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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.1%

HARRISBURG (FEBRUARY 4) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was up one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 3.1 percent in December 2024. The state rate (3.6%) was also up one-tenth of a percentage point from November while the national unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a 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 were up 200 over the month to 62,200 in December, only 100 below the record high. Over the year, jobs were up 2.1 percent (+1,300) in the MSA, slightly above the statewide growth of 1.9% since last November.

December Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Among the seven published supersectors, six were essentially unchanged from October levels. Trade, transportation & utilities rose 200 as employers continued seasonal hiring. Over the year, six of the seven supersectors added jobs with the largest gain in trade, transportation & utilities, up 600 jobs. Education & health services was close behind, adding 500 jobs since December 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
December 2024	75,100	72,900	2,100	2.9	76,200	73,900	2,400	3.1
November	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.8	76,600	74,300	2,300	3.0
October	76,400	74,200	2,200	2.9	76,900	74,700	2,300	2.9
December 2023	76,400	74,600	1,800	2.4	77,100	74,900	2,200	2.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
December 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	454,600	439,300	15,300	3.4	460,700	443,700	17,000	3.7
Altoona MSA	58,100	56,200	1,900	3.3	59,000	57,000	2,000	3.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,300	41,900	1,400	3.3	43,800	42,200	1,500	3.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,100	72,900	2,100	2.9	76,200	73,900	2,400	3.1
East Stroudsburg MSA	80,400	77,300	3,100	3.9	81,700	78,300	3,400	4.2
Erie MSA	123,700	118,700	4,900	4.0	125,500	120,500	4,900	3.9
Gettysburg MSA	53,500	52,100	1,300	2.5	54,400	52,800	1,500	2.8
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	306,800	298,000	8,800	2.9	310,400	300,500	9,900	3.2
Johnstown MSA	53,900	51,700	2,200	4.1	54,900	52,600	2,300	4.3
Lancaster MSA	282,100	274,900	7,300	2.6	286,900	278,500	8,400	2.9
Lebanon MSA	74,400	72,500	2,000	2.6	75,400	73,100	2,200	3.0
Philadelphia MSA	3,217,300	3,105,900	111,500	3.5	3,255,500	3,130,700	124,900	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,158,900	1,119,700	39,200	3.4	1,178,600	1,136,400	42,200	3.6
Reading MSA	210,100	203,100	7,000	3.3	213,100	205,300	7,800	3.6
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,300	264,900	10,500	3.8	278,400	267,000	11,400	4.1
State College MSA	80,400	78,400	2,000	2.4	80,100	77,900	2,200	2.8
Williamsport MSA	54,800	52,700	2,000	3.7	55,400	53,300	2,100	3.8
York-Hanover MSA	235,200	228,300	7,000	3.0	239,000	230,900	8,100	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,393,000	6,179,000	214,000	3.3	6,490,000	6,257,000	233,000	3.6
UNITED STATES	167,746,000	161,294,000	6,452,000	3.8	168,547,000	161,661,000	6,886,000	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)

December 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024	Dec 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	62,600	62,400	62,300	61,400	200	1,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,300	55,100	55,000	53,900	200	1,400
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,700	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	100
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,800	0	200
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,900	50,700	50,600	50,000	200	900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,600	43,400	43,300	42,500	200	1,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	17,500	17,300	17,100	16,900	200	600
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	100	0
Retail Trade	8,000	7,900	7,800	7,600	100	400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,200	8,200	8,100	8,000	0	200
Professional and Business Services	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Education and Health Services	10,200	10,200	10,100	9,700	0	500
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,000	5,100	4,900	100	200
Government	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	-200
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,600	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**

December 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Dec 2023	Nov 2024	Dec 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,229,800	6,216,100	6,207,500	6,115,100	13,700	114,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	402,900	401,700	402,100	395,000	1,200	7,900
Altoona MSA	62,100	62,000	61,900	61,300	100	800
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	45,200	45,100	45,100	44,300	100	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,200	62,000	62,100	60,900	200	1,300
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,600	58,600	58,500	58,100	0	500
Erie MSA	127,200	127,000	126,700	125,600	200	1,600
Gettysburg MSA	34,500	34,500	34,400	34,000	0	500
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	371,500	370,000	368,900	362,700	1,500	8,800
Johnstown MSA	51,800	51,800	52,000	51,700	0	100
Lancaster MSA	267,200	266,700	266,300	265,100	500	2,100
Lebanon MSA	58,100	58,200	58,000	56,800	-100	1,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,136,600	3,131,500	3,127,400	3,094,600	5,100	42,000
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,136,300	1,133,900	1,131,600	1,122,300	2,400	14,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,029,900	1,027,200	1,027,100	1,013,900	2,700	16,000
Philadelphia City	786,900	784,600	784,200	774,900	2,300	12,000
Pittsburgh MSA	1,189,000	1,185,700	1,184,300	1,166,400	3,300	22,600
Reading MSA	182,400	181,700	181,900	180,400	700	2,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	272,500	271,600	271,500	268,400	900	4,100
State College MSA	82,100	82,100	81,800	81,300	0	800
Williamsport MSA	53,200	53,300	53,100	52,400	-100	800
York-Hanover MSA	194,600	193,900	194,500	194,000	700	600
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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