

# Butler County 2021

**Collaboration is a big part of Butler County and the success that the county has had in recent years. The Butler County Growth Collaborative was unveiled in the spring of 2019 and since that time it has enabled out county representatives to speak with one voice.**

The Collaborative includes the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau, The Community Development Corporation of Butler County (CDC), the Butler County Chamber, the Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber and Butler County Community College. These and other Butler County entities are committed to “speaking with one voice” and showcase Butler County to prospective businesses and residents. “By speaking with one voice we are committed to eliminating the duplication of services and providing current and prospective business owners with the information that is needed for them to relocate or expand in Butler County,” stated CDC Executive Director Joe Saeler.

In 2020 several Butler County projects got underway in spite of the COVID Pandemic. Butler Township purchased an 18-acre tract at the Pullman Center Business Park Expansion with plans to construct a sports dome on the site. This facility will provide residents in Butler County and the tri-state area with a first-class sports facility that will host regional tournaments for teams of all ages.

The Capital Environmental Risk Transfer Alliance (CERTA) purchased the AK Steel Plant 2 property in late 2020. This 90-acre tract is adjacent to the Pullman Center Business Park. An environmental cleanup of the land will take place and several of the buildings on the parcel will be raised. The CDC will then partner with CERTA on conceptual plans for transforming the area into a business park for manufacturers. This site has all utilities as well as rail access making it very attractive to manufacturing firms. Look for some announcements on the companies interested in relocating to this area in the near future.

The East Butler corridor has seen a resurgence of sorts as SmartMask Technology and RPP Products recently opened facilities in that area. SmartMask Technology recently opened a manufacturing facility and offices in the county and expects their sales to grow as a result of the current pandemic. The RPP Products facility, which is 190,000 square feet in size, has brought 40 jobs to Butler County. RPP is the nation's top manufacturer of automotive oils and windshield washer fluid. In addition, they recently retooled several manufacturing lines and now produce hand sanitizer, which is another item in high demand due to the pandemic.

Education is also an important part of Butler County's economy. The county is one of only two in Pennsylvania to have both a community college (Butler County Community College) and a four-year university (Slippery Rock University). Butler County Community College (BC3) has announced plans to expand their Nursing Program and the groundbreaking for the Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building took place in September. A licensed

practical nursing program is expected to begin in the Fall of 2021 and will assist with the current nursing shortage.

Slippery Rock University continues to see a steady enrollment and offers students a quality education at a reasonable price. SRU recently added a Hospitality Management Certificate in their College of Business as well as degrees in mechanical, civil and petroleum engineering.

Infrastructure improvements are also a vital component of Butler County's success. Work on the MSA Thruway continues in Cranberry Township. The thruway will alleviate traffic delays on Route 228 and connect Interstate 79 to the Cranberry Springs Business Park. Work on the Route 228 corridor in Middlesex Township is also continuing. The Balls Bend area will be reconfigured to accommodate growth in this area. New signals in the area will alleviate delays as the shops at the Middlesex Crossings Strip Mall begin to open. The CDC office is also working with Petrolia Borough and Chicora Borough on stormwater and infrastructure upgrades in the northern portion of Butler County. Both boroughs received H2O grants to modernize their stormwater systems.

Butler County also has quite a few outdoor venues that residents and non-residents can take advantage of. Moraine State Park, Cooper's Lake Campgrounds, North Boundary Park, Preston Park and Alameda Park are just a few of the parks that offer hiking, biking trails and picnic shelters for use throughout the year. In addition, the Butler-Freeport Community Trail, which is 20 miles in length, runs from Laneville to Butler is a popular attraction. The trail offers year-round activities such as jogging, biking and cross-country skiing. As COVID 19 restrictions are eased we expect several of our county festivals (the Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival, the Big Butler Fair and the Butler Farm Show) are expected to return in 2021. For additional up to date information on these and other tourism related activities please visit, [www.visitbutlercounty.com](http://www.visitbutlercounty.com).



Butler County is a great place to live, work and play.

*Joe Saeler  
Executive Director  
Community Development  
Corporation of Butler County*

**COUNTY FACTS**

- 2018 Population: **187,888**
- Total Number of Municipalities: **57**
- County Seat: City of Butler
- Land Area (sq. mi.): **788.6**
- 2018 Population Density (people per mile): **238.3**
- 2018 Total number of employers: **5,045**
- 2018 Total jobs in county: **86,077**
- 2018 Total labor force: **98,563**
- 2018 Total employed residents: **94,719**
- 2018 Earnings per job (mean): **\$51,343**
- 2018 Median household income: **\$66,037**
- 2017- 2018 Public High School Graduates: **1,962**
- Post-secondary placement rate: **78.4%**
- 2018 Population 25 and over: **130,903**
- with high school degree or higher: **94.1%**
- with bachelor's degree or higher: **34.6 %**

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, PA Department of Education, PA Department of Labor & Industry, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Largest Municipality:**  
Cranberry Township: **Pop 30,762**

**Additional municipalities:**  
Adams Township  
Buffalo Township  
Butler City  
Butler Township  
Center Township  
Slippery Rock Township



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**TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS**

EMPLOYER .....	PRODUCT(S) .....	EMPLOYEES
Butler Health System .....	Health Care .....	2,400
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC .....	Manufacturing .....	2,400
Concordia Lutheran Ministries .....	Health Care .....	1,500
AK Steel.....	Manufacturing .....	1,400
MSA Safety .....	Manufacturing .....	1,200
Slippery Rock University .....	Higher Education .....	970
NexTier Concepts .....	Business Services .....	920
Wal Mart Associates.....	Retail.....	700
Oberg Industries .....	Manufacturing .....	680
Penn United Technologies.....	Manufacturing .....	580

Sources: Butler County Community Development Corporation, Pittsburgh Business Times, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance

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