

# KEY INDUSTRIES

Erie County is in the process of defining and targeting our key industry segments for growth and investment. As our County experiences an economic and civic renaissance, we will focus on our strengths in manufacturing, healthcare, tourism, as well as entrepreneurship and innovation.

**NEARLY \$750 MILLION**  
in Private, Public and  
Philanthropic  
Investment

**470 ACRES**  
of Bayfront Property  
**176 ACRES**  
Prime for Development

**23,000+**  
University Students

**8** Federal  
Opportunity Zone Tracks

**1,000,000+ SQ. FT.**  
of Commercial & Residential  
Property Ready for  
Redevelopment

One Of Two  
**1,000 FOOT**  
Dry Docks and the  
Largest Crane on  
the Great Lakes

The business,  
governmental, university,  
community, and philanthropic  
leadership of our County are  
working together to write the story  
of Erie County's future.



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# INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Erie's entrepreneurial spirit is embedded in its generational workforce that has invented, engineered and manufactured goods and the trains that move them for more than 100 years. Our spirit is rising, as the leadership of an exciting innovation and entrepreneurship community collaborates with regional and incoming talent to access dedicated resource providers, all ready to help grow new businesses.

Teams from Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Radius Co-Work, Innovation Collaborative Co-Starters, Beehive Collaborative, Erie Technology Incubator, Blasco Library Idea Lab, Bridgeway Capital and The Idea Fund recognize that an entrepreneurial mindset, and pursuing new opportunities is vital for the Erie community to grow and prosper.



Erie's newly formed Innovation District, anchored by Velocity Net—a local tech firm, has already begun to plan and implement the cyber solutions to make the City of Erie a Secure Smart City™. The Erie Innovation District is combining the talent from our anchor institutions to create a cybersecurity, data science, insurtech, fintech and emerging industries hub, attracting talent from around the globe.

Throughout Pennsylvania, new investments are being made in the innovation economy and in its entrepreneurs with the help of PA One-Stop-Shop. The spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship coupled with maker spaces, well-trained workers, access to capital and mentorship, and an affordable cost of living give Erie County a leg up for those looking to grow their ideas in the region.



NWPA  
INNOVATION  
BEEHIVE  
NETWORK



Ben Franklin  
Technology Partners  
Central & Northern PA



BRIDGEWAY  
CAPITAL  
Connect Opportunity with Capital



idea lab  
ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



PA Business  
One-Stop Shop

Radius  
COWORK



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**51** MILES OF SHORELINE  
HOUSING OUR NATION'S BEST  
FRESHWATER BEACHES

**58** HOURS SAVED COMMUTING  
ANNUALLY COMPARED TO  
AVERAGE AMERICANS

**\$47,094**  
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**\$950**  
AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT

**\$93** AVERAGE COST  
PER SQ. FT.  
OF HOMES SOLD

**4M+**  
TOURISTS VISITING  
ERIE COUNTY ANNUALLY

**4,500**  
HOTEL ROOMS

**4** LOCAL HOSPITALS  
WITH 1000+ BEDS AND  
203 PHYSICIANS

**32**  
GOLF COURSES

**\$750M**  
INVESTED IN THE REGION  
BY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS

**8** FEDERAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
ZONE TRACTS

**4** COMMUNITY-DEVELOPED  
PLANS IN ACTION:  
• EMERGE 2040  
• EMBRACE MILLCREEK  
• ERIE REFOCUSED  
• THE ERIE DOWNTOWN  
MASTER PLAN

**23,000+**  
STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN LOCAL  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

**4.6%**  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
NOV. 2018

**91.1%**  
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA  
OR HIGHER  
(25 AND UP)

**27%**  
BACHELOR DEGREE  
OR HIGHER  
(25 AND UP)

A geographic and historic gem located in the northwest corner of Pennsylvania, Erie County is experiencing unprecedented collaboration, anchor investment, civic resurgence, and a convergence of stakeholders investing in success.

Nearly \$750 million in private and public investment is fueling a community renewal, while the local economy is growing thanks to a thriving mix of industry segments including manufacturing, health care, financial services/ insurance, agriculture, education, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Boasting a highly trained, generational workforce, unbeatable quality of life, and collaborative business environment—if you haven't thought of Erie County for your future business growth or expansion before, prepare to be impressed.



Anchored by the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Choose Erie is backed by a full-service development team that provides low-interest financing, real estate services and grant assistance to businesses and nonprofit organizations with the ultimate goal of fostering investment and employment in the Erie region.

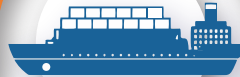
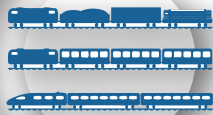


ERIE COUNTY'S UNIQUE ASSETS  
SET US APART IN THE REGION  
AND THE COMMONWEALTH.



CENTRAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE NATION'S  
MAJOR EAST/WEST CONNECTOR, INTERSTATE 90,  
AND INTERSTATE 79 CONNECTING SOUTHWARD  
TO THE NATION'S INTERSTATE SYSTEM.

ACCESS TO FREIGHT AND  
PASSENGER RAILROADS



PENNSYLVANIA'S  
ONLY PORT ON THE GREAT  
LAKES LOCATED IN A FEDERAL  
OPPORTUNITY ZONE

HIGHLY SKILLED



TWO AIRPORTS  
SERVE ERIE COUNTY



8 HOUR  
DRIVE TO 6 U.S.  
EAST COAST SEAPORTS

ACCESS TO MARKETS WITHIN  
100 MILES OF BUFFALO,  
CLEVELAND AND  
PITTSBURGH

AVAILABLE  
WORKFORCE



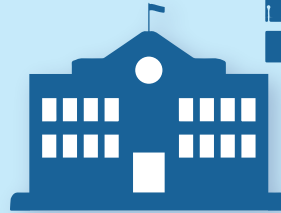
FOUR HOSPITALS  
SERVE ERIE COUNTY



EIGHT DESIGNATED  
TAX-FREE ZONES



INNOVATION DISTRICT



FOUR MAJOR UNIVERSITIES,  
REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
MEDICAL SCHOOL AND  
DENTAL SCHOOL



LOW COST OF LIVING

