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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.3%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 26) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) dropped four-tenths of a percentage point to 3.3 percent in May, the lowest the rate has been since May 2007. The rate fell 1.5 percentage points from last May. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA's unemployment rate was tied with the Harrisburg-Carlisle and Lebanon MSAs for the fourth-lowest rate among the state's 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg MSA had the lowest rate at 2.9 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 4.9 percent. The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was down two-tenths of a percentage point from April to 4.5 percent, while the nation fell one-tenth to 3.8 percent.

Franklin County tied three other counties for the ninth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania's 67 counties in May. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.0%, t-32nd); Huntingdon (4.6%, t-54th); Juniata (3.3%, t-9th); Perry (3.2%, t-7th); Cumberland (2.8%, 2nd); and Adams (2.9%, 3rd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.7 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs rose 300 in May to 61,500, a record high. Over the year, jobs were up 2.5 percent (+1,500), while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent. The over-the-year increase was the largest percentage gain of the 18 MSAs in the state.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), leisure & hospitality had the largest over-the-month movement, adding 300 jobs, which was seasonal in nature. Over the year, six of the seven published supersectors increased, led by trade, transportation, & utilities (+500).

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

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

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/
May 2018	75,900	73,500	2,300	3.1	75,800	73,300	2,500	3.3
April	74,900	72,300	2,600	3.4	75,600	72,800	2,800	3.7
March	75,700	72,700	3,000	4.0	76,200	73,300	2,900	3.8
May 2017	76,800	73,300	3,500	4.6	77,300	73,600	3,700	4.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
May 2018

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	432,200	415,400	16,800	3.9	431,200	413,500	17,700	4.1
Altoona MSA	59,400	57,300	2,100	3.5	59,000	56,700	2,300	3.9
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,300	40,700	1,600	3.8	42,400	40,600	1,800	4.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,900	73,500	2,300	3.1	75,800	73,300	2,500	3.3
East Stroudsburg MSA	80,700	76,900	3,800	4.7	80,800	76,900	3,900	4.9
Erie MSA	127,900	122,700	5,200	4.1	127,700	122,100	5,600	4.4
Gettysburg MSA	55,400	53,900	1,500	2.7	55,200	53,600	1,600	2.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	293,600	284,300	9,300	3.2	292,300	282,600	9,700	3.3
Johnstown MSA	58,800	56,400	2,400	4.2	58,500	55,800	2,800	4.7
Lancaster MSA	279,400	271,400	8,000	2.9	278,900	270,400	8,400	3.0
Lebanon MSA	69,900	67,700	2,200	3.1	69,600	67,300	2,300	3.3
Philadelphia MSA	3,070,100	2,955,700	114,400	3.7	3,070,500	2,949,800	120,700	3.9
Pittsburgh MSA	1,190,100	1,147,100	42,900	3.6	1,191,100	1,144,300	46,800	3.9
Reading MSA	210,700	203,200	7,500	3.6	209,800	202,100	7,700	3.7
Scranton-W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,500	263,900	11,700	4.2	275,700	263,300	12,500	4.5
State College MSA	74,500	72,300	2,300	3.0	76,000	73,700	2,400	3.1
Williamsport MSA	55,500	53,200	2,300	4.1	55,700	53,200	2,500	4.5
York-Hanover MSA	231,900	224,400	7,500	3.2	230,900	223,100	7,800	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,349,000	6,115,000	234,000	3.7	6,364,000	6,081,000	283,000	4.5
UNITED STATES	161,765,000	156,009,000	5,756,000	3.6	161,539,000	155,474,000	6,065,000	3.8

ALL DATA ARE ON 2017 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)

May 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018	May 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	61,600	61,100	61,300	60,300	500	1,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	53,800	53,300	53,400	52,400	500	1,400
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,200	11,000	10,900	100	400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,300	100	100
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,900	8,600	0	300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,300	49,900	50,300	49,400	400	900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,500	42,100	42,400	41,500	400	1,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,700	15,700	15,600	15,200	0	500
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
Retail Trade	7,500	7,500	7,400	7,200	0	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	100
Professional and Business Services	6,000	6,000	5,800	5,900	0	100
Education and Health Services	10,600	10,700	10,600	10,400	-100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,200	5,800	5,300	300	200
Government	7,800	7,800	7,900	7,900	0	-100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
State Government	900	900	1,000	1,000	0	-100
Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Data benchmarked to March 2017	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

May 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2018	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	May 2017	Apr 2018	May 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,014,400	6,012,100	6,006,200	5,936,200	2,300	78,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	373,600	373,400	373,100	369,400	200	4,200
Altoona MSA	61,700	61,500	61,600	61,400	200	300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,000	42,800	42,700	42,800	200	200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,500	61,200	61,300	60,000	300	1,500
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,900	58,900	58,800	58,300	0	600
Erie MSA	128,200	127,900	128,000	126,900	300	1,300
Gettysburg MSA	35,800	35,800	35,800	35,000	0	800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	345,700	344,700	344,200	341,400	1,000	4,300
Johnstown MSA	55,800	55,700	55,300	55,200	100	600
Lancaster MSA	256,600	256,200	256,100	252,900	400	3,700
Lebanon MSA	52,500	52,500	52,400	51,900	0	600
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,945,200	2,940,300	2,935,200	2,904,600	4,900	40,600
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,077,400	1,075,200	1,077,800	1,066,400	2,200	11,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	957,300	956,100	951,600	942,400	1,200	14,900
Philadelphia City	718,500	717,700	713,700	706,400	800	12,100
Pittsburgh MSA	1,186,400	1,185,300	1,186,300	1,172,300	1,100	14,100
Reading MSA	180,500	180,000	179,400	177,300	500	3,200
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	266,800	266,000	265,600	262,300	800	4,500
State College MSA	74,800	78,000	78,700	76,800	-3,200	-2,000
Williamsport MSA	52,900	52,800	52,800	53,200	100	-300
York-Hanover MSA	187,000	186,800	187,000	185,300	200	1,700
Data benchmarked to March 2017	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

Note: Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data back to 1990 is now available for the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA, Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA, Gettysburg MSA, East Stroudsburg MSA, and Montgomery-Bucks-Chester and Philadelphia Metropolitan Divisions.

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