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### **CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.9%**

**HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 1) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.9 percent in August 2024.** The state unemployment rate was also unchanged over the month at 3.4 percent while the national rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 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 essentially unchanged over the month at 62,000 in August.** Over the year, jobs were up 2.0 percent (+1,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 1.7 percent.

#### **August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail**

Among the seven published supersectors, six were essentially unchanged from July levels. The exception was government, which rose 300 as schools ramped up for the new academic year. Over the year, five of the seven supersectors added jobs while two were unchanged. Trade, transportation & utilities had the largest 12-month gain, up 700 jobs.

**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>
August 2024	77,600	74,800	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
June	78,000	75,400	2,600	3.3	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
August 2023	78,000	75,100	2,900	3.7	77,000	74,900	2,200	2.8

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
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Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	462,100	442,200	19,800	4.3	463,800	447,100	16,700	3.6
Altoona MSA	59,900	57,400	2,500	4.1	59,500	57,600	2,000	3.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,100	42,300	1,800	4.0	44,300	42,700	1,500	3.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,600	74,800	2,900	3.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,900	79,000	4,000	4.8	82,700	79,400	3,300	4.0
Erie MSA	126,300	121,000	5,400	4.3	127,100	122,500	4,600	3.6
Gettysburg MSA	55,300	53,400	1,900	3.5	55,200	53,700	1,500	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	314,400	302,300	12,000	3.8	312,600	303,000	9,600	3.1
Johnstown MSA	55,800	52,900	2,800	5.1	55,900	53,700	2,300	4.0
Lancaster MSA	293,100	282,600	10,500	3.6	291,600	283,600	8,000	2.7
Lebanon MSA	76,300	73,600	2,800	3.6	76,000	73,900	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,277,200	3,126,400	150,800	4.6	3,288,000	3,162,600	125,400	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,190,400	1,140,500	49,900	4.2	1,192,300	1,151,700	40,700	3.4
Reading MSA	215,600	206,200	9,400	4.3	215,900	208,300	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	280,700	267,300	13,400	4.8	282,600	271,400	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	78,800	76,000	2,900	3.6	81,100	79,000	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	55,500	53,200	2,300	4.2	56,000	53,900	2,100	3.7
York-Hanover MSA	241,000	231,200	9,800	4.0	242,100	234,500	7,600	3.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,555,000	6,277,000	277,000	4.2	6,581,000	6,358,000	223,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	168,763,000	161,348,000	7,415,000	4.4	168,549,000	161,434,000	7,115,000	4.2

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)

**August 2024**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	Aug 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2023
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>62,100</b>	61,700	62,000	60,300	400	1,800
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>54,800</b>	54,700	54,700	53,000	100	1,800
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>11,800</b>	11,700	11,700	11,600	100	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,700	2,700	2,800	100	0
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,800	0	200
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>50,300</b>	50,000	50,300	48,700	300	1,600
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>43,000</b>	43,000	43,000	41,400	0	1,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,700	16,600	16,700	16,000	100	700
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Retail Trade	7,700	7,600	7,700	7,300	100	400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,400	0	400
Professional and Business Services	6,200	6,200	6,100	5,900	0	300
Education and Health Services	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,400	0	500
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,500	5,500	5,200	-100	200
<b>Government</b>	<b>7,300</b>	7,000	7,300	7,300	300	0
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	-100
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,400	4,100	4,400	4,300	300	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**

**August 2024**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	Aug 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2023
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,200,000</b>	6,192,000	6,178,800	6,097,400	8,000	102,600
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>401,900</b>	401,200	400,100	391,700	700	10,200
Altoona MSA	<b>61,800</b>	61,800	61,600	60,700	0	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>44,800</b>	44,900	44,600	44,300	-100	500
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>62,000</b>	61,900	61,700	60,800	100	1,200
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,900</b>	58,900	58,500	58,500	0	400
Erie MSA	<b>127,100</b>	127,200	127,000	124,300	-100	2,800
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,800</b>	34,500	34,200	33,800	300	1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>366,400</b>	365,800	365,000	360,500	600	5,900
Johnstown MSA	<b>52,300</b>	52,400	52,600	51,500	-100	800
Lancaster MSA	<b>266,500</b>	266,000	265,500	263,600	500	2,900
Lebanon MSA	<b>58,200</b>	57,900	57,800	56,500	300	1,700
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,128,000</b>	3,126,500	3,121,100	3,077,000	1,500	51,000
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,132,600</b>	1,131,200	1,129,300	1,119,000	1,400	13,600
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,027,200</b>	1,025,900	1,025,100	1,005,000	1,300	22,200
Philadelphia City	<b>783,900</b>	783,800	783,300	766,300	100	17,600
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,184,700</b>	1,181,900	1,178,000	1,162,800	2,800	21,900
Reading MSA	<b>181,800</b>	181,700	181,400	179,400	100	2,400
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>271,200</b>	271,500	271,200	265,100	-300	6,100
State College MSA	<b>81,400</b>	81,000	80,800	80,000	400	1,400
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,800</b>	52,900	52,800	52,100	-100	700
York-Hanover MSA	<b>194,100</b>	194,900	194,400	193,000	-800	1,100
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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