



Current Report: Community Profile Report of Metro Area: Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Date: December 1, 2011



Proposed Location:

This location, **Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area** (Metro Area), is located in **Blair County**, in the state of **Pennsylvania**.

It is located within or touches the following census tract(s): **010101, 010800, 010402, 011300, 010900, 011001, 011500, 011600, 010500, 010700, 011100, 011002, 010600, 011200, 101200, 100200, 101500, 010102, 010103, 100900, 011400, 101800, 101400, 100700, 100300, 101700, 010401, 101600, 100500, 100600, 100800, 100400, 101100, 101900**.

Similarly, it is located within or touches the following zip code(s): **16652, 16686, 16870, 16635, 16601, 16693, 16648, 16611, 16678, 16662, 16639, 16664, 16657, 16673, 15946, 16625, 15955, 16655, 16613, 15938, 16636, 16602, 16667, 16641, 16637, 16630, 16617, 16682**.

Data presented in this report summarize the geographies specified in the citation information in each section.

(-) This Area is Served by (or touches):

School District(s): Tyrone Area School District, Hollidaysburg Area School District, Northern Bedford County School District, Spring Cove School District, Altoona Area School District, Williamsburg Community School District, Bellwood-Antis School District, Claysburg-Kimmel School District

Congressional District(s): Pennsylvania's 5th District (Glenn Thompson - R), Pennsylvania's 9th District (Bill Shuster - R), Pennsylvania's 12th District (Mark S. Critz - D)

Senators: Robert P. Casey, Jr (D-PA), Patrick J. Toomey (R-PA)

State Senate District(s): Pennsylvania State Senate District 030, Pennsylvania State Senate District 034, Pennsylvania State Senate District 035

State House District(s): Pennsylvania State House District 073, Pennsylvania State House District 074, Pennsylvania State House District 077, Pennsylvania State House District 079, Pennsylvania State House District 080, Pennsylvania State House District 081

(-) Population Trends:

As of 2009, this area was home to an estimated **125,984** people.

Population	2000	2005-2009	Change 2000 to 2005-2009 (%)
Area	N/A	125,984	N/A
Counties (Blair)	129,144	125,984	-2.45%
State (Pennsylvania)	12,281,054	12,516,596	1.92%

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Racial Characteristics:

Of the people living in this area in between 2005-2009, **96.82%** are White, **1.48%** are African American, **0.73%** are Hispanic, **0.52%** are Asian, **0.01%** are either Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, **0.05%** are American Indian or Alaskan Native, **0.21%** are of "some other race" and **0.91%** are of two or more races. In the table below, the percentage of the population that each segment represents in the report area is compared to the percent it represents in the state.

Between 2000 and 2005-2009, the White population changed by **N/A**, the African American population by **N/A**, and Asian population by **N/A**. The number of Hispanics will change by **N/A**.

Race	2000	2005-2009	Percent of Total Population in 2005-2009	Percent of State Population in 2005-2009 (Pennsylvania)
White	N/A	121,981	96.82%	83.75%
African American	N/A	1,863	1.48%	10.39%
Asian	N/A	655	0.52%	2.37%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A	10	0.01%	0.02%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	N/A	65	0.05%	0.13%
Some Other Race	N/A	264	0.21%	1.99%
Two or More Races	N/A	1,146	0.91%	1.35%

Ethnicity	2000	2005-2009	Percent of Total Population in 2005-2009	Percent of State Population in 2005-2009 (Pennsylvania)
Hispanic	N/A	920	0.73%	4.67%

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Age Distribution:

In the report area in 2005-2009, **17.62%** of the population is over the age of 65. **60.95%** are of working age (18-64). **21.42%** are under 18, and **5.8%** are under 5 years old.

Age	Number of People in Age Group	Percent of People in Age Group	Percent of People in Age Group (Pennsylvania)
Under 5	7,311	5.8%	5.91%
Under 18	26,992	21.42%	22.47%
Working Age (18-64)	76,790	60.95%	62.26%
Aging (65+)	22,202	17.62%	15.27%

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Incomes:

The median household income for the study area was **\$40,673**, compared to a state median of **\$49,737**, as estimated for 2005-2009 by the Census' American Community Survey.

