

EXISTING SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY DATA

TRANSPORTATION

Fifty three percent of Schuylkill households had 2 vehicles or more available in 2000. More than 92 percent of workers 16 years and over used a car, truck, or van to get to work, and 43.4 percent had a travel time to work of between 10 and 24 minutes. Workflow data show that the largest number of Schuylkill County residents, more than 43,000, stayed within the county to work, followed by Berks (5,790) and Luzerne (3,588). Northumberland (1,617) has the highest number of residents commuting to Schuylkill to work, followed by Carbon (1,435) and Luzerne (1,179) Counties. Source: Selected Demographic Characteristics of Schuylkill County, Prepared by the Pennsylvania State Data Center, July 5, 2007

Tenure and Vehicles Owned

Vehicles are more readily available to homeowners than renters. 40 percent of all owner occupied housing units have 2 vehicles, and 30% own 1 vehicle. In comparison, 47% of all renter occupied housing units have 1 vehicle available, 20% have 2 vehicles available, and 28% do not have a vehicle.

Source: Census 2000

Number of Renter Occupied Units	13,353
Percentage of Renters without a Vehicle Available	28%
Percentage of Renters with Incomes Below Poverty Level	23%

Public Transportation

Four mass transit facilities operate within Schuylkill County: Capitol Bus Company, Schuylkill County Transportation System (STS), Susquehanna Transit Company, and Greyhound. However, less than 1% (282) of the population utilizes public transportation as a means to travel to work.

Capitol Trailways Bus Company provides bus services in south central (Harrisburg to Lebanon), and south eastern (Lancaster to Philadelphia), and north eastern (Pottsville – Reading) areas of the state. Service between Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, York, PA, Harrisburg, PA, Pottsville, PA, Hazleton, PA, Wilkes Barre, PA, Scranton, PA, Binghamton, NY, Syracuse, NY and points north is via Greyhound Lines. Susquehanna Trailways bus service runs daily through Lock Haven and Williamsport

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to Philadelphia, New York, Harisburg, and Elmira, New York also Sunbury to Philadelphia and New York.

STS is managed by the ReDCo Group, a private company originally established in 1981 to serve as the local sponsor of federally mandated employment and training activities. The STS Fixed Route Bus System operates Monday to Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No bus service is provided on Sundays, and there is no service on certain holidays.

Free bus service is provided to senior citizens over the age 65 and children under the age of 9. STS programs include ADA ParaTransit Services for all people with disabilities, Medical Assistance Transportation Programs (persons with low income, who do not have an Access Card and who are between the ages of 18 and 59 may qualify for transportation to medical appointments and social service agencies under the Human Services Development Fund), Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities Program, Shared Ride Van Program, and Employment Transportation Programs (citizens must meet certain guidelines regarding income and family size, Welfare-to-Work services are provided).

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