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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.2%

HARRISBURG (MAY 28) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in April to 3.2 percent, the lowest rate since March 2007. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro and Harrisburg-Carlisle MSAs tied for the fourth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs tied for the lowest rate at 2.9 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton MSAs had the highest at 4.7 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the United States were 3.8 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

Franklin County’s unemployment rate tied Bucks and Butler counties for the 10th lowest rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in April. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (3.7%, t-24th); Huntingdon (4.8%, 65th); Juniata (3.5%, t-18th); Perry (3.0%, t-6th); Cumberland (2.8%, 2nd); and Adams (2.9%, t-3rd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.6 percent in Chester County to 5.5 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 400 from March to 63,100, a record high. Over the year, jobs were up 3.3 percent (+2,000), while statewide jobs grew 1.0 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, manufacturing jobs increased 400, rebounding from a subpar February. The remaining six published supersectors were all essentially unchanged. Over the year, all published supersectors were either up or unchanged. Trade, transportation, & utilities, up 500, 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/
April 2019	77,500	75,400	2,100	2.7	78,400	75,900	2,500	3.2
March	78,000	75,400	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
April 2018	75,500	72,900	2,600	3.4	76,600	73,600	3,000	3.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
April 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	435,000	420,200	14,700	3.4	437,700	420,300	17,400	4.0
Altoona MSA	59,500	57,600	1,800	3.1	59,900	57,800	2,200	3.6
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,400	41,000	1,400	3.3	42,400	40,700	1,700	4.0
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,500	75,400	2,100	2.7	78,400	75,900	2,500	3.2
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,300	77,900	3,300	4.1	82,400	78,500	3,800	4.7
Erie MSA	128,300	123,900	4,300	3.4	129,800	124,600	5,200	4.0
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,800	1,200	2.3	55,400	53,800	1,600	2.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	295,400	287,500	7,900	2.7	297,700	288,200	9,500	3.2
Johnstown MSA	58,200	56,100	2,100	3.6	58,500	55,800	2,600	4.5
Lancaster MSA	280,000	273,100	6,900	2.5	282,500	274,100	8,400	3.0
Lebanon MSA	71,200	69,200	2,000	2.8	71,700	69,300	2,400	3.3
Philadelphia MSA	3,099,700	3,003,200	96,500	3.1	3,110,000	2,993,500	116,500	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,201,200	1,163,500	37,700	3.1	1,213,800	1,167,800	45,900	3.8
Reading MSA	212,300	205,500	6,800	3.2	213,600	205,700	7,900	3.7
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	274,600	263,700	10,900	4.0	277,100	264,100	13,000	4.7
State College MSA	82,600	80,700	1,900	2.3	81,600	79,200	2,400	2.9
Williamsport MSA	56,300	54,300	2,000	3.6	56,700	54,300	2,400	4.2
York-Hanover MSA	233,000	226,600	6,400	2.7	234,800	226,900	7,900	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,421,000	6,216,000	205,000	3.2	6,471,000	6,222,000	248,000	3.8
UNITED STATES	162,097,000	156,710,000	5,387,000	3.3	162,470,000	156,645,000	5,824,000	3.6

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)

April 2019

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019	Apr 2018
TOTAL NONFARM	63,000	62,600	62,600	61,100	400	1,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,200	54,700	54,700	53,300	500	1,900
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,500	11,000	11,000	11,400	500	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,300	100	0
Manufacturing	9,200	8,800	8,900	9,100	400	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,500	51,600	51,600	49,700	-100	1,800
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,700	43,700	43,700	41,900	0	1,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,600	15,600	15,600	15,100	0	500
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
Retail Trade	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,500	0	400
Professional and Business Services	6,500	6,400	6,300	6,300	100	200
Education and Health Services	10,800	10,700	10,700	10,600	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,000	5,000	5,100	100	0
Government	7,800	7,900	7,900	7,800	-100	0
Federal Government	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,200	-100	0
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**

April 2019

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:		
	Apr 2019	Mar 2019	Feb 2019	Apr 2018	Mar 2019	Apr 2018	
PENNSYLVANIA	6,056,100	6,046,700	6,040,500	5,997,800	9,400	58,300	
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	376,300	376,500	376,000	374,300	-200	2,000	
Altoona MSA	61,900	62,100	62,000	61,700	-200	200	
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,500	42,400	42,300	42,800	100	-300	
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	63,100	62,700	62,600	61,100	400	2,000	
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,200	59,100	58,900	58,800	100	400	
Erie MSA	128,800	128,600	129,500	127,700	200	1,100	
Gettysburg MSA	35,500	35,300	35,100	35,300	200	200	
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	347,800	345,300	346,700	346,100	2,500	1,700	
Johnstown MSA	54,800	54,900	54,700	54,400	-100	400	
Lancaster MSA	257,700	257,400	257,200	255,900	300	1,800	
Lebanon MSA	53,800	53,800	53,600	53,200	0	600	
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,968,900	2,966,600	2,964,800	2,931,100	2,300	37,800	
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,082,200	1,082,600	1,080,900	1,070,500	-400	11,700	
Philadelphia Metro Division	980,300	979,200	977,600	959,200	1,100	21,100	
Philadelphia City	738,500	738,600	738,200	720,800	-100	17,700	
Pittsburgh MSA	1,191,900	1,194,500	1,192,500	1,183,500	-2,600	8,400	
Reading MSA	181,000	180,800	180,300	179,500	200	1,500	
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	263,800	263,600	263,400	264,200	200	-400	
State College MSA	82,100	82,000	82,100	79,400	100	2,700	
Williamsport MSA	53,200	53,000	52,800	53,900	200	-700	
York-Hanover MSA	187,500	187,200	187,000	187,000	300	500	
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***						

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