The number of households divided by income categories is shown in the Annual Income Category table. In 2009, **59.54%** of households in the study area had an annual income of less than \$50,000, compared to **50.24%** of people in the state.

2005-2009 Annual Income Category	Number of Households	Percent of Households
Metro Area (Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area)		
Less than \$25,000	15,993	30.89%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7,176	13.86%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	7,658	14.79%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10,137	19.58%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	5,455	10.54%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	2,628	5.08%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	1,266	2.45%
\$150,000 or more	1,459	2.82%
County (Blair)		
Less than \$25,000	15,993	30.89%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7,176	13.86%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	7,658	14.79%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10,137	19.58%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	5,455	10.54%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	2,628	5.08%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	1,266	2.45%
\$150,000 or more	1,459	2.82%
State (Pennsylvania)		
Less than \$25,000	1,210,008	24.73%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	539,808	11.03%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	708,328	14.48%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	936,707	19.14%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	602,849	12.32%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	359,736	7.35%
\$125,000 - \$149,999	195,571	4%
\$150,000 or more	340,120	6.95%

According to the Census' American Community Survey estimates, the median income for a family in 2009 was **N/A**, compared to the state median family income of **\$62,520**.

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Immigration:

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau for 2005-2009 indicate that **1,130** people or **0.9%** of the population living in this area were "foreign born". Census defines foreign born as anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth. This area is located in Pennsylvania, which, according to the Department of Homeland Security, was home to **24,105** people who were granted Legal Permanent Residence status in 2009. Those LPRs, or "green cards", represent **2.14%** of green cards issued in the nation that year.

Source: [Census](#), [Department of Homeland Security](#)

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(-) Families and Households:

The composition of the **33,850** families who reside in the study area is shown in the table below. Families are groups of related people who live together, whereas households refer to the person or group of people living in any one housing unit. Generally, households that do not contain a family are made up of unrelated people living together (eg, roommates) or people living alone. While it is possible for two families to share a household, the difference between the number of households and the number of families in an area shows, approximately, the number of non-family households in a place.

2005-2009 Family Composition	Number of Families	Percent of Families
Metro Area (Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area)		
Families	33,850	--
Married with Children	9,863	29.14%
Single with Children	4,335	12.81%
Single Female with Children	3,400	10.04%
Other Families	19,652	58.06%
County (Blair)		
Families	33,850	--
Married with Children	9,863	29.14%
Single with Children	4,335	12.81%
Single Female with Children	3,400	10.04%
Other Families	19,652	58.06%
State (Pennsylvania)		
Families	3,206,184	--
Married with Children	966,739	30.15%
Single with Children	421,400	13.14%
Single Female with Children	321,645	10.03%
Other Families	1,818,045	56.7%

Note: The category "Single with Children" includes all families that are "Single Female with Children", so all categories do not add up to 100 percent.

Source: [Census](#)

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2005-2009 Household Counts	Number of Households
Metro Area (Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area)	
Households	51,772
County (Blair)	
Households	51,772
State (Pennsylvania)	
Households	4,893,127

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Housing Type:

The type of housing available in this area is described in the table below. Single family homes include all one-unit structures, both attached and detached. Townhouses or duplexes include one-unit attached homes, as well as housing units with two units. Units in small apartment building are buildings with 3 to 49 units; large apartment buildings include buildings with 50 units or more. Other types of housing include vans, boats, recreational vehicles, or other units.

2005-2009 Housing Stock	Number of Units	Percent of Units
Metro Area (Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area)		
Single family detached homes	39,940	70.85%
Single family attached homes	2,328	4.13%
2-unit homes and duplexes	3,195	5.67%
Units in small apartment buildings	5,589	9.91%
Units in large apartment buildings	1,410	2.5%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	3,908	6.93%
Other types	0	0%
County (Blair)		
Single family detached homes	39,940	70.85%
Single family attached homes	2,328	4.13%
2-unit homes and duplexes	3,195	5.67%
Units in small apartment buildings	5,589	9.91%
Units in large apartment buildings	1,410	2.5%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	3,908	6.93%
Other types	0	0%
State (Pennsylvania)		
Single family detached homes	3,128,614	57.07%
Single family attached homes	990,887	18.08%
2-unit homes and duplexes	270,399	4.93%
Units in small apartment buildings	656,099	11.97%
Units in large apartment buildings	189,160	3.45%
Mobile homes or manufactured housing	245,650	4.48%
Other types	867	0.02%

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Tenure:

Across the area, an estimated **72.76%** or **37,670** households owned their home between 2005-2009. The average size of a household in this area was **2.36** between 2005-2009, as compared to the average household size for the county and the state, **2.36 (Blair)** and **2.46 (Pennsylvania)** respectively.

