

ECONOMY

INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

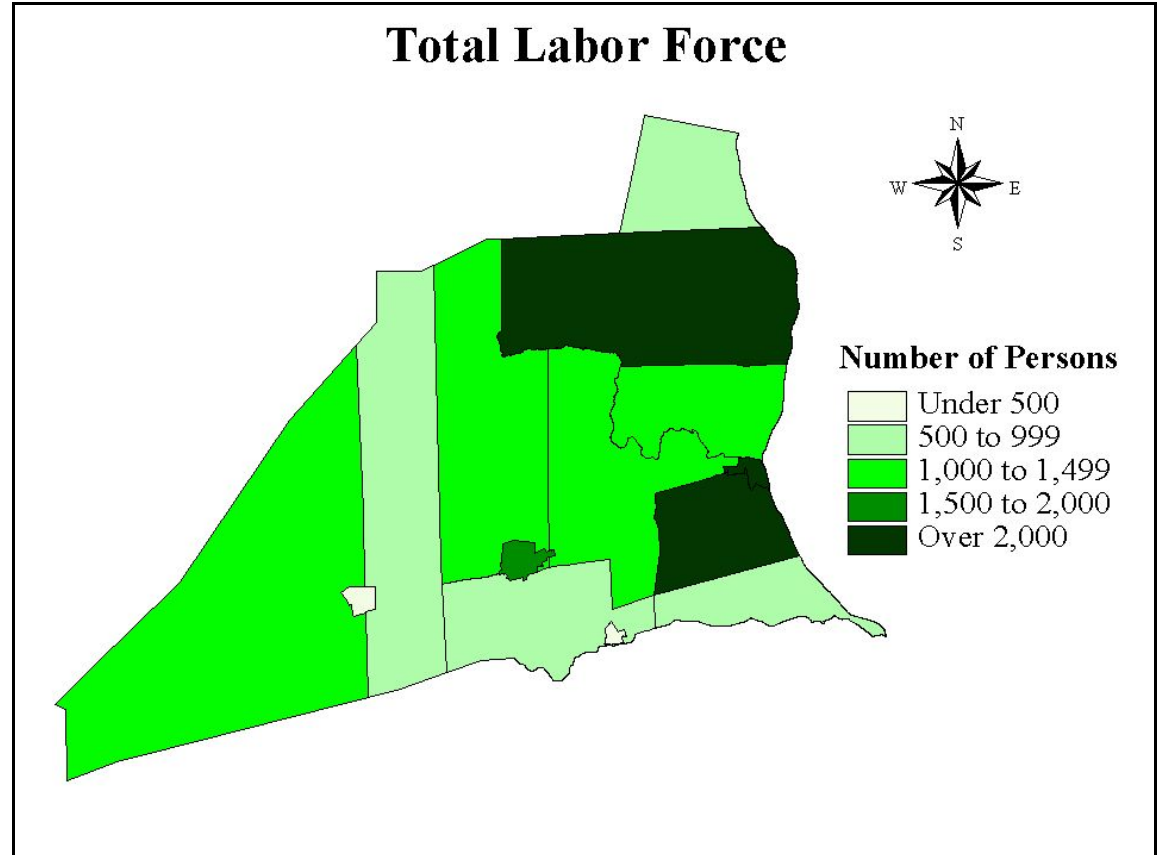
In Union County, slightly less than 50% of the population over 16 years of age is in the labor force, totaling almost 17,000 individuals. The majority of the labor force is composed of civilians, only 24 people were employed in the armed forces. Although between 1990 and 2000, the population over 16 grew by over 5,000 people, the labor force only increased by about 600. Also, the number of people over 16 who are not in the labor force grew by almost 5,000 as well, while the unemployment rate dropped from 4.1% to 3.9%. These statistics can be partially attributed to the influx of new prisoners to the Allenwood correctional facilities, which added 3,679 males to the county's population.

Occupation refers to the type of job an individual holds. Over 30% of the employed population is involved in management or professional occupations. Production, transportation, construction, extraction, and maintenance are also leading occupations in the county totaling 22.5% of the labor force. Overall, the service and/or knowledge based sector employs the most, over 65% of those working.

