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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.5%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 29) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 3.5 percent in December. The rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point from last December. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was the fourth-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg MSA had the lowest rate at 3.2 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 5.4 percent. The December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was unchanged from November at 4.2 percent, while the United States rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

Franklin County had the sixth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in December. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.0%, t-15th); Huntingdon (5.2%, t-52nd); Juniata (4.3%, 24th); Perry (3.8%, t-10th); Cumberland (3.4%, t-4th); and Adams (3.2%, 1st). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.2 percent in Adams County to 6.2 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 300 in December to 62,000, a record high. Over the year, jobs were up 2.0 percent (+1,200), while statewide jobs grew 1.2 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the year, four of the seven published supersectors had 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	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/
December 2018	77,600	75,100	2,600	3.3	77,800	75,100	2,800	3.5
November	77,200	74,700	2,500	3.2	77,500	74,700	2,700	3.5
October	76,600	74,000	2,600	3.4	77,000	74,200	2,800	3.7
December 2017	76,000	73,100	2,900	3.8	76,200	73,100	3,100	4.1

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
December 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	437,700	420,100	17,600	4.0	438,900	419,400	19,600	4.5
Altoona MSA	59,800	57,400	2,400	4.0	60,300	57,900	2,500	4.1
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,400	40,500	1,900	4.4	42,600	40,700	1,900	4.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,600	75,100	2,600	3.3	77,800	75,100	2,800	3.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,800	77,700	4,100	5.0	82,300	77,900	4,400	5.4
Erie MSA	128,000	122,300	5,700	4.4	128,900	122,900	6,000	4.7
Gettysburg MSA	56,100	54,500	1,600	2.9	56,600	54,800	1,800	3.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	297,400	287,600	9,900	3.3	299,700	288,700	11,000	3.7
Johnstown MSA	59,600	56,700	2,900	4.9	59,600	56,600	3,000	5.1
Lancaster MSA	282,300	273,800	8,500	3.0	283,800	274,200	9,600	3.4
Lebanon MSA	70,500	68,000	2,600	3.6	70,900	68,100	2,800	3.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,127,800	3,012,800	115,000	3.7	3,133,100	3,005,400	127,800	4.1
Pittsburgh MSA	1,209,500	1,161,800	47,700	3.9	1,215,500	1,164,000	51,500	4.2
Reading MSA	213,900	205,800	8,100	3.8	215,100	206,000	9,100	4.2
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	281,100	267,700	13,400	4.8	281,100	266,600	14,500	5.1
State College MSA	79,400	77,000	2,400	3.1	78,800	76,200	2,600	3.3
Williamsport MSA	56,300	53,600	2,700	4.8	56,400	53,600	2,800	4.9
York-Hanover MSA	236,500	228,600	8,000	3.4	237,800	229,000	8,800	3.7
PENNSYLVANIA	6,457,000	6,202,000	255,000	4.0	6,462,000	6,188,000	274,000	4.2
UNITED STATES	162,510,000	156,481,000	6,029,000	3.7	163,240,000	156,945,000	6,294,000	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)

December 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Dec 2017	Nov 2018	Dec 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	62,500	62,100	61,800	61,400	400	1,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,800	54,400	54,100	53,600	400	1,200
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,200	-100	100
Manufacturing	8,900	8,800	8,800	8,900	100	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,300	50,900	50,600	50,300	400	1,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,600	43,200	42,900	42,500	400	1,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,200	16,200	15,900	15,800	0	400
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Retail Trade	7,700	7,700	7,500	7,500	0	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,600	6,600	6,500	6,400	0	200
Professional and Business Services	6,100	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Education and Health Services	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,000	5,100	5,500	100	-400
Government	7,700	7,700	7,700	7,800	0	-100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
State Government	900	900	900	1,000	0	-100
Local Government	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
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**

December 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2018	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Dec 2017	Nov 2018	Dec 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,068,400	6,055,200	6,060,900	5,993,600	13,200	74,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	378,500	377,600	377,500	371,600	900	6,900
Altoona MSA	62,200	62,200	61,800	61,300	0	900
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	42,600	42,600	42,400	100	300
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,000	61,700	61,600	60,800	300	1,200
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,000	58,900	58,800	58,500	100	500
Erie MSA	127,500	127,200	127,700	128,300	300	-800
Gettysburg MSA	36,500	36,400	36,200	35,900	100	600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	350,400	349,200	348,500	343,000	1,200	7,400
Johnstown MSA	55,900	55,500	55,600	55,200	400	700
Lancaster MSA	259,000	258,800	258,600	254,700	200	4,300
Lebanon MSA	52,400	52,500	52,700	52,300	-100	100
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,977,500	2,967,600	2,969,400	2,923,100	9,900	54,400
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,081,900	1,080,400	1,079,900	1,066,700	1,500	15,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	975,000	971,300	969,700	950,300	3,700	24,700
Philadelphia City	736,100	732,200	731,800	712,800	3,900	23,300
Pittsburgh MSA	1,195,600	1,194,700	1,193,500	1,187,400	900	8,200
Reading MSA	181,600	181,200	181,300	178,600	400	3,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	267,800	268,400	268,100	265,700	-600	2,100
State College MSA	78,500	78,600	78,800	78,500	-100	0
Williamsport MSA	52,500	52,100	52,500	52,900	400	-400
York-Hanover MSA	190,500	190,900	190,000	186,700	-400	3,800
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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