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LANCASTER MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.2%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 28) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged in May at 4.2 percent. The unemployment rate in the MSA was down one-tenth of a percentage point since last May. The Lancaster MSA tied the State College MSA for the second-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg MSA had the lowest rate at 3.9 percent, while the Johnstown and the 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.

Lancaster County was tied with Centre County for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in May. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were York (4.6%, t-9th); Dauphin (5.0%, t-14th); Lebanon (4.5%, 8th); Berks (5.1%, t-16th); and Chester (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.

The Lancaster MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs fell by 1,200 in May to 245,200. Over the year, jobs were up 0.5 percent (+1,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), leisure & hospitality had the largest seasonal job increase at 1,400. Education & health services lost 1,200 due in large part to private colleges ending their academic year. Over the year, trade, transportation, & utilities led all supersectors, adding 2,300 jobs.

TABLE 1
LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Lancaster 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	279,700	268,300	11,500	4.1	280,000	268,300	11,700	4.2
April	277,800	267,100	10,700	3.9	280,200	268,400	11,800	4.2
March	277,900	266,300	11,600	4.2	280,300	269,400	10,900	3.9
May 2015	277,400	265,600	11,800	4.3	275,600	263,900	11,700	4.3

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

LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lancaster 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	247,700	247,300	243,700	246,100	400	1,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	227,800	227,000	223,500	225,800	800	2,000
GOODS-PRODUCING	52,500	52,200	51,600	52,200	300	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16,000	15,800	15,300	15,900	200	100
Manufacturing	36,500	36,400	36,300	36,300	100	200
Durable Goods	19,200	19,200	19,000	19,100	0	100
Non-Durable Goods	17,300	17,200	17,300	17,200	100	100
Food mfg.	7,300	7,200	7,200	7,400	100	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	195,200	195,100	192,100	193,900	100	1,300
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	175,300	174,800	171,900	173,600	500	1,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58,200	58,000	57,500	55,900	200	2,300
Wholesale Trade	16,400	16,400	16,300	15,700	0	700
Retail Trade	30,500	30,400	30,100	29,300	100	1,200
General merchandise stores	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,600	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,300	11,200	11,100	10,900	100	400
Information	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,200	-100	-200
Financial Activities	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,900	0	-200
Professional and Business Services	22,900	22,800	22,300	23,500	100	-600
Education and Health Services	43,100	44,300	43,800	43,600	-1,200	-500
Health care and social assistance	37,500	37,900	37,400	37,400	-400	100
Hospitals	7,700	7,600	7,600	7,500	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	25,200	23,800	22,500	24,600	1,400	600
Accommodation and food services	20,400	19,800	19,100	19,900	600	500
Food services and drinking places	16,800	16,400	15,900	16,300	400	500
Other Services	14,200	14,100	14,000	13,900	100	300
Government	19,900	20,300	20,200	20,300	-400	-400
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
State Government	3,200	3,700	3,600	3,200	-500	0
Local Government	15,500	15,400	15,400	15,900	100	-400
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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