industry.

Eastern Pennsylvania

Eastern Pennsylvania, with the Philadelphia metropolitan area as its focus, is the fourth largest urban and industrial centre in the United States. This region's industrial strength lies in its high degree of diversification. Nearly 90 per cent of all manufacturing industry classes (SIC) are located in this area. Principal industries include:

oil refining	chemicals
petrochemicals	printing
missile and space industry	minerals — largely bituminous coal
metalworking	transportation equipment
sugar refining	
electronics	

Southern New Jersey

Industry in Southern New Jersey is concentrated along the Delaware River and centres on Trenton and Camden. The major manufacturing activities are electrical and electronic equipment, stone and glass, food processing and chemical. Market gardening is a major agricultural activity.

In recent years, Southern New Jersey's climate and proximity to major urban centres has attracted increasing numbers of research establishments including the RCA David Sarnoff Centre, Bell and Western Electric Laboratories.

The New Jersey coast is an important centre of recreation, and Atlantic City, which has legalized gambling, is one of the foremost convention centres in the United States.