Unfortunately direct comparisons between the 1990 and 2000 occupation statistics is nearly impossible due to the difference in classification methods used between the two surveys. The 1990 Census classified "occupation" into 13 categories, where the 2000 Census only uses six categories.

Industry denotes an employing firm's product. The largest two employing industries in the county are education, health and social services at 28.2% and manufacturing at 22%. A change was also made in how the "industry" category was classified between the 1990 and 2000 Census, making it difficult to compare trends in this area as well.

Given the changes in Census classifica-



tions, general information could still be extrapolated that indicates the continuing move within the region from an industrial and manufacturing employment base to an information, technology and service economy. In 1990 nearly 62% of county residents were employed in service or knowledge professions with 38% earning a living in manufacturing, agriculture, and construction trades. In 2000 the service and knowledge based employment increased to 67.8% while the blue-collar employment declined to 32.2%. With recent announcements of layoffs and plant closings by industrial and manufacturing employers in the region and expansions under way at education, medical, and other service providers, this trend is likely to continue into the next decade.

INCOME

The median income of the county is \$40,336 and the per capita income is \$17,918. Almost 40% of households earn between \$35,000 and \$75,000. Nearly 30% of households, however, have an annual income of less than \$25,000. By far, the highest levels of both the per capita and median incomes are in East Buffalo Township, where the median income is almost \$14,000 more than the second highest. Six percent of the households in East Buffalo Township have an income of over \$200,000 per year. The high income levels also correspond to the high median home value in the municipality, which is almost \$150,000. Lewisburg has the lowest median income, and Gregg Township has the lowest per capita income. One possible reason for the low per capita income level in Gregg Township is the new correction institutions. Because per capita income takes into

account the entire population, a significant increase in the population without a corresponding rise in income would result in a decrease in the per capita income. In 1990, the per capita income of Gregg Township was \$14,050, but in 2000 that number decreased to \$12,916.

Both per capita and median income levels have increased in most municipalities. Gregg Township is the only municipality to show a decline in the per capita income; the median household income decreased in Lewisburg and New Berlin, however, falling by almost 5% and 12% respectively.

