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# LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Eleven years ago the first ever **Relocationlink**® York County hit the streets of York County to welcome new residents. It was an overdue tool needed to aid newcomers which was thereafter utilized by human resource departments and our endorsing partners. Over a decade ago, our company, Genesis Publishing LLC, was doing business in both Maryland and Pennsylvania and I had fallen in love with York County. It was through our experience publishing the York County Convention & Visitors' Bureau Vacation Guide that I gained insight from the local community front lines that the concept of **Relocationlink**® was born. It is no surprise that over ten years ago I found myself moving from Baltimore City to southern York County in search of a community in which to settle down and raise a family.

Fast forward to today and exciting things are still happening with this useful publication. We listened to the comments and requests from those that order our magazine directly and for the 10th anniversary issue last fall, we redesigned the publication to include a new look, new sections and most importantly, a Resource Listing section of key service providers within York County. Our months of intense planning and research efforts have been successful — York County current and potential residents are using our publication more than ever before!



At Genesis Publishing LLC, we believe in a consumer-first business philosophy. Through our sister firm, Genesis Golf Trips, we work with consumers on a daily basis and place customer service first. We are now building upon our existing philosophy so that consumers can expect the same when using Relocationlink York County to help them move into or get acclimated with the area.

I welcome you to come discover York County, Pennsylvania and recapture the quality of life of your childhood dreams. May God bless you with discernment to give you clarity with this very important decision.

Kimberly Carl, Publisher

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### SUPPORTING PARTNERS

### PENNSYLVANIA & LOCAL TAX INFORMATION

York County Real Estate Tax — 2009	4.150 mills
Local Earned Income Tax	.50% of employees
Corporate Net Income Tax — last changed in 1995	9.99%
Personal Income Tax	3.07%
Corporate Loans Tax	4 mills
Capital Stock & Foreign Franchise Tax (exemption \$125,000; minimum tax \$0) last changed in 2009	1.89 mills
Realty Transfer Tax — last changed in 1998	1%
State Sales Tax — last changed in 1998	6%
State Real Property Tax	none
<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>	
Employer (imposed on first \$8,000 of wages for each employee):	
Standard Rate — last changed in 2008	5.9632%
New Employers — last changed in 2008	3.7030%
Employee (imposed on total wages):	none

Sources: County of York; Pennsylvania Department of Revenue; Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry; and Pennsylvania Association of Realtors

# YORK COUNTY OVERVIEW



Welcome to York County, Pennsylvania — one of the fastest growing hot-spots in the northeast! The reasons to make a move to York continue to grow — just like the population. It is not surprising that York County continues to outpace its projected growth numbers. The Census Bureau projected the county population to reach 403,000 in 2010. By the end of 2008, the county population estimate was nearly 425,000! York County is booming — and the reasons for the growth keep on coming.

People move into York County for a variety of reasons. Financially, a move to York County, Pennsylvania is a smart move. Relocating to York County can free up time and money for growing families and young professionals. In York — the value of your dollar is greater. Housing will cost you less — whether you are buying a home, building new or renting — you will get more for your money in the York market. You can get a bigger house in a better area on nicer land for sometimes \$100,000 less than nearby markets! Your groceries and your daycare will cost less. In York County, even the gas for your car can be more affordable.

York County is more than a great place to live — it is also a great place to find a job. While much of the nation is struggling with unemployment, York boasts a strong and healthy manufacturing base. This base

has provided a cushion for York from the outside economic ebbs and flows. York continues to add people to the labor force. Since April of 2008, over 3,000 jobs have been created in York. In addition to its manufacturing positions, York also has an expanding medical field as its' top-notch hospitals add new departments and staff. Other industry growth is occurring in the field of education; there is a strong and growing list of trade and post-graduate schools located right here in York County. In just one county, you can find just about

York County continues to have a cost of living index lower than the national average. It is also significantly lower than its nearby metropolitan counterparts. (See *Cost of Living* chart on page 3). The lower cost of living and a median household income that is 6% higher than the national median income<sup>i</sup> combine to make York County a perfect place to save money for your future. Salary.com rated York County a “top destination for building net worth.” Your dollars go a lot farther in York — so it is easier to save.

According to the York County Economic Development Corporation, 75% of York residents both live and work in the county. However, York is centrally located between the State Capitol in Harrisburg and many Maryland-based businesses as well. If you do not find exactly what you

## York County can free up time and money for many relocating from other areas.

any position that will meet your skill set, interests and salary requirements. Although unemployment has been on the rise everywhere, the unemployment rate is significantly lower in York. (See *Unemployment Rate* chart on page 3). York County's unemployment rate is over a full percentage point below the national average! In 2008 there were nearly 180,000 people employed in agricultural jobs and nearly 160,000 employed in private jobs in York — and those numbers just continue to grow! (See *Employment by Industry* chart on page 3). Many of these private companies have been rated as a top place to work in Pennsylvania!

are looking for within York's borders, it can definitely be found within a very short drive away!

York County is continuing to grow in every way. New jobs are bringing in new people and the new residents are building new houses. York County granted nearly 1,900 new housing construction permits in 2007.<sup>iii</sup> Your housing dollars will also take you a lot farther in York County. A decade of steady growth sheltered York from the housing boom a few years ago. Now, while the rest of the country attempts to stabilize, York continues to grow. You can find just about any kind of

home in York County. From brand new townhouses within York City limits to old farmhouses on rolling acres of land, York County truly has it all!

