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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.7%

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 3.7 percent in August. The rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point from last August. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was the fifth-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The State College MSA had the lowest rate at 2.9 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Johnstown MSAs tied for the highest at 5.1 percent. The August seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was down one-tenth of a percentage point from July to 4.1 percent, while the United States rate was unchanged at 3.9 percent.

Franklin County tied Butler County for the 12th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in August. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.0%, 22nd); Huntingdon (5.0%, t-54th); Juniata (3.9%, t-19th); Perry (3.6%, 11th); Cumberland (3.0%, t-3rd); and Adams (3.0%, t-3rd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.9 percent in Centre and Chester counties to 5.9 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 600 in August to 62,000, a record high. Over the year, jobs were up 2.6 percent (+1,600), while statewide jobs grew 1.1 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, government had a seasonal increase of 300, while the remaining six published supersectors were essentially unchanged. Over the year, none of the seven published supersectors decreased. Trade, transportation, & utilities (+500) and professional & business services (+300) had the largest gains.

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	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
August 2018	78,000	75,100	2,900	3.7	77,400	74,600	2,800	3.7
July	78,100	75,000	3,100	4.0	77,000	74,200	2,900	3.7
June	77,700	74,800	3,000	3.8	76,600	73,900	2,700	3.5
August 2017	77,100	73,400	3,700	4.8	76,500	73,200	3,400	4.4

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	436,500	416,000	20,500	4.7	435,100	415,600	19,500	4.5
Altoona MSA	60,900	58,300	2,600	4.3	59,900	57,300	2,600	4.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,300	40,400	1,900	4.4	42,500	40,700	1,800	4.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,000	75,100	2,900	3.7	77,400	74,600	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,400	77,900	4,500	5.4	81,500	77,300	4,200	5.1
Erie MSA	129,100	123,300	5,800	4.5	128,400	122,800	5,600	4.3
Gettysburg MSA	56,300	54,500	1,900	3.3	56,100	54,400	1,700	3.0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	300,200	288,800	11,400	3.8	295,900	285,300	10,500	3.6
Johnstown MSA	59,600	56,300	3,300	5.5	59,600	56,600	3,100	5.1
Lancaster MSA	284,400	274,400	10,000	3.5	280,700	271,300	9,400	3.3
Lebanon MSA	71,000	68,100	2,900	4.0	70,400	67,600	2,700	3.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,102,800	2,961,500	141,300	4.6	3,102,300	2,970,700	131,700	4.2
Pittsburgh MSA	1,197,800	1,145,300	52,500	4.4	1,187,900	1,140,000	47,800	4.0
Reading MSA	213,400	204,200	9,200	4.3	212,800	203,900	8,900	4.2
Scranton-W-B--Hazleton MSA	281,100	266,300	14,800	5.3	280,500	266,900	13,600	4.8
State College MSA	77,300	74,800	2,500	3.3	77,800	75,500	2,300	2.9
Williamsport MSA	56,000	53,300	2,600	4.7	55,900	53,200	2,700	4.8
York-Hanover MSA	236,600	227,100	9,600	4.0	235,000	226,200	8,800	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,435,000	6,149,000	286,000	4.4	6,380,000	6,118,000	262,000	4.1
UNITED STATES	161,909,000	155,539,000	6,370,000	3.9	161,776,000	155,542,000	6,234,000	3.9

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)

August 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2018	Jul 2018	Jun 2018	Aug 2017	Jul 2018	Aug 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	61,500	60,700	61,600	59,700	800	1,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,100	53,600	54,000	52,400	500	1,700
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,100	11,300	11,200	200	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,400	100	100
Manufacturing	8,800	8,700	8,800	8,800	100	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,200	49,600	50,300	48,500	600	1,700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,800	42,500	42,700	41,200	300	1,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,700	15,600	15,700	15,200	100	500
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Retail Trade	7,600	7,500	7,500	7,300	100	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,200	6,200	6,300	6,000	0	200
Professional and Business Services	6,000	6,000	6,100	5,700	0	300
Education and Health Services	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,300	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	200
Government	7,400	7,100	7,600	7,300	300	100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
State Government	1,000	900	1,000	900	100	100
Local Government	4,100	3,900	4,300	4,200	200	-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**

August 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2018	Jul 2018	Jun 2018	Aug 2017	Jul 2018	Aug 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,018,500	6,023,400	6,018,400	5,953,100	-4,900	65,400
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	373,900	375,600	374,900	370,400	-1,700	3,500
Altoona MSA	61,900	61,600	61,600	61,600	300	300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,900	42,600	42,600	42,800	300	100
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,000	61,400	61,600	60,400	600	1,600
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,000	58,900	58,700	58,900	100	100
Erie MSA	127,600	128,400	128,200	126,800	-800	800
Gettysburg MSA	36,300	36,300	36,100	35,200	0	1,100
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	345,900	346,800	344,200	343,200	-900	2,700
Johnstown MSA	55,700	55,600	55,700	55,000	100	700
Lancaster MSA	256,200	257,100	256,400	253,600	-900	2,600
Lebanon MSA	52,300	52,400	52,400	52,300	-100	0
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,957,100	2,959,300	2,947,000	2,919,500	-2,200	37,600
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,075,900	1,074,100	1,073,200	1,069,700	1,800	6,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	961,200	964,500	961,100	947,300	-3,300	13,900
Philadelphia City	724,900	725,800	722,400	710,000	-900	14,900
Pittsburgh MSA	1,184,600	1,185,200	1,183,800	1,176,600	-600	8,000
Reading MSA	180,200	180,400	180,600	177,600	-200	2,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	268,500	269,000	268,100	263,800	-500	4,700
State College MSA	79,100	79,200	79,400	78,600	-100	500
Williamsport MSA	52,700	52,600	52,900	53,400	100	-700
York-Hanover MSA	189,000	188,400	187,500	186,300	600	2,700
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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