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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 6.9%

Note: *The data contained in this news release reflects the effects of COVID-19 and evolving mitigation efforts to contain it.*

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 27) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was **6.9 percent in September, down 1.9 percentage points from August**. The statewide unemployment rate was 8.1 percent, down 2.3 percentage points over the month and the national rate fell 0.5 points from August to 7.9 percent.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA decreased 0.7 percent from August (-400) to 59,200 in September. Over the year, jobs were down 4.8 percent (-3,000) in the MSA, while statewide jobs declined 7.8 percent.

September's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

Four of the seven published supersectors were essentially unchanged, while the other three increased over the month in the MSA. Local government in the MSA was up 400 from August as public schools started their new academic year.

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/
September 2020	76,900	72,000	5,000	6.5	77,100	71,800	5,300	6.9
August	77,100	70,300	6,800	8.8	76,500	69,800	6,800	8.8
July	77,800	69,300	8,500	10.9	76,800	68,400	8,400	10.9
September 2019	78,000	75,200	2,800	3.6	78,400	75,200	3,200	4.0

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
September 2020

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	432,100	400,000	32,100	7.4	432,600	399,200	33,300	7.7
Altoona MSA	57,600	53,800	3,800	6.6	57,500	53,300	4,200	7.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,800	40,400	2,400	5.7	42,600	39,800	2,800	6.7
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,900	72,000	5,000	6.5	77,100	71,800	5,300	6.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	78,900	71,200	7,700	9.8	79,400	71,300	8,000	10.1
Erie MSA	123,700	113,600	10,100	8.2	123,700	112,800	10,900	8.8
Gettysburg MSA	55,100	52,300	2,800	5.0	54,500	51,600	3,000	5.4
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	299,800	280,700	19,100	6.4	299,800	279,900	19,900	6.6
Johnstown MSA	55,200	51,200	4,100	7.3	55,800	51,300	4,500	8.1
Lancaster MSA	290,000	273,100	16,900	5.8	289,200	271,600	17,600	6.1
Lebanon MSA	71,700	67,000	4,700	6.5	71,300	66,300	5,000	7.0
Philadelphia MSA	3,063,400	2,820,400	243,000	7.9	3,063,500	2,816,500	247,000	8.1
Pittsburgh MSA	1,177,700	1,085,700	91,900	7.8	1,176,400	1,080,000	96,300	8.2
Reading MSA	222,500	205,800	16,700	7.5	222,800	205,300	17,500	7.9
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	263,300	240,000	23,300	8.8	264,000	239,200	24,800	9.4
State College MSA	77,000	73,500	3,400	4.5	74,700	70,900	3,700	5.0
Williamsport MSA	52,400	48,500	3,900	7.5	52,600	48,200	4,400	8.3
York-Hanover MSA	232,500	217,900	14,700	6.3	232,100	216,800	15,300	6.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,355,000	5,866,000	489,000	7.7	6,365,000	5,847,000	518,000	8.1
UNITED STATES	160,073,000	147,796,000	12,277,000	7.7	160,143,000	147,563,000	12,580,000	7.9

ALL DATA ARE ON 2019 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)

September 2020

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2019
TOTAL NONFARM	59,200	58,800	58,000	62,300	400	-3,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	51,000	50,800	50,600	54,200	200	-3,200
GOODS-PRODUCING	10,900	10,900	10,900	11,800	0	-900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,500	0	-500
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,900	9,300	0	-400
SERVICE-PROVIDING	48,300	47,900	47,100	50,500	400	-2,200
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	40,100	39,900	39,700	42,400	200	-2,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,300	15,000	15,000	15,500	300	-200
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Retail Trade	7,400	7,300	7,300	7,200	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,400	6,200	6,200	6,800	200	-400
Professional and Business Services	6,000	5,900	5,900	6,200	100	-200
Education and Health Services	11,100	10,900	10,900	10,700	200	400
Leisure and Hospitality	4,700	4,800	4,800	5,200	-100	-500
Government	8,200	8,000	7,400	8,100	200	100
Federal Government	2,400	2,600	2,400	2,400	-200	0
State Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Local Government	4,800	4,400	4,000	4,700	400	100
Data benchmarked to March 2019	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

September 2020

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2019
PENNSYLVANIA	5,597,800	5,578,400	5,518,400	6,068,600	19,400	-470,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	356,900	354,500	352,000	381,100	2,400	-24,200
Altoona MSA	57,300	56,700	56,200	61,200	600	-3,900
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,100	42,200	41,600	42,900	-100	-800
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	59,200	59,600	59,400	62,200	-400	-3,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	53,000	52,300	51,600	59,300	700	-6,300
Erie MSA	115,500	115,100	114,500	127,300	400	-11,800
Gettysburg MSA	33,900	34,200	33,900	35,200	-300	-1,300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	336,800	334,000	332,500	351,900	2,800	-15,100
Johnstown MSA	49,900	49,300	49,000	54,000	600	-4,100
Lancaster MSA	254,500	253,700	251,200	260,400	800	-5,900
Lebanon MSA	50,900	50,700	50,500	54,100	200	-3,200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,766,000	2,748,600	2,713,100	2,986,300	17,400	-220,300
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,002,500	993,900	981,400	1,092,500	8,600	-90,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	921,500	916,500	906,500	982,800	5,000	-61,300
Philadelphia City	693,900	687,500	679,900	739,700	6,400	-45,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,104,100	1,098,200	1,084,200	1,196,800	5,900	-92,700
Reading MSA	181,600	180,500	180,700	182,600	1,100	-1,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	237,100	236,000	230,900	262,200	1,100	-25,100
State College MSA	74,300	75,500	74,700	80,100	-1,200	-5,800
Williamsport MSA	46,800	46,700	46,200	53,200	100	-6,400
York-Hanover MSA	179,100	177,900	176,500	188,600	1,200	-9,500
Data benchmarked to March 2019	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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