

Suggested Articles, Statistics & Interesting Facts

Introducing CommuteInfo

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's CommuteInfoSM program, is coordinated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA. CommuteInfo staff is dedicated to increasing the number of commuters in Southwestern PA using an alternative mode of travel to work or school (transit, vanpools, carpools, biking and walking). Because of our belief in the benefits of collaboration, the CommuteInfo staff works with its partners to educate and support employers and commuters so every commuter can choose a commuting alternative at least twice a week. CommuteInfo staff is sensitive to the needs of commuters and employers and provide the appropriate information so they can choose the best option for them.



The CommuteInfo program serves employers and commuters in 10 Southwestern PA counties, including Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties. Through a partnership with the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission, the CommuteInfo program staff is also able to promote CommuteInfo to commuters traveling into Southwestern PA from Jefferson County in OH and Brooke & Hancock Counties in WV.

Learn more on the program's website: www.commuteinfo.org or by calling 1-888-819-6110.

CommuteInfo – A Resource for Job Seekers and Employers

With approximately **60%** of the Southwestern Pennsylvania region's 1.5 million workers traveling outside of their resident municipality to work each day, commuting options are clearly an integral part of life for the region's employers and workers.

CommuteInfo staff has been very busy building awareness of the program at local and regional job fairs, where they have the opportunity to share commute options with both job seekers and employers. At a recent job fair, one young man told how he had declined 3 job offers because none had included parking. A woman who was looking for a career change shared that she had limited the geographic focus of her job search because she did not want to "drive into the city." She was happy to learn about transit options and said that now she would be able to broaden her search.

- By working with job seekers we are able to reach commuters **BEFORE** they commit to a commuting pattern.
- We also help commuters have **more choice** in WHERE they can work.

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A strong ridesharing program can benefit the Southwestern PA community in many ways:

- ☞** reducing traffic congestion and road wear
- ☞** reducing demand on limited parking resources
- ☞** promoting healthier lifestyles and less stressful commutes
- ☞** reducing dangerous emissions
- ☞** promoting flexibility for the workforce

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