

Montgomery County Data: Economic

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Income per Capita Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

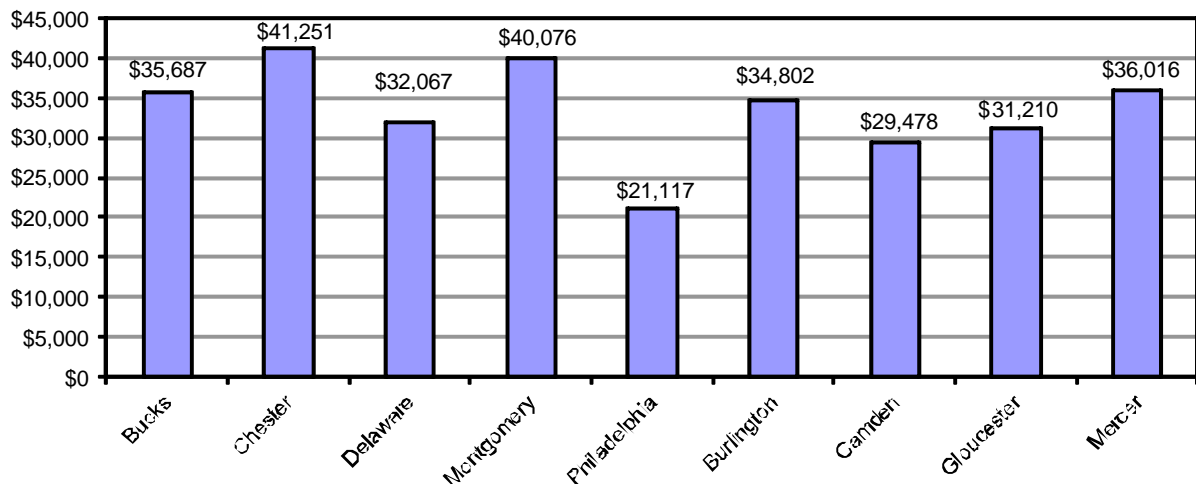
Income per capita is the total amount of income in an area divided by the total population number, including children and nonworking individuals. It is a more direct measure of overall wealth in an area than median household or family income measures, but it does not reflect the overall distribution of income.

Montgomery County has a substantial share of wealth in the Philadelphia region. Its per capita income—\$40,076—is only second to Chester County in the nine county Philadelphia region. However, income growth in Montgomery County, along with the state and nation, has failed to keep up with inflation resulting in a “real value” loss of income per person since 1999. When adjusted for inflation, the income per capita in Montgomery County has fallen 0.9% from 1999 to 2010. National incomes have declined over three times that rate in the same time period. A loss of income over ten years is not typical at county or national levels and is indicative of slow economic growth over the last decade, especially during the recession in the latter half of the decade.

Wealth within the county is somewhat concentrated as only five municipalities have a per capita income above \$50,000, while nineteen municipalities are below \$30,000. Geographically, most of the highest per capita income communities are clustered in the eastern central part of the county blanketed by several longstanding suburban employment centers, such as King of Prussia, Willow Grove, Montgomeryville, and Blue Bell. These areas are largely built out with pockets of infill and redevelopment. Lower income communities are predominately in the western half of the county, but can also be found in many of the boroughs throughout the county.

The following chart and map summarize the American Community Survey data for income per capita.

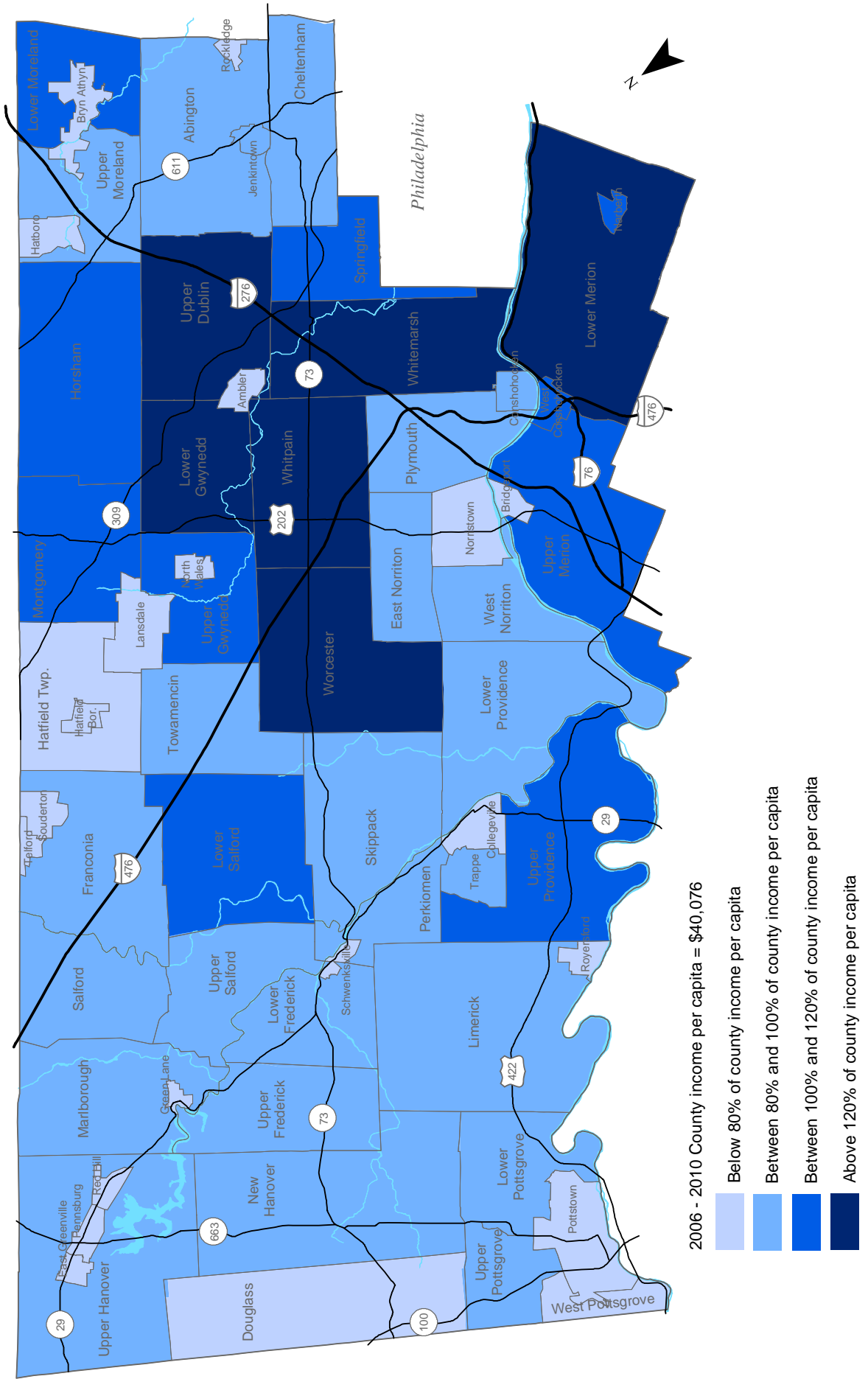
2010* Income Per Capita, DVRPC Counties



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Income Per Capita by Municipality: 2010*



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