Table 19: Median Household and Per Capita Income, 1989-1999*

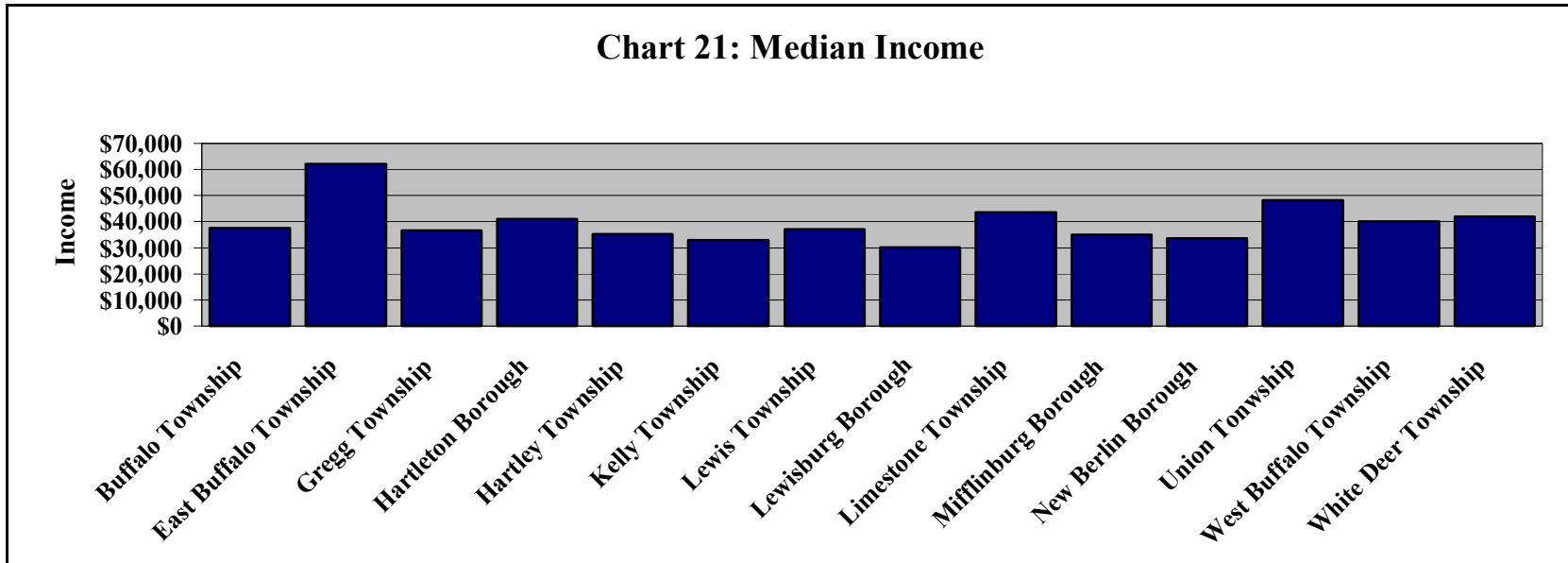
Municipality	Median Income 1989	Median Income 1999	Per Capita Income 1989	Per Capita Income 1999
Buffalo Township	\$31,460	\$37,539	\$13,660	\$18,764
East Buffalo Township	\$59,446	\$62,158	\$24,355	\$26,459
Gregg Township	\$36,331	\$36,719	\$14,050	\$12,916
Hartelton Borough	\$29,058	\$40,938	\$11,901	\$14,714
Hartley Township	\$29,323	\$35,278	\$11,230	\$15,310
Kelly Township	\$32,058	\$32,843	\$11,564	\$18,499
Lewis Township	\$32,290	\$37,031	\$12,638	\$13,385
Lewisburg Borough	\$31,539	\$30,137	\$13,576	\$14,146
Limestone Township	\$34,603	\$43,646	\$14,338	\$18,117
Mifflinburg Borough	\$33,926	\$34,906	\$15,664	\$17,161
New Berlin Borough	\$37,847	\$33,523	\$16,259	\$16,547
Union Township	\$40,250	\$48,289	\$16,912	\$21,597
West Buffalo Township	\$32,739	\$40,000	\$13,517	\$17,173
White Deer Township	\$37,292	\$41,994	\$14,358	\$18,486
Union County	\$36,037	\$40,336	\$15,237	\$17,918

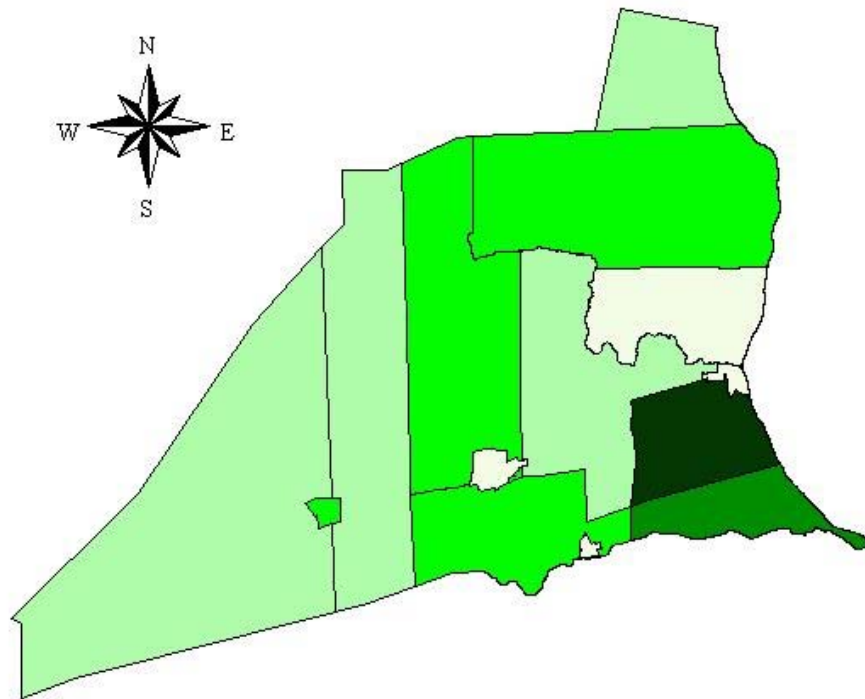
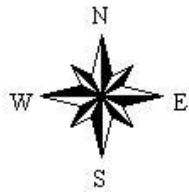
* The 1989 income figures have been adjusted for inflation and reflect 2000 values.

