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ERIE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6.7%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 28) – The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Erie Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.7 percent. Over the year, the rate was up 1.1 percentage points. The Erie MSA had the 16th 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.

Erie tied Lawrence County for the 48th 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 Erie MSA increased 600 to 128,600. Over the year, jobs went down 1.2 percent (-1,500) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

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

Seasonal hiring was forefront again this month with leisure and hospitality experiencing a gain of 1,000 jobs. Education & health services showed job losses of 700 due to summer break at area colleges and universities.

TABLE 1
ERIE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Erie 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	136,000	127,000	9,000	6.6	135,600	126,400	9,100	6.7
April	134,500	125,700	8,800	6.5	135,600	126,400	9,300	6.8
March	134,800	125,500	9,200	6.9	135,500	127,100	8,400	6.2
May 2015	135,600	128,000	7,600	5.6	135,100	127,500	7,500	5.6

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

ERIE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Erie 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	129,800	128,800	127,400	131,400	1,000	-1,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	113,600	112,500	111,100	115,100	1,100	-1,500
GOODS-PRODUCING	24,900	24,400	24,300	26,600	500	-1,700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,300	4,000	3,700	4,300	300	0
Manufacturing	20,600	20,400	20,600	22,300	200	-1,700
Plastics and rubber products mfg.	4,400	4,300	4,300	4,300	100	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	104,900	104,400	103,100	104,800	500	100
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	88,700	88,100	86,800	88,500	600	200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,400	21,300	21,100	22,400	100	-1,000
Wholesale Trade	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Retail Trade	14,200	14,100	13,900	15,200	100	-1,000
Clothing, clothing accessory, & general. merch. sto	4,600	4,500	4,500	4,500	100	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Financial Activities	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Professional and Business Services	10,100	9,900	9,800	10,400	200	-300
Education and Health Services	28,500	29,200	29,100	27,600	-700	900
Hospitals	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	15,400	14,400	13,500	14,900	1,000	500
Other Services	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
Government	16,200	16,300	16,300	16,300	-100	-100
Federal Government	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State Government	4,500	4,700	4,800	4,400	-200	100
Local Government	10,200	10,100	10,000	10,400	100	-200
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
PENNSYLVANIA	5,871,000	5,881,200	5,894,600	5,831,800	-10,200	39,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	356,900	357,500	358,300	356,700	-600	200
Altoona MSA	62,500	62,300	61,800	61,200	200	1,300
Erie MSA	128,600	128,000	128,300	130,100	600	-1,500
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	336,900	338,300	337,300	332,700	-1,400	4,200
Johnstown MSA	55,800	56,200	56,300	56,800	-400	-1,000
Lancaster MSA	245,200	246,400	246,400	244,000	-1,200	1,200
Lebanon MSA	51,300	51,400	51,300	50,900	-100	400
Philadelphia MSA	2,874,200	2,878,500	2,875,200	2,816,100	-4,300	58,100
Pittsburgh MSA	1,158,800	1,165,300	1,167,300	1,161,600	-6,500	-2,800
Reading MSA	177,900	177,700	178,000	175,900	200	2,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	260,000	259,900	259,500	258,500	100	1,500
State College MSA	76,600	77,100	77,400	72,100	-500	4,500
Williamsport MSA	54,300	54,500	54,900	55,800	-200	-1,500
York-Hanover MSA	184,600	184,700	183,900	180,500	-100	4,100
Philadelphia City	695,100	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.

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