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### **CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.9%**

**HARRISBURG (AUGUST 27)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was up one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to **2.9 percent in July 2024**. The state unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 3.4 percent while the national rate was up two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 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 rose by 200 over the month to 61,900 in July**. Over the year, jobs were up 2.0 percent (+1,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.7 percent.

#### **July Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail**

Job levels had small movements or were essentially unchanged over the month in all seven published supersectors. The largest movement was a seasonal decline of 300 in government due to summer break at local schools. Over the year, five of the seven supersectors added jobs. Trade, transportation & utilities had the largest gain, up 900 jobs, while government had the largest decline among published supersectors, down 200 from June 2023.

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

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
July 2024	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5	77,500	75,300	2,200	2.9
June	78,000	75,400	2,600	3.3	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
May	77,900	75,800	2,100	2.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
July 2023	77,700	75,300	2,500	3.2	77,000	74,900	2,100	2.8

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	468,500	449,200	19,400	4.1	464,400	447,800	16,600	3.6
Altoona MSA	60,700	58,300	2,400	3.9	59,700	57,800	1,900	3.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,300	42,600	1,700	3.9	44,300	42,800	1,500	3.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5	77,500	75,300	2,200	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,800	80,000	3,800	4.5	83,000	79,700	3,400	4.1
Erie MSA	128,100	123,000	5,100	4.0	127,500	123,100	4,400	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	56,000	54,200	1,800	3.3	55,300	53,800	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	317,800	306,200	11,500	3.6	313,300	303,800	9,500	3.0
Johnstown MSA	56,400	53,700	2,800	4.9	56,000	53,700	2,200	4.0
Lancaster MSA	297,800	287,900	9,900	3.3	292,600	284,800	7,800	2.7
Lebanon MSA	77,400	74,800	2,600	3.4	76,300	74,200	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,316,200	3,170,000	146,200	4.4	3,290,900	3,167,600	123,300	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,212,800	1,164,800	48,000	4.0	1,194,900	1,154,700	40,300	3.4
Reading MSA	219,100	210,200	8,900	4.0	216,400	208,900	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	284,900	272,000	12,900	4.5	283,500	272,300	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	78,000	75,500	2,500	3.2	81,600	79,500	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,000	53,900	2,200	3.9	56,100	54,100	1,900	3.5
York-Hanover MSA	244,900	235,400	9,500	3.9	243,000	235,400	7,500	3.1
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,657,000</b>	<b>6,392,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6,602,000</b>	<b>6,378,000</b>	<b>224,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>169,723,000</b>	<b>162,038,000</b>	<b>7,685,000</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>168,429,000</b>	<b>161,266,000</b>	<b>7,163,000</b>	<b>4.3</b>

ALL DATA ARE ON 2023 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)

**July 2024**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jul 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2023
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>61,700</b>	62,000	61,900	60,200	-300	1,500
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>54,700</b>	54,700	54,300	53,000	0	1,700
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>11,700</b>	11,700	11,500	11,500	0	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,800	0	-100
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	8,900	8,700	0	300
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>50,000</b>	50,300	50,400	48,700	-300	1,300
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>43,000</b>	43,000	42,800	41,500	0	1,500
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>16,900</b>	16,700	16,600	16,000	200	900
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	100	0
Retail Trade	7,700	7,700	7,600	7,300	0	400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,400	100	500
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>6,200</b>	6,100	6,100	5,800	100	400
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>9,800</b>	9,900	9,900	9,500	-100	300
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>5,500</b>	5,500	5,200	5,400	0	100
<b>Government</b>	<b>7,000</b>	7,300	7,600	7,200	-300	-200
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,100	0	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,100	4,400	4,600	4,300	-300	-200
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**

**July 2024**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jul 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2023
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,191,000</b>	6,178,800	6,168,300	6,086,000	12,200	105,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>401,100</b>	400,100	399,000	391,900	1,000	9,200
Altoona MSA	<b>61,700</b>	61,600	61,600	60,600	100	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>44,900</b>	44,600	44,600	44,000	300	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>61,900</b>	61,700	61,600	60,700	200	1,200
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,700</b>	58,500	58,300	58,300	200	400
Erie MSA	<b>127,200</b>	127,000	126,800	123,900	200	3,300
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,500</b>	34,200	34,200	33,900	300	600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>365,200</b>	365,000	363,500	359,700	200	5,500
Johnstown MSA	<b>52,500</b>	52,600	51,900	51,300	-100	1,200
Lancaster MSA	<b>266,100</b>	265,500	265,900	263,100	600	3,000
Lebanon MSA	<b>58,100</b>	57,800	57,400	56,400	300	1,700
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,127,000</b>	3,121,100	3,114,500	3,073,100	5,900	53,900
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,131,900</b>	1,129,300	1,127,300	1,118,100	2,600	13,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,025,400</b>	1,025,100	1,020,500	1,004,300	300	21,100
Philadelphia City	<b>783,700</b>	783,300	780,800	765,900	400	17,800
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,182,100</b>	1,178,000	1,171,900	1,161,000	4,100	21,100
Reading MSA	<b>181,500</b>	181,400	180,700	178,700	100	2,800
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>272,000</b>	271,200	270,700	264,500	800	7,500
State College MSA	<b>80,800</b>	80,800	81,300	79,100	0	1,700
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,900</b>	52,800	52,800	52,100	100	800
York-Hanover MSA	<b>195,200</b>	194,400	194,100	192,600	800	2,600
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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