

# Lancaster County due for an economic forecast

Lancaster was ranked the 10th best metro area in the country "to ride out the recession" in a recent article in Forbes magazine.

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry will outline some of the reasons for that, along with some of the challenges facing the county, at its annual Economic Forecast

Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 5, at the Willow Valley Resort & Conference Center.

Jay Bryson, an economist for the Wachovia Corp. frequently quoted in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times (see story at the top of this page) and USA Today, will share his insights about current economic conditions

and predictions for the coming year.

This area's ranking in Forbes "is due, in part, to the diversity of our industries, low unemployment rate and better-than-average home equity," Tom Baldrige, the chamber's president, said in a press release announcing the event. "But we cannot forget ... the

impact the national economic slowdown and financial crisis has on Lancaster County at all levels."

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*To register to attend the breakfast, call 397-3531 or visit [www.lancasterchamber.com](http://www.lancasterchamber.com) and click on "Calendar of Events." Cost is \$20 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.*