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## Where do we stand in 2017

### At A Glance:

Indicator	Trend	Comparison to State
<b>Education</b>		
3rd Grade Literacy		
Graduation Rate		
Children in Poverty		
Educational Attainment		
<b>Employment</b>		
Labor Force Participation Rate		
Employment		
Unemployment		
Commuting		
Industrial Diversification		
Occupational Diversification		
<b>Income</b>		
Per Capita Income		
Median Household Income		
Income Inequality		
People in Poverty		
Household make less than \$75,000/year		
Broadband		

### To Note:







In 2017, there were a number of economic indicators where the Berkshire's performed well and a number where the region did not perform as well as compared to the state and nation.

The region saw improvements in educational attainment and also saw decreases in children in poverty. The region decreased in 3rd grade literacy, which may be due to the new MCAS tests, and graduation rate.

The region saw increases in labor force participation and declines in unemployment, but also saw declines in total employment and increases in commuting time.

The region saw increases in incomes for the first time in several years and a decrease in poverty for the first time in years. There was also an improvement in income inequality.

### Key:

	Trend	Compared to State
	Increasing	Higher than State
	No Change	Same as State
	Decreasing	Lower than State
	Positive	
	Neutral	
	Negative	