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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.7%

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 30) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 3.7 percent in September. The rate fell one-half of a percentage point from last September. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was the fifth-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs had the lowest rate at 3.3 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Johnstown MSAs tied for the highest at 5.2 percent. The September seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was unchanged from August at 4.1 percent, while the United States rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent.

Franklin County tied Bucks and Perry counties for the eighth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in September. Unemployment rates and rankings of the remaining neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.3%, t-24th); Huntingdon (5.5%, 65th); Juniata (4.1%, t-20th); Cumberland (3.2%, 2nd); and Adams (3.3%, t-3rd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.1 percent in Chester County to 6.3 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were down 300 in September to 61,600. Over the year, jobs were up 1.7 percent (+1,000), while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, government had an increase of 300, while education & health services and trade, transportation, & utilities both grew by 200. These were due in part to many schools and colleges beginning their academic year and school bus transportation resuming. Over the year, only one of the seven published supersectors decreased, government (-100). Trade, transportation, & utilities (+400) had the largest gain.

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/
September 2018	76,900	74,300	2,600	3.4	77,200	74,400	2,800	3.7
August	77,800	75,000	2,800	3.7	77,300	74,500	2,800	3.7
July	78,100	75,000	3,100	4.0	77,000	74,200	2,900	3.7
September 2017	76,200	73,300	2,900	3.9	76,300	73,100	3,200	4.2

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
September 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	434,100	415,900	18,200	4.2	434,800	415,100	19,800	4.5
Altoona MSA	59,600	57,400	2,200	3.7	59,700	57,100	2,600	4.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,500	40,900	1,600	3.9	42,400	40,500	1,900	4.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,900	74,300	2,600	3.4	77,200	74,400	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,300	77,300	4,000	4.9	81,600	77,300	4,200	5.2
Erie MSA	129,700	124,600	5,100	4.0	129,000	123,200	5,900	4.5
Gettysburg MSA	56,500	54,800	1,700	3.0	56,200	54,400	1,900	3.3
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	296,600	286,600	10,000	3.4	296,800	285,900	10,800	3.6
Johnstown MSA	58,700	56,200	2,600	4.4	59,200	56,100	3,100	5.2
Lancaster MSA	282,900	274,300	8,700	3.1	282,300	272,800	9,500	3.4
Lebanon MSA	70,600	68,200	2,400	3.4	70,600	67,900	2,700	3.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,095,400	2,969,400	125,900	4.1	3,105,700	2,974,200	131,600	4.2
Pittsburgh MSA	1,199,100	1,154,200	44,900	3.7	1,198,300	1,148,600	49,700	4.1
Reading MSA	214,300	206,100	8,200	3.8	214,100	205,000	9,000	4.2
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	280,000	267,400	12,600	4.5	280,200	266,300	13,800	4.9
State College MSA	78,600	76,200	2,400	3.1	78,000	75,500	2,500	3.3
Williamsport MSA	56,100	53,700	2,400	4.3	56,000	53,200	2,800	5.0
York-Hanover MSA	234,500	226,200	8,300	3.5	234,600	225,800	8,800	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,420,000	6,170,000	250,000	3.9	6,396,000	6,134,000	262,000	4.1
UNITED STATES	161,958,000	156,191,000	5,766,000	3.6	161,926,000	155,962,000	5,964,000	3.7

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)

September 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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

September 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Jul 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2018	Sep 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,035,600	6,027,900	6,023,400	5,956,900	7,700	78,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	374,100	374,200	375,600	371,100	-100	3,000
Altoona MSA	61,600	61,700	61,600	61,500	-100	100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,600	42,900	42,600	42,700	-300	-100
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,600	61,900	61,400	60,600	-300	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,600	59,000	58,900	58,600	-400	0
Erie MSA	128,500	127,700	128,400	127,800	800	700
Gettysburg MSA	36,200	36,300	36,300	35,200	-100	1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	347,200	346,300	346,800	343,700	900	3,500
Johnstown MSA	55,600	55,700	55,600	55,000	-100	600
Lancaster MSA	258,000	257,300	257,100	253,500	700	4,500
Lebanon MSA	52,500	52,400	52,400	52,300	100	200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,968,200	2,961,300	2,959,300	2,922,400	6,900	45,800
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,077,300	1,076,400	1,074,100	1,070,500	900	6,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	968,800	964,500	964,500	947,500	4,300	21,300
Philadelphia City	730,300	727,500	725,800	710,200	2,800	20,100
Pittsburgh MSA	1,189,200	1,187,600	1,185,200	1,178,700	1,600	10,500
Reading MSA	182,300	180,700	180,400	178,000	1,600	4,300
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	268,400	268,500	269,000	264,500	-100	3,900
State College MSA	78,300	79,000	79,200	78,500	-700	-200
Williamsport MSA	52,700	52,600	52,600	53,500	100	-800
York-Hanover MSA	188,200	188,900	188,400	185,800	-700	2,400
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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