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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.9%

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 29) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.9 percent in September 2024. The area rate has been below 3.0 percent for 18 consecutive months. Prior to the current stretch, the last time the local rate was below 3.0 percent was September 1989. The state unemployment rate was unchanged over the month, remaining at 3.4 percent, while the national rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.1 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 rose 200 over the month to 62,100 in September. Jobs were only 200 below the record high of 62,300 set in September 2019. Over the year, jobs were up 2.1 percent (+1,300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.7 percent.

September Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Among the seven published supersectors, five were essentially unchanged from August levels and the remaining two had seasonal movements. Government (+400) continued expanding as the new school year went into full swing, and leisure & hospitality (-200) fell as summer activities slowed. Over the year, six of the seven supersectors added jobs with the largest gain in education & health services, up 400 jobs.

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
September 2024	76,500	74,600	2,000	2.6	77,200	75,000	2,200	2.9
August	77,600	74,700	2,900	3.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.9
July	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.4	77,500	75,300	2,200	2.9
September 2023	77,200	75,200	2,000	2.6	77,100	74,900	2,200	2.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
September 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	458,600	444,200	14,400	3.1	463,100	446,600	16,500	3.6
Altoona MSA	58,700	57,100	1,600	2.7	59,300	57,400	1,900	3.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,600	42,500	1,100	2.6	44,100	42,600	1,500	3.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,500	74,600	2,000	2.6	77,200	75,000	2,200	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,200	78,300	2,900	3.6	82,400	79,100	3,300	4.0
Erie MSA	125,700	122,000	3,700	2.9	126,600	122,000	4,600	3.6
Gettysburg MSA	54,500	53,200	1,200	2.2	54,900	53,500	1,500	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	309,900	301,600	8,300	2.7	312,000	302,500	9,500	3.0
Johnstown MSA	54,800	53,000	1,800	3.2	55,700	53,400	2,200	4.0
Lancaster MSA	288,200	281,300	6,900	2.4	290,500	282,500	7,900	2.7
Lebanon MSA	75,300	73,500	1,800	2.4	75,800	73,600	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,241,000	3,130,600	110,400	3.4	3,280,300	3,155,800	124,500	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,177,000	1,142,300	34,700	3.0	1,188,900	1,148,300	40,600	3.4
Reading MSA	213,100	206,400	6,600	3.1	215,200	207,800	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	277,300	267,900	9,400	3.4	281,400	270,300	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	80,400	78,700	1,700	2.1	80,700	78,500	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	55,100	53,400	1,700	3.0	55,700	53,700	2,100	3.7
York-Hanover MSA	239,200	232,400	6,800	2.8	241,600	234,000	7,600	3.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,488,000	6,293,000	195,000	3.0	6,556,000	6,334,000	222,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	168,569,000	162,046,000	6,524,000	3.9	168,699,000	161,864,000	6,834,000	4.1

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)

September 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024	Sep 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	62,300	62,000	61,700	60,900	300	1,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,600	54,700	54,700	53,300	-100	1,300
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,700	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,700	0	300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,600	50,300	50,000	49,500	300	1,100
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,900	43,000	43,000	41,900	-100	1,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,700	16,700	16,600	16,400	0	300
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Retail Trade	7,600	7,700	7,600	7,300	-100	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,800	100	100
Professional and Business Services	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Education and Health Services	10,000	9,900	9,900	9,600	100	400
Leisure and Hospitality	5,200	5,400	5,500	5,000	-200	200
Government	7,700	7,300	7,000	7,600	400	100
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,800	4,400	4,100	4,700	400	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**

September 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Sep 2023	Aug 2024	Sep 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,205,000	6,198,200	6,192,000	6,102,300	6,800	102,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	402,700	402,000	401,200	393,900	700	8,800
Altoona MSA	61,700	61,900	61,800	61,000	-200	700
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	45,200	44,900	44,900	44,100	300	1,100
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,100	61,900	61,900	60,800	200	1,300
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,400	58,700	58,900	58,700	-300	-300
Erie MSA	127,500	127,300	127,200	124,900	200	2,600
Gettysburg MSA	34,400	34,700	34,500	33,800	-300	600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	367,600	367,100	365,800	361,000	500	6,600
Johnstown MSA	52,400	52,400	52,400	51,500	0	900
Lancaster MSA	266,300	266,800	266,000	263,900	-500	2,400
Lebanon MSA	57,900	58,100	57,900	56,700	-200	1,200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,125,800	3,127,300	3,126,500	3,086,500	-1,500	39,300
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,130,500	1,131,200	1,131,200	1,119,700	-700	10,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,026,500	1,026,100	1,025,900	1,009,900	400	16,600
Philadelphia City	783,500	783,400	783,800	770,200	100	13,300
Pittsburgh MSA	1,183,800	1,185,300	1,181,900	1,162,700	-1,500	21,100
Reading MSA	181,600	181,800	181,700	180,000	-200	1,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	271,200	271,100	271,500	266,100	100	5,100
State College MSA	81,700	81,400	81,000	80,000	300	1,700
Williamsport MSA	52,600	52,800	52,900	52,100	-200	500
York-Hanover MSA	195,300	194,700	194,900	193,400	600	1,900
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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