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EAST STROUDSBURG MSA MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6.4%

HARRISBURG, PA (JUNE 28) - The East Stroudsburg Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.4 percent in May. The state rate increased by two-tenths of a point to 5.5 percent, while the national rate decreased three-tenths of a point to 4.7 percent. Over the year, the East Stroudsburg MSA's rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point, while the state rate increased three-tenths of a point, and the national rate fell eight-tenths of a point.

The East Stroudsburg MSA's rate was the 15th lowest 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. Monroe County's rate tied with four other counties (Luzerne, Pike, Washington, and Wyoming) for the 38th lowest rate among the state's 67 counties. County rates ranged from 3.9 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 8.6 percent in Fayette County.

The East Stroudsburg MSA's *not seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 900 to 56,900 in May. Over the year, jobs in the MSA were up 1.1 percent (+600), while jobs in the state overall were up 0.6 percent.

Jobs in all published industries were either flat or increased over the month, while the over-the-year changes were more mixed. Note that employment in private service-providing, service-providing, total private industries, and total nonfarm jobs were all up over both timeframes. Leisure & hospitality jobs saw a seasonal increase, but were down over the year. Similarly, government jobs increased slightly from April and were down marginally since May 2015.

TABLE 1
EAST STROUDSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Monroe 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	81,700	76,400	5,300	6.5	81,800	76,500	5,300	6.4
April	80,300	75,400	4,900	6.2	81,500	76,400	5,200	6.3
March	81,000	75,700	5,200	6.5	81,300	76,500	4,800	6.0
May 2015	80,900	75,400	5,500	6.8	80,900	75,500	5,400	6.7

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

EAST STROUDSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Monroe 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	56,900	56,000	56,000	56,300	900	600
TOTAL PRIVATE	45,200	44,500	44,500	44,500	700	700
GOODS-PRODUCING	6,500	6,500	6,400	6,600	0	-100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,700	0	-100
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,400	49,500	49,600	49,700	900	700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	38,700	38,000	38,100	37,900	700	800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,500	12,400	12,500	12,500	100	0
Retail Trade	8,900	8,900	8,900	9,000	0	-100
Professional and Business Services	3,500	3,500	3,400	3,400	0	100
Education and Health Services	7,500	7,500	7,400	7,300	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	10,400	10,000	10,800	10,700	400	-300
Government	11,700	11,500	11,500	11,800	200	-100
Federal Government	3,200	3,100	3,200	3,200	100	0
State Government	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,400	0	-100
Local Government	6,200	6,100	6,100	6,200	100	0
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					