

## City Description

Somerset Hospital is nestled in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands where the spectacular natural scenery is one of the main attractions in any season. When you have Pennsylvania's highest mountaintop in your backyard (Mount Davis, 3,213 feet), then you have some serious vertical which provides a great opportunity to ski at one of our two resorts, climb, hike or bike. Our landscape provides the ultimate outdoor recreation paradise where you can golf, ride the white water, swim, boat, fish or take a ride on the Great Allegheny Passage, the longest multi-purpose rail-trail in the eastern United States.



Here, you can experience the quiet of the mountains, or enjoy the roar of stock car racing or a tractor pull, or the sounds of a jazz festival, country music, or theatrical, dance and musical programs. Because of Somerset's location on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, there is easy access to city amenities in Pittsburgh, PA. Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, MD are within a few hours drive. Somerset County has a population of approximately 80,023, with thriving businesses, industries and farms. Residents of Somerset County experience a rural lifestyle of open space, clean air and friendly neighbors, but also benefit from quality services and facilities which meet our community's needs. Volunteer fire and ambulance services, quality local police departments and community involvement have helped to make Somerset

County among the safest places to live in the United States. Our region has an impressive education system that offers choices for primary, secondary, vocational and post



secondary education. Our regional crime rate is extremely low, yet another attractive feature of family life in Somerset County. Housing is affordable and available, ranging from old historic homes to modern new developments. In Somerset, there are four distinct seasons to enjoy, each with its own attraction. In summer, daytime highs run in the upper 70s, with nighttime lows in the mid-50s. In fall, temperatures remain warm throughout September and early October and bring a spectacular display of colored foliage. In winter, daytime highs average in the mid-30s, with nighttime lows dropping into the 20s. With our avid skiers "thinking snow", our first snowfall usually occurs in November. Snowfall averages 130 inches a year, with snow cover of one inch or more existing an average of 54 days throughout the season. Early spring brings the Maple Syrup season. Warmer temperatures arrive mid-May with daytime highs near 70.