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Vacancy:

There were **56,370** housing units found in the study area in 2009, according to the Census' ACS estimates. For 2005-2009, the Census showed **8.16%** of housing units to be vacant, compared to **10.74%** in the state.

Source: [Census](#)
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The US Postal Service tracks vacancy rates on a quarterly basis, showing vacancy trends over the short term. In the second quarter of 2010, the vacancy rate in this area **ranged from 0% to 5.26%**.

USPS Vacancy Rates	2008Q4	2009Q1	2009Q2	2009Q3	2009Q4	2010Q1	2010Q2	2010Q3
Metro Area (Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area)								
Number Vacant	904	906	962	966	940	923	1,508	1,593
Percent Vacant	Ranged From 0% to 3.69%	Ranged From 0% to 3.95%	Ranged From 0% to 6.22%	Ranged From 0% to 3.4%	Ranged From 0% to 4.78%	Ranged From 0% to 4.27%	Ranged From 0% to 5.56%	Ranged From 0% to 5.26%
County (Blair)								
Number Vacant	904	906	962	966	940	923	1,508	1,593
Percent Vacant	1.49%	1.48%	1.57%	1.36%	1.32%	1.22%	1.99%	2.01%

Source: [HUD USPS Address Vacancies](#)
 Aggregated by: Census Tract
 Contains: 34 Census Tracts

(-) Employment:

The following table shows the number of people who were employed, unemployed, in the labor force, and the unemployment rate for the market in which the report area is located, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Unemployment rate	April 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011
City (Altoona)						
Employed	20,867	21,178	21,257	21,479	21,537	21,379
Unemployed	1,554	1,662	1,815	1,892	1,957	1,643
In Labor Force	22,421	22,840	23,072	23,371	23,494	23,022
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.3	7.9	8.1	8.3	7.1
County (Blair)						
Employed	59,414	60,301	60,524	61,157	61,322	60,874
Unemployed	3,884	4,102	4,534	4,591	4,837	4,151
In Labor Force	63,298	64,403	65,058	65,748	66,159	65,025
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.4	7	7	7.3	6.4
State (Pennsylvania)						
Employed	5,820,175	5,842,170	5,868,565	5,873,375	5,868,482	5,881,651
Unemployed	449,111	478,208	512,673	525,700	542,424	479,423
In Labor Force	6,269,286	6,320,378	6,381,238	6,399,075	6,410,906	6,361,074
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.6	8	8.2	8.5	7.5

The following Cities that are within or contain the report area have no data available: **Claysburg, Hollidaysburg, Tyrone, Tipton, Roaring Spring, Martinsburg, Duncansville, Tunnelhill, Bellwood, Williamsburg, Newry**

Source: [BLS](#)

In this area in 2005-2009, the Census estimates that people were employed in the following industries:

Employment by Industry	People Employed	Percent Employed in this Industry	Percent Employed in this Industry in Pennsylvania
Accommodation and Food Services Industry Employment	3,860	6.7%	6.05%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services Industries Employment	1,485	2.58%	3.46%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting Industry Employment	721	1.25%	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Industries Employment	621	1.08%	1.57%
Educational Service Industry Employment	5,033	8.73%	9.3%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Industries Employment	2,119	3.68%	6.65%
Health Care and Social Assistance Industry Employment	10,078	17.49%	15.03%
Information Industry Employment	1,181	2.05%	2.1%
Manufacturing Industry Employment	7,160	12.42%	13.24%
Management of Companies and Enterprises Industry Employment	19	0.03%	0.12%
Other Services Industry Employment	2,275	3.95%	4.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Industry Employment	1,851	3.21%	5.83%
Public Administration Employment	2,284	3.96%	4.1%
Retail Trade Industry Employment	8,878	15.4%	11.71%
Construction Industry Employment	3,845	6.67%	6.38%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities Industries Employment	3,981	6.91%	5.27%
Wholesale Trade Industry Employment	2,117	3.67%	3.24%

Source: [Census](#)

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(-) Crime:

The crime rates per 100,000 persons in the Census Place and county in which the study area is located, as reported by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, are as follows. Data was reported by the FBI for selected Census Places and counties, so data may be unavailable for your study area.

