

Productive Work Force

In comparison to many other regions of the country, our region is renowned for the high productivity of its labor force. Numerous companies have commented on this advantage. The productivity of the region's labor force is in part a function of the educational attainment of the region's population. Over the last forty years, the percentage of the region's population that has high school and college educations has steadily risen.

A highly educated high-skilled workforce is essential to business competitiveness. Accordingly, education and labor force training remain a focus for the region's economic development community. The region has an experienced and effective labor force training network to provide specialized training customized to the needs of employers. This network works actively with the Workforce Investment Boards operating in the three counties.