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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.9%

HARRISBURG (MARCH 14) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was **2.9 percent in January 2024**. The state unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in January, and the national rate was at 3.7 percent.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA were down 100 over the month to 60,800 in January. Over the year, jobs were down 1.6 percent (-1,000) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.2 percent.

January Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

All seven published supersectors' job levels were essentially unchanged or had a seasonal decline from December. Over the year, education & health services had the largest supersector gain, up 500 jobs, while professional & business services had the largest drop, down 1,000 from January 2023.

*NOTE: Because the data included in each month's press release (primarily civilian labor force and nonfarm jobs data) are sample based, the data are subject to revisions. Once each year, estimates are adjusted to new levels based on additional or revised information collected after the initial release of the data (called a benchmark). Additionally, seasonal adjustment factors for historical labor force and nonfarm jobs data are updated. Revisions to the nonfarm jobs series through 2023 have been completed and are reflected in the January news release. **Revisions to the historical labor force series have not been completed and are not yet reflected in the January news release.** Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data in late April 2024. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov.*

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
January 2024	76,100	73,900	2,100	2.8	77,700	75,500	2,200	2.9
December 2023	77,300	75,400	1,800	2.4	78,100	75,800	2,300	2.9
November	78,000	76,200	1,800	2.4	78,200	75,800	2,300	3.0
January 2023	78,000	75,100	2,900	3.7	78,200	75,400	2,900	3.7

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
January 2024

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	459,500	441,500	18,000	3.9	457,700	440,500	17,200	3.8
Altoona MSA	59,000	57,100	2,000	3.3	59,100	57,200	1,900	3.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,300	41,600	1,700	3.9	43,600	42,200	1,500	3.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,100	73,900	2,100	2.8	77,700	75,500	2,200	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,200	78,500	3,700	4.5	82,400	78,800	3,600	4.4
Erie MSA	126,300	121,300	5,000	4.0	125,600	120,900	4,700	3.7
Gettysburg MSA	54,300	52,900	1,400	2.7	55,100	53,700	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	307,900	298,900	9,000	2.9	312,900	303,800	9,100	2.9
Johnstown MSA	55,600	53,300	2,300	4.2	55,100	52,900	2,200	4.0
Lancaster MSA	287,500	279,900	7,700	2.7	293,600	285,700	7,900	2.7
Lebanon MSA	75,000	72,900	2,100	2.8	75,700	73,500	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,250,900	3,127,600	123,300	3.8	3,282,100	3,161,400	120,800	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,174,900	1,133,300	41,600	3.5	1,177,500	1,138,400	39,100	3.3
Reading MSA	214,300	206,600	7,700	3.6	215,100	207,600	7,600	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	281,200	269,100	12,100	4.3	280,500	269,200	11,200	4.0
State College MSA	80,300	78,200	2,100	2.6	79,700	77,600	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	55,800	53,700	2,200	3.9	55,400	53,500	1,900	3.5
York-Hanover MSA	241,600	234,400	7,200	3.0	241,100	233,900	7,200	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,504,000	6,275,000	228,000	3.5	6,544,000	6,324,000	221,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	166,428,000	159,650,000	6,778,000	4.1	167,276,000	161,152,000	6,124,000	3.7

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2023 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER DATA ARE ON 2022 BENCHMARK.

SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

FOOTNOTES

- 1) Estimate of workers by place of residence. These data are controlled to state Current Population Survey (CPS) data which adjusts for commuting and dual job-holding. Workers are counted where they live only once regardless of the number of jobs they may hold. All in-depth inquiries relative to the estimating methodology should be addressed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. All data are subject to revision during annual benchmarking.
- 2) Includes wage and salary workers (including agriculture), self-employed persons, and unpaid family workers (including agriculture), domestic workers, and persons involved in labor-management disputes.
- 3) Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.
- 4) Seasonally adjusted MSA level data (and their equivalent) is developed by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); seasonal adjustment for all other sub-state areas are developed by CWIA.

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

January 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	60,500	61,400	61,400	61,300	-900	-800
TOTAL PRIVATE	53,000	53,900	53,900	53,800	-900	-800
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,400	11,400	11,100	-100	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,600	2,700	2,400	-100	100
Manufacturing	8,800	8,800	8,700	8,700	0	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	49,200	50,000	50,000	50,200	-800	-1,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	41,700	42,500	42,500	42,700	-800	-1,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,500	16,900	16,900	16,500	-400	0
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Retail Trade	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,300	-100	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,700	8,000	8,000	8,000	-300	-300
Professional and Business Services	6,100	6,100	6,200	7,100	0	-1,000
Education and Health Services	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,200	0	500
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	4,900	4,900	5,300	0	-400
Government	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS
FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS**

January 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,129,900	6,115,100	6,114,700	6,059,800	14,800	70,100
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	395,900	395,000	394,400	391,400	900	4,500
Altoona MSA	61,300	61,300	61,100	60,200	0	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,300	44,300	44,100	44,000	0	300
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	60,800	60,900	60,900	61,800	-100	-1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	57,800	58,100	58,200	57,500	-300	300
Erie MSA	126,200	125,600	125,600	124,400	600	1,800
Gettysburg MSA	33,800	34,000	33,800	34,400	-200	-600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	363,200	362,700	362,900	357,900	500	5,300
Johnstown MSA	52,000	51,700	51,700	51,400	300	600
Lancaster MSA	264,700	265,100	264,800	262,700	-400	2,000
Lebanon MSA	57,100	56,800	56,600	55,200	300	1,900
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,101,700	3,094,600	3,094,700	3,055,000	7,100	46,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,123,700	1,122,300	1,123,500	1,115,700	1,400	8,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,015,200	1,013,900	1,013,300	995,200	1,300	20,000
Philadelphia City	776,000	774,900	774,000	757,100	1,100	18,900
Pittsburgh MSA	1,171,100	1,166,400	1,167,400	1,158,000	4,700	13,100
Reading MSA	180,700	180,400	180,100	179,200	300	1,500
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	269,800	268,400	267,500	264,000	1,400	5,800
State College MSA	81,500	81,300	80,600	79,500	200	2,000
Williamsport MSA	52,500	52,400	52,400	51,800	100	700
York-Hanover MSA	195,000	194,000	193,800	191,600	1,000	3,400
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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