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### **CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.8%**

**HARRISBURG (MAY 29)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.8 percent in April 2024. The state unemployment was also unchanged over the month, remaining at 3.4 percent in April while the national rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.9 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 were up 400 over the month to 61,400 in April.** Over the year, jobs were up one-half of a percent (+300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.3 percent.

#### **April 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 400 jobs, while government had the largest drop, down 200 from April 2023.

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

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
April 2024	77,300	75,500	1,800	2.3	77,200	75,000	2,200	2.8
March	76,700	74,500	2,300	2.9	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
April 2023	76,500	74,600	1,900	2.4	77,200	74,900	2,200	2.9

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	462,500	448,400	14,100	3.1	463,400	446,800	16,700	3.6
Altoona MSA	59,600	58,100	1,500	2.6	59,900	58,100	1,800	3.0
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,700	43,500	1,200	2.7	44,300	42,900	1,400	3.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,300	75,500	1,800	2.3	77,200	75,000	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,800	79,900	2,900	3.5	83,300	79,800	3,400	4.1
Erie MSA	127,800	123,900	3,900	3.1	128,100	123,700	4,400	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	55,400	54,200	1,100	2.1	55,300	53,900	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	312,700	304,500	8,200	2.6	313,400	304,100	9,300	3.0
Johnstown MSA	55,900	54,000	1,800	3.2	56,000	53,800	2,200	3.9
Lancaster MSA	292,600	286,400	6,200	2.1	293,100	285,400	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	76,400	74,600	1,800	2.3	76,400	74,300	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,289,600	3,184,200	105,400	3.2	3,283,600	3,164,500	119,200	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,193,100	1,158,700	34,400	2.9	1,190,900	1,152,300	38,700	3.2
Reading MSA	215,900	209,600	6,300	2.9	216,500	209,000	7,500	3.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	282,200	272,700	9,500	3.4	283,100	272,000	11,000	3.9
State College MSA	83,100	81,500	1,600	2.0	82,000	79,900	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,300	54,600	1,700	2.9	56,100	54,300	1,800	3.3
York-Hanover MSA	242,100	235,900	6,200	2.6	243,100	235,900	7,200	3.0
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,588,000</b>	<b>6,399,000</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6,596,000</b>	<b>6,373,000</b>	<b>223,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>167,484,000</b>	<b>161,590,000</b>	<b>5,894,000</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>167,982,000</b>	<b>161,491,000</b>	<b>6,492,000</b>	<b>3.9</b>

ALL DATA ARE ON 2023 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 2024**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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

**April 2024**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2023
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,149,500</b>	6,146,900	6,133,600	6,068,500	2,600	81,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>397,500</b>	396,800	395,700	391,700	700	5,800
Altoona MSA	<b>61,300</b>	61,300	61,300	60,200	0	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>44,600</b>	44,400	44,300	43,900	200	700
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>61,400</b>	61,000	60,600	61,100	400	300
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,300</b>	58,100	57,900	57,800	200	500
Erie MSA	<b>126,600</b>	126,300	125,800	124,700	300	1,900
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,000</b>	33,900	33,800	34,000	100	0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>362,400</b>	362,200	362,500	359,100	200	3,300
Johnstown MSA	<b>51,800</b>	51,800	51,600	51,200	0	600
Lancaster MSA	<b>265,300</b>	265,100	264,400	262,500	200	2,800
Lebanon MSA	<b>57,100</b>	57,000	57,000	55,700	100	1,400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,102,800</b>	3,102,700	3,099,100	3,061,400	100	41,400
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,123,800</b>	1,123,500	1,120,500	1,120,700	300	3,100
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,018,500</b>	1,018,000	1,016,400	999,700	500	18,800
Philadelphia City	<b>778,000</b>	777,600	776,500	760,600	400	17,400
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,168,700</b>	1,169,700	1,169,500	1,157,700	-1,000	11,000
Reading MSA	<b>180,100</b>	179,900	179,900	179,000	200	1,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>269,700</b>	270,300	269,500	264,000	-600	5,700
State College MSA	<b>81,200</b>	81,400	81,400	79,800	-200	1,400
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,600</b>	52,500	52,400	51,800	100	800
York-Hanover MSA	<b>193,800</b>	193,800	194,100	191,000	0	2,800
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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