Living in York County is like having an exciting vacation waiting for you — right in your backyard! Dive into York's history at one of the numerous historic sites. Explore the local arts scene in downtown York City. The county is very diverse in its cultural, entertainment and historic offerings. The City's *Revolutionary Experience* offers visitors and residents alike both history and the arts. The countryside is peppered with beautiful natural attractions like farms, nature centers and orchards. Brown's Orchards & Farm Market, a family run business in Southern York County, has been a community staple for over 60 years. Stop by to pick the in-season fruit or order a holiday gift basket — either way you will be treated like a member of the Brown's family!

York County is attractive to potential residents of all ages. In addition to amazing outdoor scenery, York offers plenty of evening and weekend entertainment, and many options are all within the city borders. Watch the York Revolution, York County's very own Atlantic League of Baseball team. Visit Antique Row in the City of York along West Market Street just west of the Codorus Creek. Sample some of York's best restaurants and then head over to the Strand-Capitol Theatre for some amazing entertainment.

York County has a perfect location — a close proximity to several major metropolitan areas such as Baltimore, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Washington, DC. Workers in these areas are looking to York for an improvement to their quality of life while eliminating and alleviating the many inflated expenses that come with city living. Even as gas prices increase, the cost of living index is so much lower in York County, commuters find themselves saving money. In addition, York County has a several mass transit options to make the lives of commuters easier and more affordable. (See our *transportation* section on page 7 in our *Where to Live* section for information on how to easily commute around the county and into Maryland). •

<sup>i</sup> York County Pennsylvania Economic and Community Profile, York County Economic Development Corporations, June 2009.

<sup>ii</sup> According to the US Census Bureau

<sup>iii</sup> York County Pennsylvania Economic and Community Profile, York County Economic Development Corporations, June 2009.

## YORK FACTS & STATS

### COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

Area	Total Index	Food	Housing	Utility	Trans.	Health	Misc.	Avg. Gas/gal.	Avg. Home Price
York County, PA	101.2	92.5	104.3	111.2	96.6	91.0	101.6	\$2.50	\$321,190
Richmond, VA	108.7	97.7	118.2	105.1	109.8	104.2	106.3	\$2.52	\$353,357
Baltimore, MD	120.1	106.8	155.1	117.6	110.1	105.8	102.2	\$2.58	\$479,360
Philadelphia, PA	125.3	125.6	147.3	116.6	109.5	113.3	115.9	\$2.68	\$431,010
Boston, MA	136.4	119.6	168.9	126.6	109.8	131.2	127.6	\$2.58	\$504,754
Washington, DC	141.3	110.0	219.8	119.4	110.4	112.3	108.5	\$2.63	\$670,731
National Average	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	\$2.52	\$303,409

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 2007.

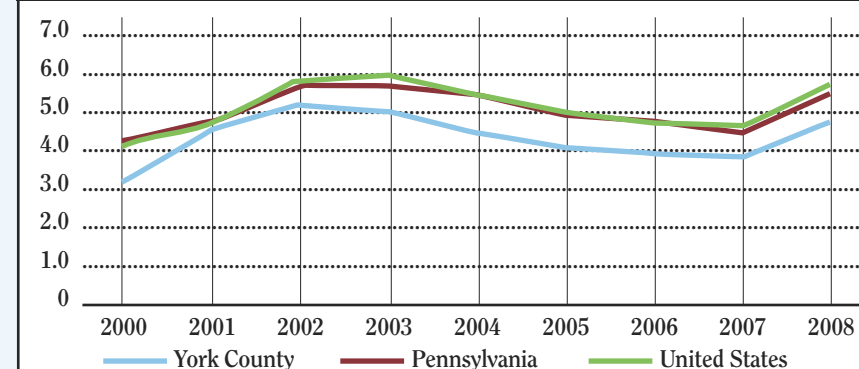
Note: Data represent the index calculated for 2007 First Quarter. This index does not include taxes. © ACCRA 2007

### MOVE TO YORK FROM...

	Baltimore	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Monmouth, NJ
Groceries will cost	13.302% less	26.331% less	4.892% less	20.687% less
Housing will cost	32.758% less	29.188% less	11.536% less	39.692% less
Utilities will cost	5.458% less	4.615% less	5.313% less	2.517% less
Transportation will cost	12.248% less	11.831% less	2.277% less	11.06% less
Healthcare will cost	14.014% less	19.663% less	2.582% less	17.432% less

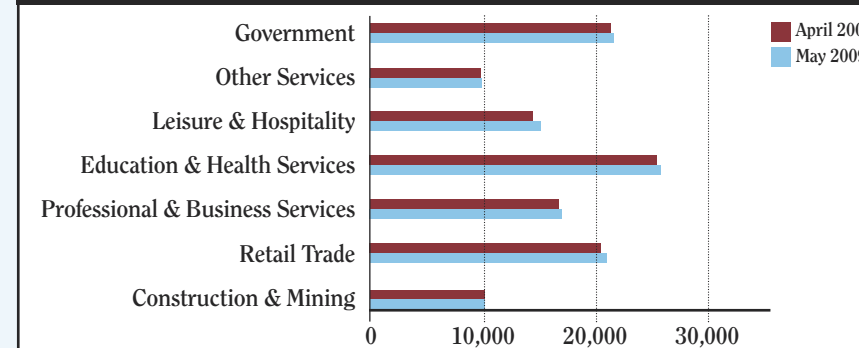
Source: CNNMoney.com Salary Comparison Calculator 2007

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Source: "Community Profile" by the York County Economic Development Corporation

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



Source: "Community Profile" by the York County Economic Development Corporation