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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.5%

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 1) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased two-tenths of a percentage point in August to 3.5 percent. Over the year, the unemployment rate for the MSA was down two-tenths of a percentage point. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA tied the Lebanon and York-Hanover MSAs for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs had the lowest rate at 2.9 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 4.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the United States were both unchanged from July at 3.9 and 3.7 percent, respectively.

Franklin County’s unemployment rate tied Lebanon and York counties for the eighth-lowest rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in August. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.0%, t-19th); Huntingdon (5.7%, t-64th); Juniata (4.2%, t-29th); Perry (3.6%, t-11th); Cumberland (3.2%, t-5th); and Adams (2.9%, t-1st). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.9 percent in Adams, Centre, and Chester counties to 6.2 percent in Forest and Snyder counties.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 100 from August to 63,000, tying the record high. Over the year, jobs were up 1.4 percent (+900), while statewide jobs grew 0.6 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, government and trade, transportation, & utilities gained 200 each as some school districts started their new school year. Over the year, four of the seven published supersectors were up and two were unchanged.

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/
August 2019	79,700	76,600	3,100	3.8	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5
July	79,900	76,700	3,300	4.1	78,500	75,900	2,600	3.3
June	79,400	76,700	2,700	3.4	78,400	75,900	2,500	3.2
August 2018	78,000	75,100	2,900	3.8	77,400	74,600	2,800	3.7

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
August 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	443,600	423,800	19,900	4.5	439,200	421,500	17,600	4.0
Altoona MSA	61,300	58,400	2,800	4.6	60,500	58,000	2,500	4.1
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,200	41,400	1,800	4.2	43,000	41,300	1,700	4.0
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	79,700	76,600	3,100	3.8	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,900	79,500	4,400	5.3	82,700	78,700	4,000	4.9
Erie MSA	130,700	125,100	5,600	4.3	129,800	124,500	5,300	4.1
Gettysburg MSA	56,000	54,100	1,900	3.4	55,600	54,000	1,600	2.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	304,100	292,200	11,900	3.9	298,000	287,800	10,200	3.4
Johnstown MSA	58,900	55,600	3,300	5.6	58,600	55,800	2,800	4.8
Lancaster MSA	289,700	279,200	10,500	3.6	284,700	275,700	9,000	3.2
Lebanon MSA	73,300	70,400	2,900	4.0	72,400	69,800	2,500	3.5
Philadelphia MSA	3,139,800	3,004,000	135,800	4.3	3,121,500	3,004,600	116,800	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,216,300	1,162,500	53,800	4.4	1,206,300	1,159,500	46,800	3.9
Reading MSA	217,500	207,900	9,700	4.5	215,100	206,600	8,500	4.0
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	277,800	262,600	15,300	5.5	276,600	263,400	13,200	4.8
State College MSA	79,900	77,400	2,500	3.1	81,600	79,300	2,300	2.9
Williamsport MSA	57,600	55,000	2,600	4.5	57,000	54,600	2,400	4.3
York-Hanover MSA	236,800	227,200	9,600	4.0	234,700	226,500	8,200	3.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,539,000	6,246,000	293,000	4.5	6,479,000	6,225,000	255,000	3.9
UNITED STATES	164,019,000	157,816,000	6,203,000	3.8	163,922,000	157,878,000	6,044,000	3.7

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)

August 2019

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2019	Jul 2019	Jun 2019	Aug 2018	Jul 2019	Aug 2018
TOTAL NONFARM	62,600	62,100	62,800	61,700	500	900
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,000	54,700	55,200	54,200	300	800
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,100	11,000	11,400	11,600	100	-500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Manufacturing	8,600	8,500	8,900	9,200	100	-600
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,500	51,100	51,400	50,100	400	1,400
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,900	43,700	43,800	42,600	200	1,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,500	15,300	15,600	15,500	200	0
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Retail Trade	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,300	0	-300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,900	6,700	6,900	6,600	200	300
Professional and Business Services	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,400	0	100
Education and Health Services	10,700	10,600	10,700	10,500	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,500	5,500	5,400	-100	0
Government	7,600	7,400	7,600	7,500	200	100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
State Government	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local Government	4,200	4,000	4,200	4,200	200	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**

August 2019

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2019	Jul 2019	Jun 2019	Aug 2018	Jul 2019	Aug 2018
PENNSYLVANIA	6,051,700	6,035,200	6,037,300	6,013,300	16,500	38,400
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	377,600	375,500	375,300	374,400	2,100	3,200
Altoona MSA	61,600	61,900	61,900	61,000	-300	600
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,600	43,300	43,400	42,900	300	700
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	63,000	62,900	62,800	62,100	100	900
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,300	59,400	59,100	58,800	-100	500
Erie MSA	128,800	128,600	129,000	128,100	200	700
Gettysburg MSA	35,600	35,500	35,400	35,400	100	200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	347,100	345,400	345,900	348,100	1,700	-1,000
Johnstown MSA	54,300	54,100	54,300	54,400	200	-100
Lancaster MSA	258,500	259,200	258,200	257,300	-700	1,200
Lebanon MSA	54,200	54,100	54,300	53,200	100	1,000
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,978,700	2,965,100	2,964,000	2,945,200	13,600	33,500
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,083,700	1,077,600	1,076,700	1,074,100	6,100	9,600
Philadelphia Metro Division	985,700	980,000	980,200	967,600	5,700	18,100
Philadelphia City	743,200	739,000	738,800	727,200	4,200	16,000
Pittsburgh MSA	1,194,100	1,187,700	1,187,900	1,184,500	6,400	9,600
Reading MSA	182,100	181,800	181,300	179,500	300	2,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	262,100	261,000	262,600	263,500	1,100	-1,400
State College MSA	81,900	81,700	81,500	80,700	200	1,200
Williamsport MSA	53,900	53,800	53,600	53,400	100	500
York-Hanover MSA	186,700	187,000	187,000	186,800	-300	-100
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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