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### **A-B-E UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.4% IN MAY**

**HARRISBURG, PA (JUNE 28) - The Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.4 percent in May.** The state rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.5 percent, while the national rate fell by three-tenths of a point to 4.7 percent. Over the year, the MSA rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, while the state rate increased three-tenths of a point, and the national rate declined eight-tenths of a point.

The A-B-E MSA's rate was tied with that of the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA for the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest among Pennsylvania's 18 MSAs in May. Rates ranged from 3.9 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 7.1 percent in the Johnstown and Williamsport MSAs.

**The A-B-E MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs in May were down 600 to 356,900.** Over the year, jobs in the MSA were up 0.1 percent (+200), while jobs in the state overall were up 0.7 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

Over the month, mining, logging, & construction, professional & business services, and leisure & hospitality all experienced seasonal increases. The largest gain since May 2015 was in trade, transportation, & utilities, up 1,800 jobs, while professional & business services saw the largest drop, down 500 jobs. Food services & drinking places reached a new record high at 25,200 jobs (up 400 over the month), helping to drive accommodation & food services to a new high as well (up 500 over the month to 30,200).

**TABLE 1**  
**ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM - EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

(Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA; Warren County, NJ)

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/
May 2016	434,100	411,200	22,900	5.3	433,300	410,000	23,300	5.4
April	429,100	407,100	22,000	5.1	432,900	409,500	23,400	5.4
March	431,100	407,700	23,400	5.4	433,000	411,400	21,600	5.0
May 2015	433,800	409,700	24,100	5.6	430,400	406,600	23,900	5.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 May 2016

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	434,100	411,200	22,900	5.3	433,300	410,000	23,300	5.4
Altoona MSA	62,600	59,400	3,200	5.1	62,200	58,800	3,300	5.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,000	41,600	2,400	5.4	43,800	41,400	2,300	5.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	80,000	76,000	4,000	5.0	80,000	75,900	4,100	5.1
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,700	76,400	5,300	6.5	81,800	76,500	5,300	6.4
Erie MSA	136,000	127,000	9,000	6.6	135,600	126,400	9,100	6.7
Gettysburg MSA	56,300	54,100	2,200	3.9	56,200	54,000	2,200	3.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	298,700	284,900	13,800	4.6	298,300	284,400	13,800	4.6
Johnstown MSA	62,400	58,200	4,200	6.7	62,400	58,000	4,400	7.1
Lancaster MSA	279,700	268,300	11,500	4.1	280,000	268,300	11,700	4.2
Lebanon MSA	71,400	68,200	3,200	4.5	71,200	68,000	3,200	4.5
Philadelphia MSA	3,120,700	2,961,400	159,300	5.1	3,125,000	2,962,500	162,400	5.2
Pittsburgh MSA	1,227,100	1,156,900	70,200	5.7	1,224,900	1,154,600	70,300	5.7
Reading MSA	217,300	206,300	11,000	5.1	216,800	205,700	11,000	5.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	282,100	264,700	17,400	6.2	282,300	264,400	17,900	6.3
State College MSA	80,300	76,900	3,400	4.2	79,600	76,300	3,300	4.2
Williamsport MSA	60,300	56,100	4,200	7.0	60,600	56,300	4,300	7.1
York-Hanover MSA	238,700	227,600	11,100	4.6	238,000	227,100	10,900	4.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,536,000	6,179,000	357,000	5.5	6,541,000	6,180,000	361,000	5.5
UNITED STATES	158,800,000	151,594,000	7,207,000	4.5	158,466,000	151,030,000	7,436,000	4.7

ALL DATA ARE ON 2015 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 1A**  
**ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM - EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

(Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA; Warren County, NJ)

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<b>CARBON COUNTY</b>								
May 2016	32,000	30,100	1,900	5.8	31,800	29,900	1,900	5.9
April	31,600	29,800	1,900	5.8	31,900	29,800	2,100	6.5
March	31,700	29,800	1,900	6.1	32,000	30,100	1,800	5.8
May 2015	32,000	30,000	2,000	6.1	31,800	29,800	2,000	6.2
<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>								
May 2016	186,800	176,500	10,200	5.5	185,300	175,300	10,000	5.4
April	184,300	174,600	9,700	5.3	185,400	174,600	10,800	5.8
March	184,800	174,600	10,200	5.5	186,400	176,300	10,100	5.4
May 2015	186,300	175,700	10,600	5.7	184,900	174,500	10,400	5.6
<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>								
May 2016	158,200	150,000	8,200	5.2	157,100	149,000	8,100	5.1
April	156,200	148,300	7,900	5.1	157,300	148,400	8,900	5.7
March	156,800	148,300	8,400	5.4	158,200	149,900	8,300	5.2
May 2015	157,900	149,300	8,600	5.4	156,800	148,300	8,500	5.4

