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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 4.0%

HARRISBURG (FEBRUARY 4) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased two-tenths of a percentage point in December to 4.0 percent. Over the year, the unemployment rate for the MSA was up one-half of a percentage point. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA tied the Harrisburg-Carlisle and York-Hanover MSAs for the fourth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The State College MSA had the lowest rate at 3.3 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Johnstown MSAs had the highest at 5.6 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania rose two-tenths of a percentage point from November to 4.5 percent, while the United States was unchanged at 3.5 percent.

Franklin and York counties tied for the seventh-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in December. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (6.3%, t-53rd); Huntingdon (7.5%, 65th); Juniata (5.0%, t-22nd); Perry (4.4%, t-12th); Cumberland (3.8%, t-5th); and Adams (3.4%, 2nd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.3 percent in Centre County to 8.1 percent in Cameron County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 100 from November to 63,800, a record high. Over the year, jobs were up 1.8 percent (+1,100), while statewide jobs grew 0.5 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, the seven published supersectors were essentially unchanged. Over the year, three of the seven published supersectors were up and three 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/
December 2019	80,500	77,100	3,400	4.2	79,800	76,600	3,200	4.0
November	79,600	76,600	2,900	3.7	79,400	76,400	3,000	3.8
October	79,500	76,500	3,000	3.8	79,200	76,200	2,900	3.7
December 2018	77,900	75,400	2,500	3.2	77,700	74,900	2,700	3.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
December 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	446,400	425,900	20,500	4.6	445,100	424,700	20,400	4.6
Altoona MSA	60,400	57,400	3,000	5.0	61,000	58,100	2,900	4.8
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,100	40,900	2,200	5.1	43,200	41,200	2,000	4.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	80,500	77,100	3,400	4.2	79,800	76,600	3,200	4.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,900	79,100	4,800	5.7	83,900	79,200	4,700	5.6
Erie MSA	130,200	123,800	6,500	5.0	130,900	124,700	6,200	4.7
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,200	1,800	3.3	55,700	53,800	1,900	3.4
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	300,000	288,500	11,400	3.8	301,000	289,100	11,900	4.0
Johnstown MSA	59,500	56,100	3,500	5.8	59,400	56,000	3,300	5.6
Lancaster MSA	283,300	273,800	9,600	3.4	285,600	275,300	10,300	3.6
Lebanon MSA	73,100	70,100	3,000	4.1	73,200	70,200	3,000	4.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,158,300	3,031,800	126,500	4.0	3,158,300	3,024,800	133,400	4.2
Pittsburgh MSA	1,217,600	1,161,800	55,800	4.6	1,217,200	1,162,900	54,300	4.5
Reading MSA	217,000	207,500	9,500	4.4	217,900	208,000	9,900	4.6
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	279,000	263,300	15,700	5.6	278,700	263,500	15,200	5.5
State College MSA	83,000	80,100	2,900	3.4	82,400	79,600	2,800	3.3
Williamsport MSA	57,600	54,400	3,200	5.6	57,700	54,800	2,900	5.1
York-Hanover MSA	236,100	227,100	9,100	3.8	236,900	227,500	9,400	4.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,532,000	6,235,000	297,000	4.6	6,552,000	6,259,000	293,000	4.5
UNITED STATES	164,007,000	158,504,000	5,503,000	3.4	164,556,000	158,803,000	5,753,000	3.5

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)

December 2019

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2018
TOTAL NONFARM	64,400	64,100	63,600	63,300	300	1,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	56,500	56,100	55,600	55,400	400	1,100
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,400	11,400	11,700	-100	-400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,300	-100	0
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,400	0	-400
SERVICE-PROVIDING	53,100	52,700	52,200	51,600	400	1,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	45,200	44,700	44,200	43,700	500	1,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,100	16,200	15,900	15,900	-100	200
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Retail Trade	7,200	7,300	7,100	7,300	-100	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,000	0	300
Professional and Business Services	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,500	-100	200
Education and Health Services	10,900	10,900	10,900	10,800	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,000	0	0
Government	7,900	8,000	8,000	7,900	-100	0
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	4,500	4,600	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
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**

December 2019

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2018
PENNSYLVANIA	6,063,400	6,073,100	6,061,000	6,030,700	-9,700	32,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	381,100	382,100	379,600	377,100	-1,000	4,000
Altoona MSA	62,000	61,700	62,200	61,800	300	200
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,000	43,000	43,100	42,400	0	600
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	63,800	63,700	63,400	62,700	100	1,100
East Stroudsburg MSA	59,800	59,800	59,500	59,100	0	700
Erie MSA	128,600	128,200	128,700	128,600	400	0
Gettysburg MSA	35,200	35,300	35,400	34,900	-100	300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	349,200	349,100	347,400	348,300	100	900
Johnstown MSA	55,000	55,000	54,700	54,500	0	500
Lancaster MSA	257,600	258,600	257,700	255,700	-1,000	1,900
Lebanon MSA	54,500	54,500	54,700	53,200	0	1,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,980,400	2,981,400	2,980,000	2,957,200	-1,000	23,200
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,084,200	1,085,900	1,085,800	1,078,000	-1,700	6,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	990,300	988,900	985,600	973,200	1,400	17,100
Philadelphia City	748,100	746,200	743,700	733,600	1,900	14,500
Pittsburgh MSA	1,191,700	1,188,900	1,188,900	1,191,700	2,800	0
Reading MSA	182,400	182,400	182,300	180,300	0	2,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	262,000	262,300	264,200	263,700	-300	-1,700
State College MSA	81,800	81,800	82,000	81,200	0	600
Williamsport MSA	53,300	53,400	53,500	52,900	-100	400
York-Hanover MSA	187,200	187,500	187,500	187,200	-300	0
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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