Growth & Opportunity Impact Assessment

2017

Summary of Findings:
Mahoning Valley
Impact Assessment: Overall Findings

Job Creation

- Growth in the traded sector of the economy is critically important for our region’s economic health.
- Job creation grantmaking outcomes exhibit the Fund’s strategic focus on growing this sector.

Job Preparation

- Fund grantees are helping to create jobs for residents with a variety of educational attainment backgrounds. These jobs tend to be in the traded sector and most pay living wages.
- To fully realize the expanded opportunity that these jobs represent, we must remove barriers to employment and increase access to support services.

Job Access

- The geographic patterns of growth, both within the Fund’s portfolio of outcomes and across the broader economy, create transportation and access challenges for residents.
Impact Assessment: Mahoning Valley Findings

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| Job Preparation | • The Mahoning Valley’s fastest growing office and industrial industries tend to pay living wages. Growing service sectors are very accessible, but often pay below living-wage levels.  
• Grantee-supported growth exhibits a similar range of educational attainment requirements and consistently pays above a living wage. |
| Job Access | • The Mahoning Valley faces similar job access challenges as other parts of the region. |
Mahoning Valley’s slow job growth is reflected in grantee outcomes

Mahoning and Trumbull County Job Creation Grantee Outcomes 2010-2016

~1,200 total jobs
2010-2016

Since 2010, traded-sector job growth in the Mahoning Valley has also been relatively flat
Non-service industries are creating the most accessible, living-wage jobs

Wages and Educational Requirements
Top 25 Industries by Jobs Created; Mahoning Valley; 2010-2016

Source: EMSI; grantee reported outcomes
Grantees supporting growth sectors with accessible, living-wage jobs

Wages and Educational Requirements
FFEF Grantee Outcomes by Industry; Mahoning Valley; 2010-2016

Source: EMSI; grantee reported outcomes for industries with at least 20 jobs created
Regional job hubs are often difficult to access from population centers

Office & Professional Jobs (14k)
Manufacturing & Other Industrial Jobs (45k)
Accommodation, Food & Retail Jobs (38k)

Source: Census LEHD Data 2014