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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.3%

HARRISBURG (APRIL 30) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged in March at 3.3 percent. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro and Harrisburg-Carlisle MSAs tied for the fourth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg, Lancaster, and State College MSAs tied for the lowest rate at 3.0 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton MSAs had the highest at 4.8 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the United States were 3.9 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Franklin County’s unemployment rate tied Bucks and Butler counties for the ninth-lowest rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in March. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (3.7%, t-18th); Huntingdon (5.1%, 65th); Juniata (3.7%, t-18th); Perry (3.2%, t-7th); Cumberland (2.9%, 2nd); and Adams (3.0%, t-3rd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.8 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were essentially unchanged from February at 62,500. Over the year, jobs were up 2.5 percent (+1,500), while statewide jobs grew 0.8 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), the seven published supersectors were all essentially unchanged from February. Over the year, trade, transportation, & utilities had the largest movement, up 600.

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/
March 2019	77,900	75,300	2,600	3.3	78,300	75,800	2,600	3.3
February	78,500	75,800	2,800	3.5	78,200	75,600	2,600	3.3
January	78,800	75,900	2,800	3.6	78,000	75,300	2,700	3.4
March 2018	75,900	73,000	3,000	3.9	76,400	73,400	3,000	3.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
March 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	436,000	418,000	18,100	4.1	437,500	419,700	17,900	4.1
Altoona MSA	59,900	57,600	2,300	3.8	59,900	57,700	2,200	3.7
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,400	40,700	1,800	4.2	42,400	40,700	1,700	4.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,900	75,300	2,600	3.3	78,300	75,800	2,600	3.3
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,100	78,100	4,000	4.8	82,400	78,400	4,000	4.8
Erie MSA	129,400	123,900	5,500	4.2	130,000	124,700	5,300	4.1
Gettysburg MSA	55,100	53,600	1,500	2.8	55,300	53,700	1,600	3.0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	293,800	284,500	9,300	3.2	297,900	288,200	9,800	3.3
Johnstown MSA	58,700	55,900	2,800	4.7	58,500	55,800	2,700	4.6
Lancaster MSA	279,400	271,100	8,300	3.0	282,500	273,900	8,600	3.0
Lebanon MSA	71,100	68,800	2,400	3.4	71,700	69,200	2,500	3.4
Philadelphia MSA	3,115,300	2,999,600	115,700	3.7	3,108,300	2,988,800	119,600	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,209,100	1,162,100	47,100	3.9	1,214,300	1,167,400	46,900	3.9
Reading MSA	213,000	204,900	8,100	3.8	213,600	205,500	8,100	3.8
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	276,300	262,800	13,500	4.9	277,400	264,100	13,300	4.8
State College MSA	82,800	80,500	2,200	2.7	81,500	79,100	2,400	3.0
Williamsport MSA	56,900	54,200	2,700	4.7	56,700	54,200	2,500	4.3
York-Hanover MSA	233,500	225,900	7,700	3.3	234,900	226,700	8,200	3.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,450,000	6,200,000	249,000	3.9	6,474,000	6,219,000	255,000	3.9
UNITED STATES	162,823,000	156,441,000	6,382,000	3.9	162,960,000	156,748,000	6,211,000	3.8

ALL DATA ARE ON 2018 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)

March 2019

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Mar 2018	Feb 2019	Mar 2018
TOTAL NONFARM	62,500	62,600	63,000	60,800	-100	1,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,600	54,700	55,200	53,000	-100	1,600
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,000	11,000	11,500	11,300	0	-300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,200	100	0
Manufacturing	8,800	8,900	9,300	9,100	-100	-300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,500	51,600	51,500	49,500	-100	2,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,600	43,700	43,700	41,700	-100	1,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,500	15,600	15,600	14,900	-100	600
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
Retail Trade	7,000	7,100	7,100	7,100	-100	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,300	0	600
Professional and Business Services	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,000	0	300
Education and Health Services	10,700	10,700	10,600	10,600	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,400	0	-400
Government	7,900	7,900	7,800	7,800	0	100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	0	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**

March 2019

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Mar 2018	Feb 2019	Mar 2018
PENNSYLVANIA	6,044,500	6,040,500	6,038,000	5,993,600	4,000	50,900
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	375,800	376,000	375,600	373,300	-200	2,500
Altoona MSA	62,000	62,000	61,900	61,600	0	400
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,200	42,300	42,400	42,800	-100	-600
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,500	62,600	62,900	61,000	-100	1,500
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,000	58,900	58,900	58,300	100	700
Erie MSA	128,900	129,500	129,100	128,100	-600	800
Gettysburg MSA	35,300	35,100	35,100	35,200	200	100
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	345,700	346,700	347,700	345,700	-1,000	0
Johnstown MSA	54,800	54,700	54,600	54,700	100	100
Lancaster MSA	257,100	257,200	257,000	256,000	-100	1,100
Lebanon MSA	53,700	53,600	53,600	53,200	100	500
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,967,400	2,964,800	2,963,100	2,929,300	2,600	38,100
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,084,000	1,080,900	1,079,300	1,069,600	3,100	14,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	979,100	977,600	977,000	956,400	1,500	22,700
Philadelphia City	738,900	738,200	736,900	717,300	700	21,600
Pittsburgh MSA	1,195,600	1,192,500	1,193,700	1,184,800	3,100	10,800
Reading MSA	180,500	180,300	180,100	179,600	200	900
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	263,500	263,400	263,500	264,400	100	-900
State College MSA	82,100	82,100	81,200	79,700	0	2,400
Williamsport MSA	53,000	52,800	52,900	54,100	200	-1,100
York-Hanover MSA	186,800	187,000	187,100	187,300	-200	-500
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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