Table 20: Household and Per Capita Income by Municipality, 2000

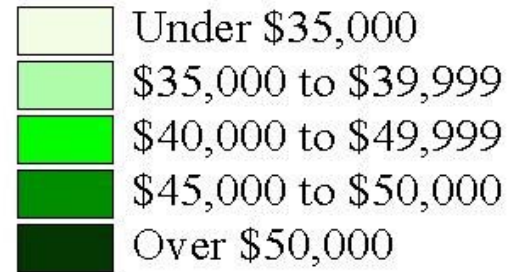
Municipality	Income (%)										Median Income	Per Capita Income
	Less Than \$10,000	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000-\$24,999	\$25,000-\$34,999	\$35,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$74,999	\$75,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000 or more		
Buffalo Township	8.4	8.7	15.9	13.8	17.6	19.0	9.1	4.3	0.9	2.2	\$37,539	\$18,764
East Buffalo Township	3.3	1.8	5.1	9.5	17.0	23.9	16.9	12.7	3.8	6.0	\$62,158	\$26,459
Gregg Township	6.8	6.2	12.7	21.0	19.2	28.7	3.3	1.2	0.0	0.9	\$36,719	\$12,916
Hartleton Borough	3.2	7.4	15.8	13.7	26.3	26.3	3.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	\$40,938	\$14,714
Hartley Township	12.7	4.5	14.1	18.2	24.1	17.7	5.9	1.7	0.6	0.5	\$35,278	\$15,310
Kelly Township	14.1	9.7	13.6	16.0	16.5	17.9	6.2	3.6	0.7	1.7	\$32,843	\$18,499
Lewis Township	7.3	7.7	13.0	19.2	26.6	16.1	7.9	1.9	0.2	0.0	\$37,031	\$13,385
Lewisburg Borough	18.7	9.2	16.2	10.5	12.9	19.3	6.3	5.7	0.8	0.3	\$30,137	\$14,146
Limestone Township	3.4	2.6	14.4	15.8	23.6	21.2	8.6	8.1	0.4	1.9	\$43,646	\$18,117
Mifflinburg Borough	11.5	7.3	16.2	15.1	20.9	19.3	6.1	2.8	0.4	0.5	\$34,906	\$17,161
New Berlin Borough	6.3	6.6	22.1	16.9	17.2	18.1	9.1	3.0	0.0	0.6	\$33,523	\$16,547
Union Township	3.9	6.5	9.7	14.3	18.0	26.8	10.6	6.3	0.9	3.0	\$48,289	\$21,597
West Buffalo Township	7.6	5.3	15.5	15.7	19.8	19.1	10.7	4.1	1.2	0.9	\$40,000	\$17,173
White Deer Township	6.3	6.1	15.0	12.4	21.1	24.7	9.1	2.8	1.4	1.0	\$41,994	\$18,486
<i>Union County</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>\$40,336</i>	<i>\$17,918</i>

