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### **BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK MSA MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.4%**

**HARRISBURG, PA (JUNE 28) – The Bloomsburg-Berwick Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent in May.** The state rate also increased, up two-tenths of a point to 5.5 percent, while the national rate fell by three-tenths of a point to 4.7 percent.

Over the year, the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA’s rate decreased one-tenth of a point, while the state rate increased three-tenths of a point, and the national rate declined eight-tenths of a point. The MSA’s rate was tied with that of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA-NJ MSA for the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs in May. MSA rates ranged from 3.9 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 7.1 percent in the Johnstown and Williamsport MSAs.

**The Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA’s *not seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were down 100 to 42,900 in May.** Over the year, jobs in the MSA were up 1.2 percent (+500), while jobs in the state overall were up 0.6 percent.

Mining, logging, & construction jobs increased seasonally over the month. Among published industries, leisure and hospitality experienced the largest gain over the year, up 400 jobs, while manufacturing jobs dropped the most, down 400. Professional & business services was the only published supersector to show gains over both timeframes, while no supersectors posted losses over both periods.

**TABLE 1**  
**BLOOMSBURG - BERWICK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Columbia and Montour Counties)

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	44,000	41,600	2,400	5.4	43,800	41,400	2,300	5.4
April	43,700	41,500	2,200	4.9	43,700	41,400	2,300	5.3
March	43,900	41,400	2,500	5.7	43,700	41,500	2,200	5.0
May 2015	43,400	41,000	2,400	5.5	43,200	40,800	2,400	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/			
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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
Bloomsb urg-Berw ick 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 Stroudsb urg 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
Johnstow n 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
Pittsb urgh 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.

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<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b>								
May 2016	34,600	32,600	2,000	5.7	34,500	32,500	2,000	5.7
April	34,400	32,600	1,800	5.2	34,400	32,400	2,000	5.9
March	34,500	32,500	2,100	6.0	34,500	32,500	1,900	5.6
May 2015	34,100	32,200	2,000	5.8	34,000	32,000	2,000	5.8
<b>MONTOUR COUNTY</b>								
May 2016	9,400	9,000	400	4.4	9,300	8,900	400	4.3
April	9,300	8,900	400	4.0	9,300	8,900	400	4.6
March	9,300	8,900	400	4.5	9,300	8,900	400	4.4
May 2015	9,200	8,800	400	4.5	9,200	8,800	400	4.5

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TABLE 2

## BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Montour and Columbia counties)

**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>42,900</b>	43,000	42,400	42,400	-100	500
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>36,200</b>	36,000	35,500	35,900	200	300
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>6,600</b>	6,400	6,200	7,000	200	-400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,200	1,100	1,000	1,200	100	0
Manufacturing	5,400	5,300	5,200	5,800	100	-400
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>36,300</b>	36,600	36,200	35,400	-300	900
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>29,600</b>	29,600	29,300	28,900	0	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,500	-100	200
Professional and Business Services	4,300	4,200	4,200	4,200	100	100
Education and Health Services	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	3,800	3,900	3,300	3,400	-100	400
<b>Government</b>	<b>6,700</b>	7,000	6,900	6,500	-300	200
State Government	3,300	3,600	3,400	3,200	-300	100
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					