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### **ALTOONA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.3%**

**HARRISBURG (JUNE 28)** – The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Altoona Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent. Over the year, the rate was unchanged. The Altoona MSA had the 10<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.9 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 7.1 percent in the Johnstown and Williamsport MSAs. The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went up two-tenths to 5.5 percent, while the national rate fell three-tenths to 4.7 percent.

Blair tied Allegheny and Warren counties for the 20<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.9 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 8.6 percent in Fayette County.

**In May, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Altoona MSA increased 200 to 62,500.** Over the year, jobs went up 2.1 percent (+1,300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

#### **May’s Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)**

Leisure & hospitality jobs went up 800 as outdoor recreational businesses hired seasonal staff. Information was the only supersector to have job losses this month (-100).

**TABLE 1**  
**ALTOONA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Blair 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/
May 2016	62,600	59,400	3,200	5.1	62,200	58,800	3,300	5.3
April	61,600	58,400	3,200	5.1	62,100	58,700	3,400	5.4
March	61,500	58,200	3,400	5.5	61,900	58,800	3,000	4.9
May 2015	61,700	58,500	3,200	5.2	61,200	57,900	3,300	5.3

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
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,536,000</b>	<b>6,179,000</b>	<b>357,000</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6,541,000</b>	<b>6,180,000</b>	<b>361,000</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>158,800,000</b>	<b>151,594,000</b>	<b>7,207,000</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>158,466,000</b>	<b>151,030,000</b>	<b>7,436,000</b>	<b>4.7</b>

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 2

## ALTOONA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Blair County)

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>62,800</b>	61,900	61,000	62,000	900	800
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>54,900</b>	54,000	53,000	54,100	900	800
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>10,900</b>	10,800	10,400	10,600	100	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,100	3,000	2,700	3,000	100	100
Manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,700	7,600	0	200
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>51,900</b>	51,100	50,600	51,400	800	500
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>44,000</b>	43,200	42,600	43,500	800	500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,300	14,200	13,800	14,400	100	-100
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,500	0	0
Retail Trade	8,400	8,300	8,000	8,400	100	0
Information	800	900	900	900	-100	-100
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,600	5,400	5,500	0	100
Education and Health Services	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,400	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	6,200	5,400	5,400	5,900	800	300
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
<b>Government</b>	<b>7,900</b>	7,900	8,000	7,900	0	0
Federal Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
State Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,500	4,500	0	-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).