Chart 21: Median Income

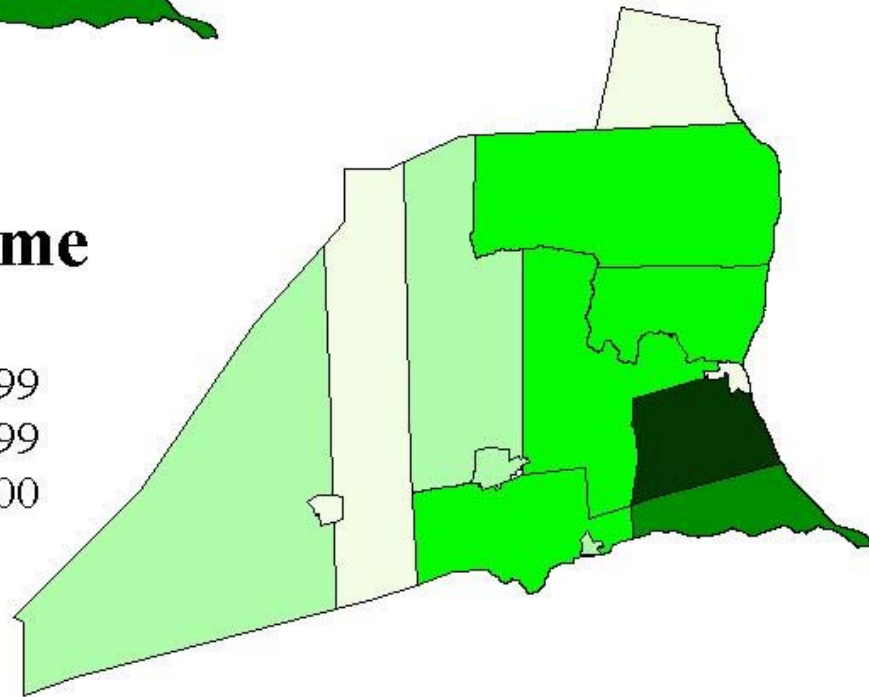
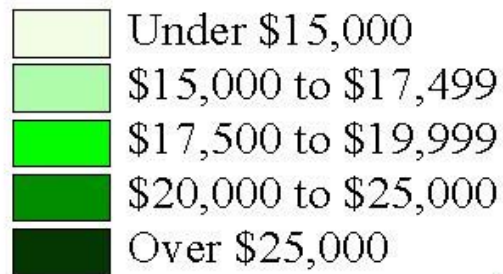




Median Income



Per Capita Income



POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

In Union County, 2,910 people live in poverty. Slightly over 5% of families are below the poverty line. Seven percent of those in poverty are over 65 years of age and 8.6% are related children under 18 years of age. Lewisburg Borough has the highest poverty rate, at 22.2%, and Hartleton Borough the lowest, at only 1.1%. Hartley Township has the highest poverty rate among families, and West Buffalo Township has the highest rate for people age 65 and over.

Most of these numbers are down from the 1990 Census. The number of individuals in poverty fell from 3,186 and the number of families below the poverty line decreased from 561 to 476. The number of related children in poverty declined as well. The number of individuals over 65 in poverty has increased, as did families with female householders with no husbands present whose income is below the poverty line, and the number of related children under 18 in such households.

The county unemployment rate was 3.9% as of April 2000. Since then the unemployment rate has fluctuated between 4.0% and 4.7%. At the time of this publication the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry reported the most recent unemployment rate at 4.0%. Gregg Township has by far the highest unemployment; nearly a quarter of the labor force was out of work in 2000. East Buffalo Township has the lowest unemployment rate. With the exception of Gregg Township, all of the municipalities have an unemployment rate of less than 7%.

