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### **CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA FEBRUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.2%**

**HARRISBURG (APRIL 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in February to 3.2 percent, the lowest rate since April 2007.** The Chambersburg-Waynesboro and Lebanon MSAs tied for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs in February. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs tied for the lowest rate at 2.8 percent while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 4.6 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the United States were 4.0 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Franklin County’s unemployment rate tied Lebanon and Perry counties for the seventh-lowest rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in February. Unemployment rates and rankings of other neighboring counties were: Fulton (3.6%, t-19<sup>th</sup>); Huntingdon (4.9%, t-60<sup>th</sup>); Juniata (3.8%, t-25<sup>th</sup>); Cumberland (3.0%, t-5<sup>th</sup>); and Adams (2.8%, t-1<sup>st</sup>). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.8 percent in Adams, Centre, and Chester counties to 5.8 percent in Forest County.

*Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2019) labor force series have not been completed and are not reflected in this news release. Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data on April 30, 2019. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA or visit [www.paworkstats.pa.gov](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov).*

**The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs were essentially unchanged from January at 62,800.** Over the year, jobs were up 3.8 percent (+2,300), while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, manufacturing was down 200. No other published supersector changed by more than 100, up or down.

**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/
February 2019	78,600	75,900	2,800	3.5	78,900	76,400	2,500	3.2
January	78,800	75,900	2,800	3.6	78,500	75,900	2,600	3.3
December 2018	77,600	75,100	2,600	3.3	77,800	75,100	2,800	3.5
February 2018	76,700	73,200	3,500	4.5	76,900	73,700	3,100	4.1

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
February 2019

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	437,900	418,600	19,300	4.4	438,800	421,900	16,900	3.8
Altoona MSA	59,800	57,300	2,500	4.2	60,100	58,000	2,100	3.5
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	40,700	2,000	4.6	42,400	40,800	1,600	3.9
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,600	75,900	2,800	3.5	78,900	76,400	2,500	3.2
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,500	78,300	4,200	5.1	82,300	78,600	3,800	4.6
Erie MSA	129,800	123,900	5,800	4.5	129,900	125,000	4,900	3.8
Gettysburg MSA	55,500	53,700	1,900	3.3	55,700	54,100	1,600	2.8
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	295,400	285,200	10,200	3.5	298,600	289,500	9,100	3.1
Johnstown MSA	59,000	56,000	3,000	5.1	58,700	56,200	2,500	4.3
Lancaster MSA	281,200	271,900	9,300	3.3	283,900	275,800	8,100	2.9
Lebanon MSA	71,500	68,800	2,600	3.7	71,900	69,600	2,300	3.2
Philadelphia MSA	3,115,700	2,990,200	125,500	4.0	3,122,800	3,006,800	116,000	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,207,900	1,156,400	51,500	4.3	1,216,300	1,172,000	44,400	3.6
Reading MSA	213,500	204,700	8,800	4.1	213,700	206,000	7,700	3.6
Scranton-W-B--Hazleton MSA	276,500	262,200	14,400	5.2	277,600	265,200	12,400	4.5
State College MSA	82,900	80,400	2,500	3.1	81,300	79,000	2,300	2.8
Williamsport MSA	56,900	54,100	2,800	5.0	56,500	54,200	2,300	4.1
York-Hanover MSA	234,100	225,500	8,600	3.7	235,500	227,600	7,900	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,461,000	6,191,000	270,000	4.2	6,469,000	6,209,000	261,000	4.0
UNITED STATES	162,793,000	156,167,000	6,625,000	4.1	163,184,000	156,949,000	6,235,000	3.8

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2018 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER 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)

**February 2019**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2018
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>62,800</b>	63,000	63,300	60,600	-200	2,200
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>54,900</b>	55,200	55,400	52,800	-300	2,100
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>11,200</b>	11,500	11,700	11,200	-300	0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,100	-100	0
Manufacturing	9,100	9,300	9,400	9,100	-200	0
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>51,600</b>	51,500	51,600	49,400	100	2,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>43,700</b>	43,700	43,700	41,600	0	2,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,600	15,600	15,900	14,800	0	800
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
Retail Trade	7,100	7,100	7,300	7,000	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,900	6,900	7,000	6,300	0	600
Professional and Business Services	6,300	6,300	6,500	5,900	0	400
Education and Health Services	10,700	10,600	10,800	10,500	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,700	0	-700
<b>Government</b>	<b>7,900</b>	7,800	7,900	7,800	100	100
Federal Government	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	100	100
State Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

**February 2019**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Dec 2018	Feb 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2018
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,037,800</b>	6,038,000	6,030,700	5,994,500	-200	43,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>376,700</b>	375,600	377,100	374,500	1,100	2,200
Altoona MSA	<b>62,100</b>	61,900	61,800	61,600	200	500
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>42,300</b>	42,400	42,400	42,700	-100	-400
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>62,800</b>	62,900	62,700	60,500	-100	2,300
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,900</b>	58,900	59,100	58,600	0	300
Erie MSA	<b>129,100</b>	129,100	128,600	128,000	0	1,100
Gettysburg MSA	<b>35,100</b>	35,100	34,900	35,300	0	-200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>347,600</b>	347,700	348,300	344,800	-100	2,800
Johnstown MSA	<b>54,800</b>	54,600	54,500	54,500	200	300
Lancaster MSA	<b>257,600</b>	257,000	255,700	255,700	600	1,900
Lebanon MSA	<b>53,600</b>	53,600	53,200	53,200	0	400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,964,900</b>	2,963,100	2,957,200	2,933,700	1,800	31,200
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,081,900</b>	1,079,300	1,078,000	1,069,500	2,600	12,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>977,600</b>	977,000	973,200	956,300	600	21,300
Philadelphia City	<b>738,500</b>	736,900	733,600	717,700	1,600	20,800
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,193,600</b>	1,193,700	1,191,700	1,185,500	-100	8,100
Reading MSA	<b>180,200</b>	180,100	180,300	179,300	100	900
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>263,400</b>	263,500	263,700	264,200	-100	-800
State College MSA	<b>82,000</b>	81,200	81,200	79,200	800	2,800
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,800</b>	52,900	52,900	54,100	-100	-1,300
York-Hanover MSA	<b>187,200</b>	187,100	187,200	187,300	100	-100
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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