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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.8%

HARRISBURG (APRIL 30) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.8 percent in March 2024. The state unemployment was also unchanged over the month, remaining at 3.4 percent in March while the national rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.8 percent.

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

Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2024) labor force series have not been completed and are not reflected in this news release. Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of April data in late May 2024. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA were up 200 over the month to 60,800 in March. Over the year, jobs were down 0.3 percent (-200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.3 percent.

March Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Job levels were essentially unchanged over the month in all seven published supersectors. Over the year, education & health services had the largest supersector gain, up 300 jobs, while professional & business services had the largest drop, down 800 from March 2023.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
March 2024	76,700	74,400	2,300	3.0	76,900	74,700	2,200	2.8
February	76,300	73,900	2,400	3.1	76,800	74,700	2,200	2.8
January	76,200	74,000	2,100	2.8	77,700	75,500	2,200	2.9
March 2023	76,700	74,200	2,400	3.2	77,900	75,100	2,800	3.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
March 2024

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	466,300	449,500	16,800	3.6	462,700	445,900	16,900	3.6
Altoona MSA	59,700	57,800	1,900	3.2	59,800	58,000	1,800	3.0
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,700	43,100	1,600	3.6	44,100	42,700	1,400	3.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,700	74,400	2,300	3.0	76,900	74,700	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,200	79,800	3,400	4.1	83,100	79,600	3,500	4.2
Erie MSA	128,700	123,800	4,900	3.8	127,800	123,300	4,500	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,500	1,500	2.7	55,200	53,800	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	312,900	303,500	9,400	3.0	312,600	303,500	9,200	2.9
Johnstown MSA	56,300	54,000	2,300	4.1	55,800	53,700	2,200	3.9
Lancaster MSA	291,500	283,800	7,700	2.6	292,600	284,900	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	75,800	73,700	2,100	2.8	76,200	74,100	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,304,800	3,184,100	120,700	3.7	3,278,500	3,159,000	119,500	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,198,000	1,157,100	40,900	3.4	1,187,700	1,149,300	38,400	3.2
Reading MSA	216,200	208,600	7,600	3.5	216,300	208,800	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	285,200	273,900	11,400	4.0	282,400	271,400	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	83,400	81,100	2,300	2.8	81,800	79,700	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,500	54,400	2,100	3.7	56,000	54,100	1,800	3.3
York-Hanover MSA	243,400	236,200	7,300	3.0	242,700	235,500	7,200	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,613,000	6,388,000	225,000	3.4	6,579,000	6,356,000	223,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	167,960,000	161,356,000	6,604,000	3.9	167,895,000	161,466,000	6,429,000	3.8

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2023 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER DATA ARE ON 2022 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 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	60,500	60,300	60,500	61,000	200	-500
TOTAL PRIVATE	53,100	52,900	53,000	53,600	200	-500
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,300	11,300	11,300	0	0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Manufacturing	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	0	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	49,200	49,000	49,200	49,700	200	-500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	41,800	41,600	41,700	42,300	200	-500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,400	16,400	16,600	16,400	0	0
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,200	0	0
Retail Trade	7,500	7,400	7,500	7,300	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,700	7,800	7,800	7,900	-100	-200
Professional and Business Services	6,000	5,900	5,900	6,800	100	-800
Education and Health Services	9,800	9,800	9,700	9,500	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	4,900	4,900	4,800	100	200
Government	7,400	7,400	7,500	7,400	0	0
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,500	4,500	4,600	4,500	0	0
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

March 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,148,900	6,133,600	6,125,900	6,070,700	15,300	78,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	397,000	395,700	395,000	391,300	1,300	5,700
Altoona MSA	61,200	61,300	61,200	60,300	-100	900
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,400	44,300	44,200	44,100	100	300
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	60,800	60,600	60,900	61,000	200	-200
East Stroudsburg MSA	57,900	57,900	57,700	57,600	0	300
Erie MSA	126,000	125,800	126,200	124,600	200	1,400
Gettysburg MSA	33,800	33,800	33,800	33,600	0	200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	362,400	362,500	362,900	358,900	-100	3,500
Johnstown MSA	51,800	51,600	51,700	51,500	200	300
Lancaster MSA	265,200	264,400	264,400	262,900	800	2,300
Lebanon MSA	57,000	57,000	57,000	55,400	0	1,600
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,104,400	3,099,100	3,095,100	3,062,600	5,300	41,800
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,122,600	1,120,500	1,120,100	1,120,100	2,100	2,500
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,018,800	1,016,400	1,013,200	1,000,900	2,400	17,900
Philadelphia City	778,600	776,500	774,600	762,500	2,100	16,100
Pittsburgh MSA	1,171,100	1,169,500	1,168,500	1,157,300	1,600	13,800
Reading MSA	180,000	179,900	179,900	178,900	100	1,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	270,400	269,500	269,300	264,300	900	6,100
State College MSA	81,400	81,400	81,500	79,700	0	1,700
Williamsport MSA	52,600	52,400	52,300	51,900	200	700
York-Hanover MSA	193,600	194,100	194,400	191,600	-500	2,000
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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