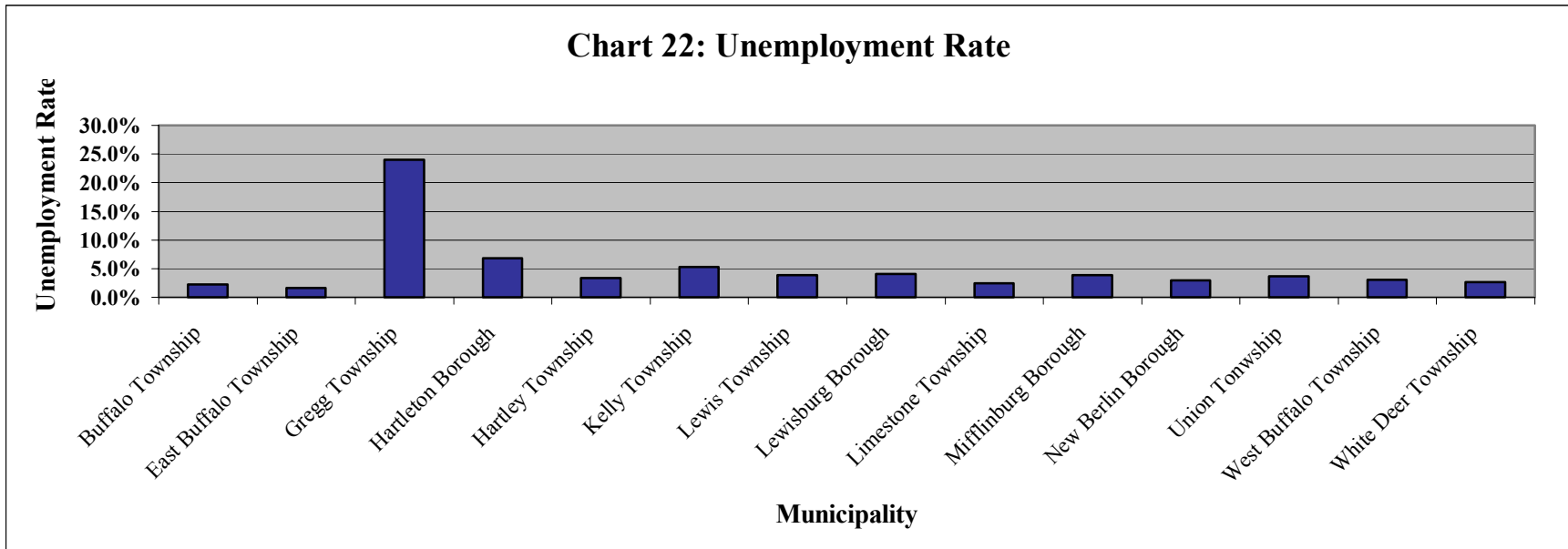


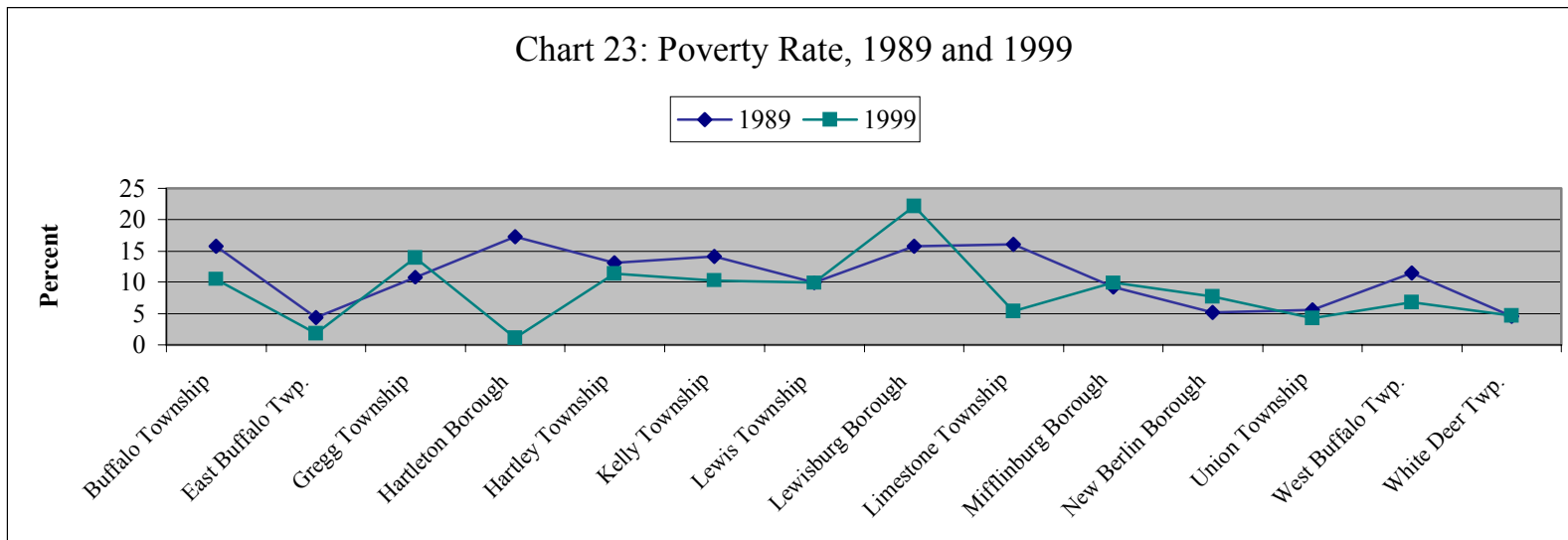
Table 21: Poverty Status, 2000

	Total Persons	Total Below Poverty	Percent Below Poverty	% Under 18 In Poverty ¹	% Over 65 In Poverty ²	% Families In Poverty
Buffalo Township	3,207	334	10.5	16.1	6.6	8.4
East Buffalo Township	5,730	84	1.8	0.0	0.9	0.9
Gregg Township	4,687	145	14.0	5.0	5.2	4.5
Hartleton Borough	260	3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hartley Township	1,714	186	11.4	14.5	14.0	8.5
Kelly Township	4,502	297	10.3	9.2	12.1	4.0
Lewis Township	1,405	137	9.9	14.7	5.7	7.2
Lewisburg Borough	5,620	771	22.2	12.9	6.2	6.3
Limestone Township	1,572	84	5.4	7.5	5.7	3.3
Mifflinburg Borough	3,594	354	9.9	13.7	8.7	7.6
