

FIGURE 16.7: 2000 EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY CATEGORY	UPPER PROVIDENCE		DELAWARE COUNTY	
	number	percent	number	percent
Farming, forestry, fishing/hunting, mining	27	0.5%	541	0.2%
Construction	257	4.7%	14,678	5.7%
Manufacturing	637	11.7%	25,616	9.9%
Wholesale trade	110	2.0%	8,145	3.1%
Retail trade	433	7.9%	29,025	11.2%
Transportation, warehousing, utilities	282	5.2%	14,724	5.7%
Information	168	3.1%	9,016	3.5%
Finance, insurance, real estate	486	8.9%	23,024	8.9%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste mgmt services	1,060	19.4%	30,389	11.7%
Educational, health, and social services	1,411	25.9%	65,868	25.5%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	210	3.8%	16,002	6.2%
Public administration	144	2.6%	9,017	3.5%
Other services	234	4.3%	12,733	4.9%
TOTAL	5,459	100.0%	258,778	100.0%

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2003.

The chart shows that Township residents are employed by the various industrial sectors in roughly the same proportions as found in the County generally. The most significant aberration is in the professional category. While this is significantly higher than the County rate of employment, it is not the area with the largest proportion of employees: over a quarter of working Township residents are in education, health, and social services. Note that this is only slightly higher than the County figure. Similar to what was noted under the prior chart, the relatively high proportion of professional employment is a logical consequence of the Township's higher-than-typical level of educational attainment. There is no one category that has a significantly smaller proportion of workers in comparison to the County, but many have a slightly lower figure.

Income - Employment characteristics are closely related to income level. A review of residents' income provides insight into housing needs, demand for municipal services, and quality-of-life concerns generally.