REGIONAL ECONOMIC DASHBOARD
QUICK GUIDE

The Regional Economic Dashboard is an interactive tool designed to help users explore key data on the economy, industries, and workforce in the greater Philadelphia region.

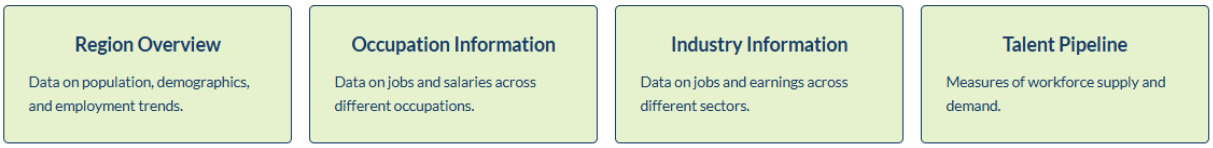
The dashboard can help you answer questions such as:

- What is the size and demographic composition of the region's population?
- What are the trends in regional employment?
- What industries represent the region's largest sources of employment and economic output?
- What are the typical wages across occupations?
- Which skills and certifications are most common by occupation?

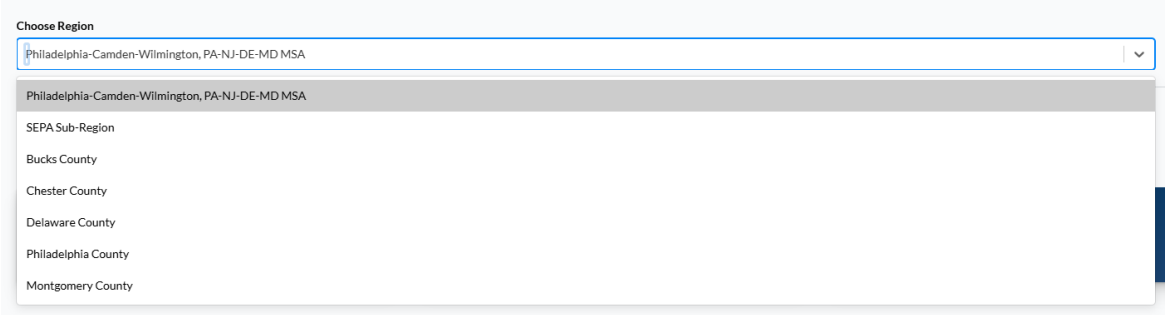
GETTING STARTED

1. Pick a topic

Select from one of the following topics to explore the available data.



2. Choose a region

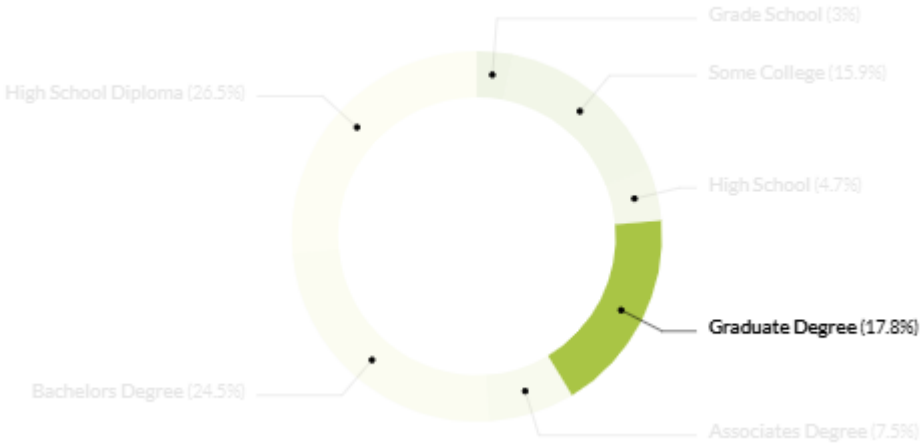


Select from the available geographies:

- The **Philadelphia MSA** includes Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland
- The **SEPA Sub-Region** includes the Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA)
- Individual SEPA Counties

3. Interact with charts

Hover over visual elements to get interactive tooltips and view underlying data values.



4. Get the data or download the image

Download visualizations as image files

or

export the underlying data as a CSV for further analysis.

LEARN MORE

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Regional Economic Dashboard, please contact us at **research@chamberphl.com**.

DATA SOURCES AND METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the data sources, classifications, and methodologies used throughout the dashboard. It outlines how regional, industry, occupation, and talent pipeline variables are defined and sourced, drawing from federal statistical agencies and Lightcast methodologies.

Region Overview

Variable	Notes and Sources
Population	Based on the latest U.S. Decennial Census population figures
Demographics	Based on Census Bureau Population Estimates Program
Jobs, Wages	Based mainly on the most recent four quarters of data available from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) as well as Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and American Community Survey (ACS) non-QCEW employment figures
Labor Force Participation Rate, Unemployment rate	Based on unemployment counts from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Industry and Occupation Information

Industries are classified using North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Each establishment is assigned a six-digit code and category title, organizing them primarily by similar production processes.

Occupations are classified using the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. All workers are classified into one of about 800 detailed occupations according to their occupational definition.

Variable	Description/Notes
Industry Jobs, Occupation Jobs	Lightcast methodology
Location Quotient (LQ)	Quantifies how concentrated a characteristic of a particular region is compared to the nation.
Gross Regional Product (GRP)	Measures the final market value of all goods and services produced in a particular region. (Nominal GRP/GDP if asked)

Talent Pipeline

Talent indicates the workforce currently available to employers. Data for Talent supply comes from Traditional Labor Market Information (LMI), job postings, and professional profiles.

Variable	Description/Notes
Fields of Study	Based on the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics
Degrees by Institution	The number of degrees or certifications and completions conferred for a specific course of study in a given year
Top Specialized Skills	Skills that are primarily required within a subset of occupations or equip one to perform a specific task (technical or hard skills)
Top Certifications	Recognizable qualification standards assigned by industry or education bodies