

# Sussex 2013 Snapshot

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Population – Sussex

- 20 years ago: 126,300
- 10 years ago: 167,800
- Now: 210,800

**67% increase in 20 years**

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# Unemployment Trends

During the 2013 year-to-date rate: 7.2% for Sussex.

Year	Sussex	DE	US
2009	7.9%	7.9%	9.3%
2010	7.9%	8.0%	9.6%
2011	7.5%	7.4%	8.9%
2012	7.0%	7.1%	8.1%
2013	7.2%	7.2%	7.6%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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# Job Growth – Sussex 2013

- Modest job growth for Sussex; +1.6%
- Positive gains for: Poultry Processing; Retail Trade; Professional and Business Services; Health Services; Education; and Leisure and Hospitality
- Some gains were also realized in the Real Estate and Construction sectors

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# Tourism - Sussex

- Job growth in key tourism industries; Retail Trade; and Leisure and Hospitality
- Leisure and Hospitality has been one of the major leaders in job growth.
- Tourism in Sussex continues to show resilience.

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# Real Estate - Sussex

- Real Estate – Sales improving
- Housing production – Single family units/building permits continue to increase

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# Closing

- Importance of training and education.
- Preparing and supplying an adequate workforce is vital.

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