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HARRISBURG-CARLISLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.6%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 28) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Harrisburg-Carlisle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point in May to 4.6 percent. The unemployment rate in the MSA was also up one-tenth since last May. The Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA tied the York-Hanover MSA for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania'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.

Of the 67 counties in the state, Cumberland and Montgomery counties had the 3rd lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, Perry County had the 11th lowest rate at 4.8 percent, and Dauphin County tied Union County for the 14th lowest rate at 5.0 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.9 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 8.6 percent in Fayette County.

The Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs dropped by 1,400 to 336,900 in May. Over the year, jobs were up 1.3 percent (+4,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), leisure & hospitality had the largest job increase at 2,000 which was seasonal in nature. The largest decrease was in professional & business services (-700), due to the end of the tax preparation season. Information was down 300 due in large part to the Verizon strike. Education & health services led all supersectors in over-the-year gains with 1,800 jobs added.

TABLE 1
HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry 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	298,700	284,900	13,800	4.6	298,300	284,400	13,800	4.6
April	296,400	283,800	12,600	4.2	299,000	285,400	13,600	4.5
March	295,900	282,800	13,100	4.4	298,900	286,500	12,400	4.1
May 2015	295,100	281,700	13,300	4.5	293,000	279,700	13,200	4.5

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/			
					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 1A
HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties)

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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY								
May 2016	130,200	124,700	5,500	4.2	129,400	124,000	5,400	4.1
April	129,200	124,200	5,000	3.8	130,100	124,400	5,700	4.4
March	129,000	123,800	5,200	4.0	130,000	124,800	5,300	4.1
May 2015	128,700	123,300	5,400	4.2	127,900	122,600	5,300	4.1
DAUPHIN COUNTY								
May 2016	143,800	136,600	7,200	5.0	142,900	135,800	7,100	5.0
April	142,600	136,100	6,600	4.6	143,600	136,200	7,400	5.1
March	142,300	135,500	6,700	4.7	143,600	136,800	6,800	4.7
May 2015	142,000	135,100	6,900	4.9	141,100	134,300	6,800	4.8
PERRY COUNTY								
May 2016	24,700	23,600	1,200	4.7	24,600	23,400	1,200	4.8
April	24,500	23,500	1,100	4.3	24,800	23,600	1,200	4.9
March	24,600	23,400	1,200	4.7	24,800	23,700	1,100	4.4
May 2015	24,400	23,300	1,100	4.5	24,300	23,200	1,100	4.6

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TABLE 2

HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry 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
TOTAL NONFARM	338,900	338,700	334,200	336,300	200	2,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	279,700	279,400	275,200	276,900	300	2,800
GOODS-PRODUCING	32,400	32,100	31,600	32,200	300	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,000	10,800	10,300	10,600	200	400
Manufacturing	21,400	21,300	21,300	21,600	100	-200
Durable Goods	10,900	10,800	10,800	11,000	100	-100
Non-Durable Goods	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,600	0	-100
Food mfg.	6,200	6,100	6,100	6,300	100	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	306,500	306,600	302,600	304,100	-100	2,400
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	247,300	247,300	243,600	244,700	0	2,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	70,100	70,700	71,100	68,700	-600	1,400
Wholesale Trade	12,200	12,200	12,100	12,200	0	0
Retail Trade	31,300	31,700	31,900	31,300	-400	0
General merchandise stores	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26,600	26,800	27,100	25,200	-200	1,400
Transportation and Warehousing	25,300	25,100	25,100	24,100	200	1,200
Truck transportation	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	100
Warehousing and storage	9,800	9,800	9,800	9,000	0	800
Information	4,200	4,500	4,400	4,400	-300	-200
Financial Activities	21,900	21,900	22,000	22,200	0	-300
Finance and insurance	18,900	19,000	19,000	19,200	-100	-300
Professional and Business Services	46,900	47,600	46,500	47,300	-700	-400
Professional and technical services	17,100	17,700	17,500	17,000	-600	100
Management of companies and enterprises	8,500	8,600	8,600	8,600	-100	-100
Administrative and waste services	21,300	21,300	20,400	21,700	0	-400
Education and Health Services	55,600	56,000	55,100	53,800	-400	1,800
Educational services	8,700	9,000	8,900	7,900	-300	800
Health care and social assistance	46,900	47,000	46,200	45,900	-100	1,000
Hospitals	16,100	16,100	16,200	15,800	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	34,200	32,200	30,100	33,700	2,000	500
Accommodation and food services	24,800	23,600	23,300	25,100	1,200	-300
Food services and drinking places	20,400	19,900	19,300	20,300	500	100
Other Services	14,400	14,400	14,400	14,600	0	-200
Government	59,200	59,300	59,000	59,400	-100	-200
Federal Government	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,200	0	100
State Government	31,800	32,000	31,900	32,000	-200	-200
Local Government	20,100	20,000	19,900	20,200	100	-100
Local government educational services	13,100	13,100	13,100	13,300	0	-200
Local government excluding educational services	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,900	100	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
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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