

# GROWTH: JOBS vs. POPULATION, 2009-14

When job growth is higher than population growth, it's considered a good economic sign, as reflected in a positive ratio of the two. A negative ratio can reflect a weak economy, but also may indicate a community has become "bedroom," where people live but don't work.

## 2009-14 change in population and employment, and ratio of the two.

	<b>Employment Change</b>	<b>Population Change</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
Lackawanna County	-1.04%	1.88%	-0.26
Luzerne County	2.25%	1.91%	0.518
Pennsylvania	3.22%	1.45%	0.966
U.S.	6.22%	3.86%	0.676

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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