



Gov. Wolf (D)

"The process of fully remediating a site can often be difficult and costly, so this program is vital to help get these sites pad-ready. Having a collection of former brownfield sites ready for occupation helps attract companies."

— Gov. Tom Wolf, Dec. 12, 2017, announcing two new approvals from the state's Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP) for redevelopment of sites in Easton and York

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Pennsylvania

Pop. (2017): 12,976,662
Median household income: \$56,184
Credit Rating: A+/Stable

Pop. growth 2017-2022: 0.25%
Median age: 41.3
Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- A new measure amends the Public School Code to allow students in career and technology education to demonstrate proficiency and readiness for high school graduation in an alternative pathway, and removes the statutory requirement for the Keystone Exam on that student population.
- Supported by Gov. Wolf and, according to some polls, 70 percent of Pennsylvanians, a new severance tax on shale gas has yet to make headway despite attempts late in the year to insert it into budget measures. Pennsylvania is the only major gas-producing state without a severance tax.



26th

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2017-2018: -3



4th

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: \$3,963,973



23rd

Number of NCRCs: **32,073** | Percent Improvement 2017-2018: **14%**



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ITIF Score: **64.4**



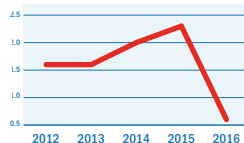
19th

Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **6.64**



45th

GDP
6th



2016 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$719,834