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CHAMBERSBURG MSA JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.6%

HARRISBURG (MARCH 20) – The not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was at 3.6 percent in January 2024. Pennsylvania’s rate was at 4.3% and the national rate was at 4.4%.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg MSA were up slightly over the month to **63,200 in January and tied the record high set in October 2024**. Over the year, jobs were up 3.6 percent (+2,200) in the MSA, while jobs statewide grew 1.2 percent from last January.

January Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Among the seven published supersectors, five were essentially unchanged from December levels. Trade, transportation, and utilities declined 600 seasonally. Over the year, the largest movement was a gain of 1,100 in trade, transportation, and utilities.

*NOTE: Because the data included in each month’s press release (primarily civilian labor force and nonfarm jobs data) are sample based, the data are subject to revisions. Once each year, estimates are adjusted to new levels based on additional or revised information collected after the initial release of the data (called a benchmark). Seasonal adjustment factors for historical labor force and nonfarm jobs data have also been updated. Additionally, the revised data reflects new geographic area definitions based on the 2020 Census Area Delineation. Revisions to the nonfarm jobs series through 2024 have been completed and are reflected in the January news release. **Revisions to the historical labor force series have not been completed and are not yet reflected in the January news release and BLS has temporarily stopped production of substate seasonally adjusted LAUS data until further notice.** Historical not seasonally adjusted labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data in late April 2025. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dli/resources/statistic-materials.html>.*

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
January 2025	76,300	73,600	2,700	3.6				
December 2024	75,100	72,900	2,100	2.9				
November	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.8				
January 2024	76,200	74,000	2,100	2.8				

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
January 2025

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	448,800	429,000	19,800	4.4				
Altoona MSA	57,100	54,700	2,500	4.3				
Chambersburg MSA	76,300	73,600	2,700	3.6				
Erie MSA	125,400	119,500	6,000	4.8				
Gettysburg MSA	50,600	48,800	1,800	3.5				
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	310,200	298,700	11,400	3.7				
Johnstown MSA	55,700	52,800	2,900	5.2				
Lancaster MSA	285,900	276,500	9,500	3.3				
Lebanon MSA	72,800	70,100	2,700	3.7				
Philadelphia MSA	3,262,200	3,124,300	137,800	4.2				
Pittsburgh MSA	1,217,200	1,163,000	54,200	4.5				
Reading MSA	216,700	207,600	9,100	4.2				
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	277,500	263,500	14,000	5.0				
State College MSA	75,000	72,500	2,500	3.3				
Williamsport MSA	52,900	50,200	2,600	5.0				
York-Hanover MSA	237,000	227,900	9,100	3.8				
PENNSYLVANIA	6,485,000	6,208,000	277,000	4.3	6,542,000	6,295,000	246,000	3.8
UNITED STATES	169,814,000	162,347,000	7,467,000	4.4	170,744,000	163,895,000	6,849,000	4.0

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2024 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER 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) Due to methodological changes and conversions to the 2020 Census-based area delineations, seasonally adjusted substate area LAUS data is not available until further notice.

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

January 2025

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2024
TOTAL NONFARM	62,600	63,600	63,600	60,500	-1,000	2,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,900	55,800	55,700	52,900	-900	2,000
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,300	11,400	11,400	11,200	-100	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,500	-100	200
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,300	52,200	52,200	49,300	-900	2,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,600	44,400	44,300	41,700	-800	1,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	17,700	18,300	18,300	16,600	-600	1,100
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Retail Trade	7,300	7,700	7,600	7,300	-400	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,900	9,100	9,200	7,900	-200	1,000
Professional and Business Services	6,000	6,200	6,200	5,600	-200	400
Education and Health Services	9,900	10,000	10,000	9,700	-100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	4,800	4,900	4,900	5,100	-100	-300
Government	7,700	7,800	7,900	7,600	-100	100
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
State Government	900	900	900	800	0	100
Local Government	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	0
Data benchmarked to March 2024	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS
FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS**

January 2025

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2024
PENNSYLVANIA	6,190,300	6,180,800	6,160,700	6,114,500	9,500	75,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	400,400	398,800	397,400	392,200	1,600	8,200
Altoona MSA	61,900	61,900	61,900	60,800	0	1,100
Chambersburg MSA	63,200	63,100	63,100	61,000	100	2,200
Erie MSA	126,500	126,400	126,100	125,700	100	800
Gettysburg MSA	33,700	33,600	33,700	33,400	100	300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	368,800	369,800	367,700	362,900	-1,000	5,900
Johnstown MSA	51,100	51,000	51,000	51,400	100	-300
Lancaster MSA	267,400	267,100	266,800	265,200	300	2,200
Lebanon MSA	57,700	57,500	57,500	56,100	200	1,600
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,124,800	3,121,100	3,113,400	3,090,100	3,700	34,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,137,400	1,136,200	1,133,700	1,123,000	1,200	14,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,020,600	1,018,700	1,016,800	1,008,600	1,900	12,000
Pittsburgh MSA	1,208,900	1,208,100	1,203,700	1,200,700	800	8,200
Reading MSA	184,000	183,900	183,400	181,000	100	3,000
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	270,200	269,600	269,000	266,600	600	3,600
State College MSA	80,000	79,700	79,400	79,700	300	300
Williamsport MSA	52,800	52,900	52,800	52,500	-100	300
York-Hanover MSA	194,000	193,600	193,100	193,500	400	500
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