

Income and Poverty

In Table 3-4, selected income and poverty statistics are provided from the American Community Survey's most recent 5-year estimates. This information shows that the median family and household incomes for the Township exceed the Greene County average. The Township is on par with, and in some cases ahead of, the SPC Region and the Pennsylvania averages for these two categories.

In comparing the ACS median family income, median household income, and per capita income numbers to the 2000 Census figures for the Township, the increase is very noticeable. In 2000, median family income was \$35,852 and according to the latest ACS data this figure has grown to \$72,873 for an increase of approximately 103%. Similarly, the median household income grew approximately 102% from \$29,747 (2000) to \$60,042 (2018) in the same period. Per capita income also saw substantial growth in the Township as it jumped from \$13,066 in 2000 to \$21,620 in 2018; an increase of sixty-five (65) percent. Although the per capita income improved in the Township, it was still less than that of the County, SPC Region, and the State.

Table 3-4: Income and Poverty				
	Franklin Township	Greene County	SPC Region	Pennsylvania
Median Family Income*	\$72,873	\$63,031	\$73,425	\$72,692
Median Household Income*	\$60,042	\$50,972	\$55,668	\$56,951
Per Capita Income*	\$21,620	\$25,574	\$32,579	\$31,476
Poverty Status (% of total below poverty)**				
All Families	12.1	11.5	8.1	8.9
Married Couple	0.7	4.7	3.3	3.8
Male Householder, no wife present	35.5	15.0	14.1	14.1
Female Householder, no husband present	35.0	38.2	27.3	27.4
All Persons	15.0	14.8	12.1	13.1
Persons under 18 years	20.0	21.7	16.6	18.6
Persons 18 to 64 years	16.1	14.3	11.9	12.6
Persons over 64 years	7.5	8.8	8.0	8.2
*Miscellaneous Income Data in the Past 12 Months (in 2017 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)				
** in the Past 12 Months of Families by Type and Persons by Age for Whom Poverty Status is Determined				

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey (US Census Bureau): 5-year estimates, released December 2018

The increases in the income categories in the Township have helped to reduce the number of people living below the poverty level as reported in the 2000 Census. In the latest ACS estimates, all persons who were below the poverty status threshold was at 15.0%, which was 2.3% less than the 2000 Census figure of 17.3%. In 2000, the total number of families below the poverty level was 16.0% and this number dropped to 12.1% in 2018.

In looking at specific categories of the total population in Franklin Township, persons under 18 years of age who were below the poverty level was at 27.3% in 2000 and 20.0% in 2018. In 2000, 10.1% of individuals that were aged 65 or over were living below the poverty level and this number fell to 7.5% in 2010. While these numbers are improving, there are some categories that are more than the Greene County, SPC Region, and Pennsylvania averages.

It is important to note that the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics for Franklin Township may be influenced by the prisoners housed at the State Correctional Institute (SCI) Greene facility and the Greene County Prison – both of which are located in the Township. The census counts these individuals as residents of the locations where they are incarcerated.

The US Census Bureau announced that – for the 2020 Census – they will continue to count incarcerated individuals at the facility where they are imprisoned; because it is considered to be the place where they lived and spent most of their time.

School District Data

Franklin Township is part of the Central Greene School District along with the other municipalities in Greene County that make up the District: Waynesburg Borough and Perry, Washington, Wayne and Whiteley Townships. The School District Campus, which includes Waynesburg Central Elementary School and Waynesburg Central High School, is located at 30 Zimmerman Drive in Franklin Township. The Margaret Bell Miller Middle School (126 E. Lincoln Street) is located in Waynesburg Borough.

Tables 3-5 and 3-6 both show that the Central Greene School District has been losing students over the past twenty years. Table 3-5 includes a breakdown of the total number of students who attended the different school facilities in the CGSD from the school years 2004-05 to 2018-19. The information is provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Education through Pennsylvania's Local Education Agencies with publicly funded schools. The LEA's are responsible for reporting those students who were enrolled and attending as of October 1st of each school year.

Table 3-5: Central Greene School District Enrollment Figures								
Facility	2004 -05	2005 -06	2006 -07	2007 -08	2008 -09	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12
Margaret Bell Miller Middle School	587	565	520	499	495	490	452	430
Perry Elementary School	116	104	107	113	105	106	113	
Waynesburg Central Elementary School	864	844	812	796	844	809	780	892
Waynesburg Central High School	749	711	708	705	726	681	646	633
District Total	2316	2224	2147	2113	2170	2086	1991	1955
Grade 12	175	162	163	157	159	168	155	157
Facility	2012 -13	2013 -14	2014 -15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017 -18	2018 -19	
Margaret Bell Miller Middle School	418	419	425	419	420	423	394	
Waynesburg Central Elementary School	888	895	866	828	794	758	738	
Waynesburg Central High School	597	580	539	556	553	549	535	
District Total	1903	1894	1830	1803	1767	1730	1667	
Grade 12	137	146	117	150	125	124	123	

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education: Public School Enrollment Reports - Student Snapshot template via the Pennsylvania Information Management System

The information shown on Table 3-6 includes the total enrollment figures for the Central Greene School District for the school years 1993-94 to 2018-19. Also included in Table 3-6 are Enrollment Projections for the school years 2019-20 to 2028-29. The projections were prepared by the Department of Education, Office of Data Quality and are subject to possible errors for data beyond five years in the lower grades due to inconsistencies between actual and projected live births.

The enrollment projections (2019-20 to 2028-29) show a continuation of the present decline in the total student population that the CGSD has been experiencing. Based on actual enrollment figures from 1993-94 to 2018-19 the school district has lost 838 students – a decline of 33.5% over this period. The projections provided by the Department of Education anticipate the loss of another 327 students between 2018-19 and 2028-29 (a decline of 19.6%).

“The Pennsylvania Department of Education provides annual enrollment projections to assist School Districts and other entities to identify and proactively address issues related to anticipated enrollments. Projections are based on recent historic trends in births and trends in the progression of students from one grade to the next. This enrollment data is collected in the October 1 Student Snapshot template via the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS).

When using enrollment projections for planning purposes, it is important to note that the projection model uses only actual enrollments, births, and retention rates to formulate projections. Other factors which may exist in a particular school district, such as a significant change in new home building, may need to be considered in conjunction with the projections to most accurately estimate future enrollments.” (Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education Website)

Table 3-6: Central Greene School District Total Enrollment Figures (1993/94 - 2018/19) and Enrollment Projections (2019/20 - 2028/29)				
School Year	Total District Enrollment		School Year	Total District Enrollment
1993-94	2505		2011-12	1955
1994-95	2533		2012-13	1903
1995-96	2498		2013-14	1894
1996-97	2506		2014-15	1830
1997-98	2464		2015-16	1803
1998-99	2423		2016-17	1767
1999-00	2408		2017-18	1730
2000-01	2368		2018-19	1667
2001-02	2347		2019-20*	1628
2002-03	2268		2020-21*	1596
2003-04	2310		2021-22*	1554
2004-05	2316		2022-23*	1522
2005-06	2224		2023-24*	1489
2006-07	2147		2024-25*	1458
2007-08	2113		2025-26*	1430
2008-09	2170		2026-27*	1392
2009-10	2086		2027-28*	1364
2010-11	1991		2028-29*	1340

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education: Public School Enrollment Reports - Student Snapshot template via the Pennsylvania Information Management System

*Enrollment Projections