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CHAMBERSBURG MSA AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP TO 3.6%

HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 30) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to **3.6 percent in August**. Since July, the statewide rate (4.0%) was unchanged, and the national rate (4.3%) rose one-tenth of a percentage point. Over the year, the local area's rate increased one-half of a percentage point, while Pennsylvania's rate was up by four-tenths. The national rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point since August of last year.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Chambersburg MSA were essentially unchanged over the month at 62,800 in August. Over the year, jobs were also essentially unchanged in the MSA. For comparison, statewide jobs were up 1.6% from last August.

August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Over the month, the only notable movement in the seven published supersectors occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities, which fell by 200 jobs. All the other supersectors were essentially unchanged. Over the year, two supersectors increased, one decreased, and four were essentially unchanged. Professional and business services, along with education and health services both gained 200 jobs, while leisure and hospitality declined 300 jobs since August 2024.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
August 2025	76,800	73,300	3,500	4.5	76,300	73,600	2,700	3.6
July	77,100	73,900	3,200	4.1	76,600	73,900	2,700	3.5
June	76,400	73,400	3,000	3.9	76,800	74,100	2,700	3.5
August 2024	78,700	75,700	3,000	3.9	77,600	75,200	2,400	3.1

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	454,000	430,900	23,100	5.1	451,700	432,500	19,300	4.3
Altoona MSA	57,700	55,000	2,700	4.7	56,800	54,600	2,200	3.9
Chambersburg MSA	76,800	73,300	3,500	4.5	76,300	73,600	2,700	3.6
Erie MSA	126,400	120,300	6,100	4.9	125,400	120,200	5,200	4.1
Gettysburg MSA	51,300	49,100	2,200	4.4	50,800	49,000	1,800	3.5
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	316,200	301,900	14,300	4.5	310,900	299,500	11,500	3.7
Johnstown MSA	56,500	53,300	3,300	5.8	56,100	53,500	2,600	4.6
Lancaster MSA	291,900	280,000	12,000	4.1	287,800	278,500	9,300	3.2
Lebanon MSA	73,900	70,500	3,300	4.5	73,000	70,300	2,600	3.6
Philadelphia MSA	3,301,500	3,132,200	169,300	5.1	3,290,000	3,149,300	140,700	4.3
Pittsburgh MSA	1,237,400	1,179,800	57,600	4.7	1,228,600	1,180,500	48,200	3.9
Reading MSA	219,000	207,700	11,300	5.2	217,400	208,300	9,100	4.2
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	279,400	264,100	15,200	5.4	278,000	265,200	12,800	4.6
State College MSA	73,800	70,700	3,100	4.2	75,600	73,200	2,400	3.1
Williamsport MSA	52,800	50,200	2,600	5.0	52,500	50,200	2,300	4.4
York-Hanover MSA	238,700	227,500	11,100	4.7	237,000	228,000	9,000	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,572,000	6,255,000	317,000	4.8	6,530,000	6,267,000	263,000	4.0
UNITED STATES	171,035,000	163,288,000	7,747,000	4.5	170,778,000	163,394,000	7,384,000	4.3

ALL DATA ARE ON 2024 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 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

August 2025

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Jun 2025	Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2024
TOTAL NONFARM	62,900	62,800	63,300	62,400	100	500
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,500	55,400	55,600	54,900	100	600
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,800	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Manufacturing	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	51,100	51,000	51,500	50,800	100	300
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,700	43,600	43,800	43,300	100	400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	17,600	17,400	17,600	17,500	200	100
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Retail Trade	7,500	7,400	7,500	7,400	100	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,600	8,500	8,600	8,600	100	0
Professional and Business Services	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	200
Education and Health Services	9,900	9,900	10,000	9,700	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	5,000	5,000	5,200	-100	-300
Government	7,400	7,400	7,700	7,500	0	-100
Federal Government	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	-100	-100
State Government	900	900	900	800	0	100
Local Government	4,400	4,300	4,600	4,500	100	-100
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**

August 2025

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Jun 2025	Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2024
PENNSYLVANIA	6,249,100	6,236,900	6,230,100	6,147,900	12,200	101,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	402,700	401,600	401,600	396,300	1,100	6,400
Altoona MSA	62,000	62,100	62,100	61,400	-100	600
Chambersburg MSA	62,800	62,900	63,000	62,700	-100	100
Erie MSA	127,600	127,700	127,700	126,200	-100	1,400
Gettysburg MSA	33,900	33,800	33,700	33,500	100	400
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	369,600	369,400	369,700	365,400	200	4,200
Johnstown MSA	51,800	51,700	51,700	51,200	100	600
Lancaster MSA	268,300	268,800	268,600	266,500	-500	1,800
Lebanon MSA	58,500	58,200	57,900	57,200	300	1,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,150,200	3,146,500	3,141,300	3,104,700	3,700	45,500
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,145,800	1,144,600	1,140,600	1,130,300	1,200	15,500
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,031,500	1,031,200	1,029,700	1,014,300	300	17,200
Pittsburgh MSA	1,218,400	1,216,600	1,214,000	1,201,100	1,800	17,300
Reading MSA	184,400	184,500	184,400	182,500	-100	1,900
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	270,400	270,400	270,300	267,800	0	2,600
State College MSA	79,700	79,500	79,600	77,000	200	2,700
Williamsport MSA	53,500	53,300	53,200	52,400	200	1,100
York-Hanover MSA	194,200	194,300	194,300	193,800	-100	400
Data benchmarked to March 2024	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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