

Labor Forces in Noble County

“The County That Moves Mountains”

Noble County has seen the decline of traditional Appalachian industries, including mining and timber, and the increase of unemployment levels. So there is an experienced pool of people available to support your industry. In addition, there is also a large group of commuters eager to return to work in their home county.

Labor Force Facts

- 5,800 = total work force
- 8.0% = unemployment rate (July 2004)
- 35.5 = median age
- A labor surplus area

Age Distribution (1998 estimates)

- 0-17 = 3,194 22.7%
- 18-24 = 1,654 11.8%
- 25-44 = 4,449 32.0%
- 65 + = 1,836 13.1%

Commuting Patterns

Residents of Noble County Working in Neighboring Counties:

- Guernsey = 974
- Washington = 399
- Muskingum = 132
- Belmont = 75
- Monroe = 27
- Morgan = 26

Residents of Neighboring Counties Working in Noble County:

- Guernsey = 224
- Washington = 166
- Monroe = 44
- Belmont = 35
- Muskingum = 22
- Morgan = 17

Employment by Sectors (2001)

- Construction = 2.2%
- Finance, Insurance, Real Estate = 2.1%
- Government = 32.6%
- Manufacturing = 19.9%
- Services = 13.4%
- Transportation, Communication, Utilities = 3.7%
- Wholesale/Retail Trade = 12.6%
- Others, Inc. Mining & Agricultural 13.5%

Wage Rates

32,940 Media Household Income (1999)

- \$15,403 = Per Capita Personal Income (2001)
- \$14,057 = Adjusted Per Capita Income (2000)
- Hourly rates range from \$5.15-\$17.73



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