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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.8%

HARRISBURG (JULY 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.8 percent in May 2024. The state unemployment rate was also unchanged over the month, remaining at 3.4 percent in May while the national rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0 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 200 over the month to 61,600 in May. Over the year, jobs were up 0.8 percent (+500) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.6 percent.

May Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Job levels had small gains or were essentially unchanged over the month in all seven published supersectors. The largest movements were increases of 200 in both trade, transportation & utilities and leisure & hospitality. Over the year, education & health services had the largest gain, up 400 jobs, while government had the only decline among published supersectors, down 200 from May 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
May 2024	78,000	75,900	2,100	2.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
April	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
May 2023	77,200	75,100	2,100	2.7	77,000	74,900	2,200	2.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
May 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	465,700	450,000	15,700	3.4	464,100	447,500	16,600	3.6
Altoona MSA	60,000	58,300	1,800	2.9	59,900	58,000	1,800	3.1
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,600	43,100	1,500	3.3	44,400	42,900	1,500	3.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,000	75,900	2,100	2.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,200	80,000	3,200	3.8	83,400	80,000	3,400	4.1
Erie MSA	128,200	124,000	4,200	3.3	128,200	123,700	4,400	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	55,500	54,200	1,400	2.5	55,400	53,900	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	314,000	304,800	9,200	2.9	313,800	304,400	9,400	3.0
Johnstown MSA	56,100	54,000	2,100	3.7	56,000	53,800	2,200	3.9
Lancaster MSA	293,700	286,200	7,500	2.6	293,100	285,400	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	77,000	74,900	2,100	2.7	76,500	74,400	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,283,200	3,165,900	117,300	3.6	3,285,500	3,165,900	119,600	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,198,600	1,160,500	38,100	3.2	1,192,900	1,153,800	39,100	3.3
Reading MSA	217,000	209,800	7,200	3.3	216,600	209,100	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	282,500	272,200	10,300	3.6	283,400	272,400	11,000	3.9
State College MSA	83,400	81,300	2,100	2.5	82,200	80,100	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,300	54,500	1,800	3.2	56,200	54,300	1,900	3.3
York-Hanover MSA	243,700	236,500	7,200	3.0	243,400	236,100	7,300	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,614,000	6,401,000	212,000	3.2	6,605,000	6,382,000	223,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	167,576,000	161,341,000	6,235,000	3.7	167,732,000	161,083,000	6,649,000	4.0

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)

May 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	62,000	61,300	60,700	61,100	700	900
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,400	53,800	53,300	53,300	600	1,100
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,600	11,500	11,400	11,500	100	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	0
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,800	8,800	0	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,400	49,800	49,300	49,600	600	800
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,800	42,300	41,900	41,800	500	1,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,700	16,500	16,400	16,400	200	300
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	100	0
Retail Trade	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,300	0	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,800	7,700	7,700	7,800	100	0
Professional and Business Services	6,100	6,000	6,000	6,000	100	100
Education and Health Services	9,900	9,900	9,800	9,500	0	400
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,000	5,000	5,100	200	100
Government	7,600	7,500	7,400	7,800	100	-200
Federal Government	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,500	4,800	0	-200
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**

May 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,167,700	6,147,900	6,146,900	6,070,600	19,800	97,100
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	399,000	397,700	396,800	392,500	1,300	6,500
Altoona MSA	61,600	61,400	61,300	60,500	200	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,600	44,600	44,400	44,000	0	600
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,600	61,400	61,000	61,100	200	500
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,300	58,300	58,100	57,800	0	500
Erie MSA	126,900	126,700	126,300	125,000	200	1,900
Gettysburg MSA	34,100	34,000	33,900	33,900	100	200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	363,200	362,600	362,200	360,200	600	3,000
Johnstown MSA	51,800	51,700	51,800	51,400	100	400
Lancaster MSA	266,200	265,500	265,100	262,800	700	3,400
Lebanon MSA	57,400	57,100	57,000	56,000	300	1,400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,112,600	3,102,300	3,102,700	3,070,200	10,300	42,400
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,127,000	1,123,600	1,123,500	1,121,600	3,400	5,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,018,900	1,018,000	1,018,000	1,003,100	900	15,800
Philadelphia City	779,300	777,800	777,600	763,700	1,500	15,600
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,300	1,166,900	1,169,700	1,157,200	3,400	13,100
Reading MSA	180,400	180,300	179,900	179,400	100	1,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	270,200	269,900	270,300	264,400	300	5,800
State College MSA	81,600	81,300	81,400	74,100	300	7,500
Williamsport MSA	52,900	52,700	52,500	51,700	200	1,200
York-Hanover MSA	194,300	193,900	193,800	191,700	400	2,600
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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