New Berlin Borough	838	64	7.7	9.3	2.0	6.3
Union Township	1,427	61	4.3	3.3	4.5	3.5
West Buffalo Township	2,795	188	6.8	5.3	16.6	6.0
White Deer Township	4,273	202	4.7	4.6	3.3	4.7
Union County	<i>41,624</i>	<i>2,910</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>5.1</i>

¹Percent Under 18 in Poverty is the number of related children under 18 years old in poverty

²Percent Over 65 in Poverty is the number of individuals in poverty who are over 65 years of age.

Chart 23: Poverty Rate, 1989 and 1999



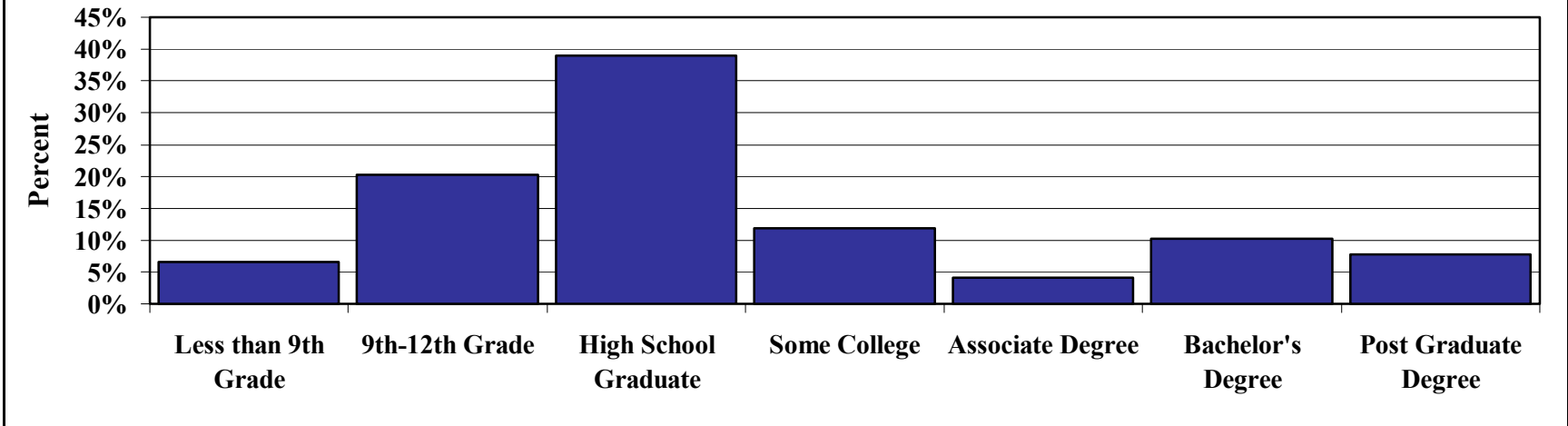
has also been, however, an increase in the number of people with a 9th to 12th grade education that did not graduate high school in the township.

Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of people in the county with at least a high school diploma has stayed at 73%, and despite the increases and decreases in the various municipalities, the percentages of people without a high school diploma and with a Bachelor's degree or higher have also remained stable.

Table 22: Educational Attainment Level

Municipality	Less than 9th Grade	9th-12th Grade No Diploma	High School Graduate	Some College No Degree	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Post Graduate Degree
Buffalo Township	11.4%	15.9%	43.0%	9.5%	5.6%	10.3%	4.3%
East Buffalo Township	3.7%	6.0%	20.0%	14.3%	7.0%	24.5%	24.5%
Gregg Township	6.1%	46.9%	34.6%	9.5%	1.0%	1.5%	0.3%
Hartleton Borough	5.6%	21.0%	58.0%	8.0%	1.9%	3.7%	1.9%
Hartley Township	8.6%	16.3%	54.8%	9.5%	2.6%	5.0%	3.2%
Kelly Township	5.3%	32.4%	36.7%	12.6%	3.1%	6.9%	3.1%
Lewis Township	12.5%	16.8%	46.1%	10.4%	4.6%	6.6%	3.0%
Lewisburg Borough	2.4%	7.9%	29.7%	18.5%	4.2%	19.0%	18.4%
Limestone Township	10.3%	14.5%	43.9%	10.7%	5.3%	8.4%	6.9%
Mifflinburg Borough	6.4%	13.1%	46.0%	11.3%	4.2%	12.1%	6.9%
New Berlin Borough	6.0%	10.2%	49.3%	10.4%	5.4%	11.4%	7.4%
Union Township	6.4%	11.8%	40.6%	14.2%	7.9%	11.2%	7.9%
West Buffalo Township	12.5%	16.8%	46.1%	10.4%	4.6%	6.6%	3.0%
White Deer Township	5.1%	17.9%	52.7%	10.4%	4.2%	5.7%	3.9%
Union County	6.6%	20.3%	39.0%	11.9%	4.1%	10.2%	7.8%

Chart 24: Education Level



OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Though Union County fares better relative to the statewide economic data and to other counties in the area, there are still a number of indicators that could be improved. Almost 10% of households in the county earn less than \$10,000 a year, and the poverty rate is 8.8%. Thirty-three occupied housing units do not use any heating fuel and 109 do not have telephone service. Of both occupied and vacant units, 40 do not have full plumbing facilities, and 75 lack full kitchens. East Buffalo Township is the only municipality in which every housing unit has a full kitchen, full plumbing, telephone service, and uses some kind of heating fuel. The Plain Sect probably had an effect on these statistics but their exact influence cannot be determined. Seasonally vacant and recreational homes, such as hunting and fishing cabins, are included in the number of households lacking full plumbing and kitchens, but not those without heating fuel or telephone service. The telephone and heating fuel statistics apply only to occupied housing.

Table 23: Other Economic Indicators, 2000

Municipality	Poverty Rate	Income Under \$10,000	Households				
			Occupied Housing Units	Not Using Heating Fuel	Lacking Full Plumbing	Lacking Full Kitchen	No Telephone Services
Buffalo Township	10.5%	8.4%	1,165	0	8	0	13
East Buffalo Township	1.8%	3.3%	1,823	0	0	0	0
Gregg Township	14.0%	6.8%	335	0	2	0	2
Hartelton Borough	1.1%	3.2%	93	0	2	0	0
Hartley Township	11.4%	12.7%	644	0	4	2	7
Kelly Township	10.3%	14.1%	1,314	10	0	26	0
Lewis Township	9.9%	7.3%	476	0	0	0	4
Lewisburg Borough	22.2%	18.7%	1,778	6	0	21	23
Limestone Township	5.4%	3.4%	526	4	3	0	9
Mifflinburg Borough	9.9%	11.5%	1,505	0	0	6	8
New Berlin Borough	7.7%	6.3%	333	0	0	5	7
Union Township	4.3%	3.9%	547	2	4	0	8
West Buffalo Township	6.8%	7.6%	995	11	5	9	6
White Deer Township	4.7%	6.3%	1,644	0	12	6	22
Union County	8.8%	9.4%	13,178	33	40	75	109