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TABLE 1

CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE[1]

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT[2]	UNEMPLOY-MENT	RATE (%)[3]	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED[4] LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY-MENT[2]	UNEMPLOY-MENT	RATE (%)[3]
September 2026	79,400	77,200	2,200	2.8	79,500	77,000	2,500	3.1
August	80,500	77,700	2,800	3.5	79,500	76,900	2,600	3.3
July	80,400	77,800	2,700	3.4	79,400	76,600	2,700	3.4
September 2025	77,400	74,400	3,000	3.9	77,200	74,200	3,000	3.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
September 2026

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	467,900	451,700	16,200	3.5	467,100	449,100	18,100	3.9
Altoona MSA	57,500	55,800	1,600	2.9	57,600	55,600	2,000	3.4
Chambersburg MSA	79,400	77,200	2,200	2.8	79,500	77,000	2,500	3.1
Erie MSA	127,400	123,400	4,000	3.2	127,500	122,700	4,800	3.7
Gettysburg MSA	51,900	50,500	1,400	2.7	51,900	50,300	1,600	3.1
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	315,800	306,600	9,200	2.9	315,500	305,200	10,300	3.3
Johnstown MSA	55,500	53,600	1,900	3.4	55,900	53,600	2,300	4.1
Lancaster MSA	297,800	290,300	7,500	2.5	296,900	288,600	8,300	2.8
Lebanon MSA	75,200	73,100	2,100	2.8	75,000	72,600	2,400	3.2
Philadelphia MSA	3,338,900	3,217,100	121,800	3.6	3,343,200	3,213,600	129,600	3.9
Pittsburgh MSA	1,238,800	1,201,300	37,500	3.0	1,242,700	1,198,900	43,800	3.5
Reading MSA	222,300	214,900	7,500	3.4	223,000	214,400	8,500	3.8
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	281,900	271,100	10,700	3.8	283,300	270,600	12,700	4.5
State College MSA	78,800	76,700	2,100	2.6	78,300	76,100	2,200	2.8
Williamsport MSA	53,000	51,300	1,700	3.1	53,300	51,200	2,000	3.8
York-Hanover MSA	241,900	234,700	7,200	3.0	242,600	234,500	8,200	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,645,000	6,433,000	212,000	3.2	6,663,000	6,423,000	241,000	3.6
UNITED STATES	170,298,000	163,439,000	6,859,000	4.0	170,262,000	163,152,000	7,109,000	4.2

ALL DATA ARE ON 2025 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.

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

September 2026

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Sep 2025	Aug 2026	Sep 2025
TOTAL NONFARM	**64,600**	64,600	64,200	63,400	0	1,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	**56,700**	57,000	56,900	55,500	-300	1,200
GOODS-PRODUCING	**11,400**	11,500	11,500	11,300	-100	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	**2,900**	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Manufacturing	**8,500**	8,600	8,600	8,500	-100	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	**53,200**	53,100	52,700	52,100	100	1,100
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	**45,300**	45,500	45,400	44,200	-200	1,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**18,400**	18,400	18,400	18,300	0	100
Wholesale Trade	**1,500**	1,600	1,600	1,500	-100	0
Retail Trade	**7,200**	7,300	7,400	7,400	-100	-200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	**9,700**	9,500	9,400	9,400	200	300
Professional and Business Services	**6,000**	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100
Education and Health Services	**10,100**	10,100	10,100	9,900	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	**5,100**	5,400	5,500	5,100	-300	0
Government	**7,900**	7,600	7,300	7,900	300	0
Federal Government	**1,900**	1,900	1,900	2,200	0	-300
State Government	**800**	800	800	900	0	-100
Local Government	**5,200**	4,900	4,600	4,800	300	400

Data benchmarked to March 2025

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2A

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS

FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

September 2026

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Sep 2025	Aug 2026	Sep 2025
PENNSYLVANIA	**6,212,600**	6,213,200	6,200,900	6,167,600	-600	45,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	**407,700**	407,800	406,300	403,900	-100	3,800
Altoona MSA	**61,400**	61,500	61,400	61,400	-100	0
Chambersburg MSA	**64,500**	64,500	64,200	63,200	0	1,300
Erie MSA	**126,300**	127,000	126,800	126,000	-700	300
Gettysburg MSA	**33,800**	33,900	33,900	33,500	-100	300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	**366,000**	366,400	366,700	365,100	-400	900
Johnstown MSA	**49,800**	50,000	49,900	50,000	-200	-200
Lancaster MSA	**271,400**	272,000	271,800	267,300	-600	4,100
Lebanon MSA	**58,500**	58,500	58,400	57,200	0	1,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	**3,142,400**	3,142,200	3,134,400	3,128,300	200	14,100
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	**1,139,700**	1,139,400	1,137,500	1,131,500	300	8,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	**1,027,700**	1,028,100	1,023,700	1,025,500	-400	2,200
Pittsburgh MSA	**1,200,200**	1,201,800	1,199,700	1,204,900	-1,600	-4,700
Reading MSA	**184,900**	185,200	184,900	184,200	-300	700
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre MSA	**268,100**	268,300	268,500	267,700	-200	400
State College MSA	**81,200**	81,200	81,100	80,000	0	1,200
Williamsport MSA	**52,500**	52,900	52,900	52,200	-400	300
York-Hanover MSA	**194,700**	195,100	194,700	194,000	-400	700

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