Crime Rates per 100,000 persons	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
City (Altoona)					
Aggravated Assault	179.46	273.2	188.8	222.77	240.21
Burglary or Larceny	3,397.19	3,077.22	2,756.98	2,588.89	2,078.92
Motor Vehicle Thefts	152.33	188.49	141.6	121.12	124.47
Murder	10.43	N/A	2.15	4.33	2.18

Rape	54.25	69.89	45.06	28.12	43.67
Robbery	143.98	177.9	165.2	144.91	93.9
City (Hollidaysburg)					
Aggravated Assault	185.67	90.51	161.78	108.5	91.29
Burglary or Larceny	2,320.83	2,280.96	1,797.59	1,645.57	1,752.78
Motor Vehicle Thefts	111.4	72.41	107.86	54.25	N/A
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	18.57	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robbery	18.57	72.41	89.88	18.08	N/A
City (Tyrone)					
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	135.58
Burglary or Larceny	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,021.5
Motor Vehicle Thefts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.37
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58.11
Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.47
City (Roaring Spring)					
Aggravated Assault	85.29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	1,791.04	1,774.12	1,535.09	2,303.94	2,908.28
Motor Vehicle Thefts	42.64	43.27	N/A	88.61	44.74
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.31	N/A
Robbery	85.29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
City (Martinsburg)					
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	46.75	94.34	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	2,790.48	2,454.84	N/A	1,933.96	1,849.22
Motor Vehicle Thefts	91.49	138.95	93.5	47.17	N/A
Murder	N/A	46.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	46.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robbery	N/A	46.32	N/A	N/A	N/A
City (Duncansville)					
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	169.35	N/A	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	N/A	2,761.51	2,201.52	2,224.12	N/A
Motor Vehicle Thefts	N/A	83.68	84.67	85.54	N/A
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.54	N/A
Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.54	N/A
City (Bellwood)					
Aggravated Assault	307.85	104.28	N/A	53.42	161.81
Burglary or Larceny	461.78	782.06	423.28	1,068.38	323.62
Motor Vehicle Thefts	51.31	N/A	52.91	N/A	N/A
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	53.42	N/A
City (Williamsburg)					
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	N/A	159.87	N/A
Burglary or Larceny	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,518.78	N/A
Motor Vehicle Thefts	N/A	N/A	79.37	79.94	N/A
Murder	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	79.37	N/A	N/A
Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County (Blair)					
Aggravated Assault	152.67	177.89	183.35	198.62	203.09
Burglary or Larceny	2,356.41	2,392.33	2,061.62	2,026.25	1,806.2
Motor Vehicle Thefts	113.85	134.66	103.7	85.96	90.35
Murder	6.04	0.83	2.49	3.34	2.4
Rape	34.5	39.9	26.55	24.2	31.98
Robbery	75.9	89.77	77.16	73.44	46.37

The following Cities that are within or contain the report area have no data available: **Claysburg, Tipton, Tunnelhill, Newry**

Source: [FBI UCR and DOJ](#)

(-) Endnotes:

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Depending on the type of size of the area selected for this report, the above values capture data for the block groups, tracts, counties, etc, in which at least 50% of their areas are contained. If this report is run for a zip code, some data will be unavailable, as zip code values for some topics are not available through the Census.

The source of crime data in the tables presented here is Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which compiles standardized incident reports from local law enforcement agencies in order to produce reliable, uniform, and national crime data. The UCR Program collects data on known offenses and persons arrested by law enforcement agencies. For details on this dataset, see the related entry for [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#) in the Data Directory. Crime data in this report is not summed or aggregated, but rather listed for each of the complete areas within the study area for which crime is reported.

For the separate Employment and Crime Sections in this report, only locations for which data are available are included in the tables. If the section does not include information, no data was available for any of the locations or component parts of the area you requested for this report.

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