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### Employment and Unemployment

#### The impact of employment

On this page: Employment status, by high school-age residents, parents of children under age 18, and parents of young children under age 6.

- Teens who are not in school and not working may face bleak prospects for the future. At a time when critical life decisions are made, unemployment can herald future difficulty in getting and keeping a job.
- Parental employment indicates parents' ability to provide for their children. Without it, children lack health benefits and endure irregular daily routines. Single parents and parents of younger children face particularly daunting daily challenges finding quality, safe child care.

|  | —Columbia County— |         | —Pennsylvania— |         |
|--|-------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
|  | Number            | Percent | Number         | Percent |
| <b>High School-Age</b>   |                   |         |                |         |
| • Ages 16 to 19, not working, not in school                                | 218               | 4.5%    | 46,957         | 7.0%    |
| • Ages 16 to 19, not working, not in school, high school graduate          | 84                | 1.7%    | 19,826         | 2.9%    |
| • Ages 16 to 19, not working, not in school, not high school graduate      | 134               | 2.8%    | 27,131         | 4.0%    |
| • Ages 16 to 19, not in school   | 519               | 10.7%   | 110,416        | 16.4%   |
| • Ages 16 to 19, employed, not in school, not high school graduate         | 118               | 2.4%    | 20,846         | 3.1%    |
| <b>Parents of Children Under Age 18</b>                                    |                   |         |                |         |
| • Children under age 18 living with 2 parents, neither in labor force      | 197               | —       | 62,247         | —       |
| • Children under age 18 living with 2 parents, both parents in labor force | 6,491             | —       | 1,259,883      | —       |
| • Children under age 18 living with mother only, in labor force            | 1,764             | —       | 438,221        | —       |
| • Children under age 18 living with father only, in labor force            | 867               | —       | 136,630        | —       |
| <b>Parents of Children Under Age 6</b>                                     |                   |         |                |         |
| • Children under age 6 living with 2 parents, neither in labor force       | 47                | —       | 19,102         | —       |
| • Children under age 6 living with 2 parents, both in labor force          | 1,807             | —       | 340,455        | —       |
| • Children under age 6 living with mother only, in labor force             | 437               | —       | 122,799        | —       |
| • Children under age 6 living with father only, in labor force             | 299               | —       | 45,616         | —       |

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