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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.1%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 28) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in May. The rate was up two-tenths from last May. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was tied with the Reading MSA for the seventh-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg MSA had the lowest rate at 3.9 percent, while the Johnstown and Williamsport MSAs tied for the highest rate at 7.1 percent. The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania rose two-tenths to 5.5 percent, while the national rate dropped three-tenths to 4.7 percent.

Franklin County tied Berks and Northampton counties for the 16th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in May. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (6.1%, t-35th); Huntingdon (7.0%, t-51st); Juniata (5.9%, t-28th); Perry (4.8%, 11th); Cumberland (4.1%, t-3rd); and Adams (3.9%, t-1st). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.9 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 8.6 percent in Fayette County.

In May, *not seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 300 to 61,900, a record high. Over the year, jobs increased by 1,500. After losing 500 jobs in April due to the end of the ski season, Leisure and Hospitality picked up 200 jobs in May as seasonal businesses like golf courses and frozen drink and snack establishments added employees. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data is currently not available for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO 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/
May 2016	80,000	76,000	4,000	5.0	80,000	75,900	4,100	5.1
April	79,200	75,400	3,800	4.8	80,100	76,000	4,000	5.0
March	80,100	76,000	4,100	5.1	80,200	76,500	3,700	4.6
May 2015	78,100	74,200	3,800	4.9	77,800	74,000	3,800	4.9

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 2

CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin 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
TOTAL NONFARM	61,900	61,600	61,600	60,400	300	1,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	54,000	53,700	53,700	52,200	300	1,800
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,600	11,500	11,400	11,800	100	-200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100	0	0
Manufacturing	9,500	9,400	9,400	9,700	100	-200
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,300	50,100	50,200	48,600	200	1,700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,400	42,200	42,300	40,400	200	2,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,800	15,700	15,600	15,000	100	800
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Retail Trade	7,500	7,500	7,400	7,100	0	400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,400	6,300	6,300	6,000	100	400
Professional and Business Services	5,900	5,900	5,800	5,800	0	100
Education and Health Services	10,100	10,100	10,100	9,900	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	4,900	5,400	5,100	200	0
Government	7,900	7,900	7,900	8,200	0	-300
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
State Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Local Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					