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TABLE 2

## ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton PA counties; Warren County, NJ)

**May 2016**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016	May 2015
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>361,100</b>	357,800	354,900	361,200	3,300	-100
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>320,700</b>	317,700	314,800	320,500	3,000	200
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>49,400</b>	48,800	48,100	49,500	600	-100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,000	12,500	11,800	13,300	500	-300
Manufacturing	36,400	36,300	36,300	36,200	100	200
Durable Goods	22,100	22,000	22,000	22,000	100	100
Non-Durable Goods	14,300	14,300	14,300	14,200	0	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>311,700</b>	309,000	306,800	311,700	2,700	0
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>271,300</b>	268,900	266,700	271,000	2,400	300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	78,800	78,100	78,500	77,000	700	1,800
Wholesale Trade	14,100	14,100	13,900	13,800	0	300
Retail Trade	40,200	39,700	39,600	40,600	500	-400
Food and beverage stores	9,900	9,900	9,900	10,000	0	-100
General merchandise stores	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
Department stores	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	24,500	24,300	25,000	22,600	200	1,900
Transportation and Warehousing	23,300	23,100	23,700	21,300	200	2,000
Information	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	-200
Financial Activities	14,800	14,900	14,800	15,100	-100	-300
Finance and insurance	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	6,300	6,400	6,400	6,300	-100	0
Professional and Business Services	47,500	47,300	46,300	48,000	200	-500
Professional and technical services	12,500	12,700	12,600	12,700	-200	-200
Management of companies and enterprises	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,600	0	-500
Administrative and waste services	24,900	24,500	23,600	24,700	400	200
Employment services	11,200	11,200	10,900	10,900	0	300
Education and Health Services	73,100	74,400	73,200	73,700	-1,300	-600
Educational services	12,600	13,500	13,200	12,500	-900	100
Health care and social assistance	60,500	60,900	60,000	61,200	-400	-700
Hospitals	19,800	19,800	19,700	19,600	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	37,400	34,600	34,300	37,100	2,800	300
Accommodation and food services	30,200	29,700	29,400	30,000	500	200
Food services and drinking places	25,200	24,800	24,700	25,000	400	200
Other Services	13,600	13,500	13,500	13,800	100	-200
Government	40,400	40,100	40,100	40,700	300	-300
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
State Government	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Local Government	35,400	35,100	35,100	35,700	300	-300
Local government educational services	22,200	22,100	22,100	22,400	100	-200
Local government excluding educational services	13,200	13,000	13,000	13,300	200	-100
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

**May 2016**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2016	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016	May 2015
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,871,000</b>	5,881,200	5,894,600	5,831,800	-10,200	39,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>356,900</b>	357,500	358,300	356,700	-600	200
Altoona MSA	<b>62,500</b>	62,300	61,800	61,200	200	1,300
Erie MSA	<b>128,600</b>	128,000	128,300	130,100	600	-1,500
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>336,900</b>	338,300	337,300	332,700	-1,400	4,200
Johnstown MSA	<b>55,800</b>	56,200	56,300	56,800	-400	-1,000
Lancaster MSA	<b>245,200</b>	246,400	246,400	244,000	-1,200	1,200
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,300</b>	51,400	51,300	50,900	-100	400
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,874,200</b>	2,878,500	2,875,200	2,816,100	-4,300	58,100
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,158,800</b>	1,165,300	1,167,300	1,161,600	-6,500	-2,800
Reading MSA	<b>177,900</b>	177,700	178,000	175,900	200	2,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>260,000</b>	259,900	259,500	258,500	100	1,500
State College MSA	<b>76,600</b>	77,100	77,400	72,100	-500	4,500
Williamsport MSA	<b>54,300</b>	54,500	54,900	55,800	-200	-1,500
York-Hanover MSA	<b>184,600</b>	184,700	183,900	180,500	-100	4,100
Philadelphia City	<b>695,100</b>	695,700	694,500	682,300	-600	12,800
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

Note: Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data is currently not available for the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA, Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA, Gettysburg MSA, East Stroudsburg MSA, or Montgomery-Bucks-Chester and Philadelphia Metropolitan Divisions. For more information contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 877-4WF-DATA or by email at [workforceinfo@pa.gov](mailto:workforceinfo@pa.gov).