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HARRISBURG-CARLISLE MSA FEBRUARY UNEMPLOYMENT 2.8%

HARRISBURG (APRIL 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Harrisburg-Carlisle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was down one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 2.8 percent in February. The state unemployment was unchanged over the month at 3.4 percent in February while the national rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2024) labor force series have not been completed and are not reflected in this news release. Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data in late April 2024. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA were up 100 over the month to a record high 363,000 in February. Over the year, jobs were up 1.5 percent (+5,200) in the MSA while statewide jobs were up 1.2 percent.

February Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Over the month, job levels in six of the ten industry supersectors were essentially unchanged with the remaining four supersectors experiencing seasonal movements. The largest drop from January was in trade transportation & utilities (-3,700) as firms continued to shed seasonal workers. Education & health services and government both rose as winter break ended at local educational institutions. Over the year, six of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest gain in education & health services (+3,400).

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

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
February 2024	311,300	301,900	9,300	3.0	313,300	304,500	8,800	2.8
January	308,200	299,200	9,000	2.9	312,900	303,800	9,100	2.9
December 2023	311,400	303,900	7,500	2.4	313,100	303,700	9,500	3.0
February 2023	307,500	295,700	11,800	3.8	309,300	298,300	11,000	3.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
February 2024

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	463,500	445,200	18,300	3.9	459,100	442,300	16,800	3.7
Altoona MSA	59,400	57,400	2,000	3.4	59,200	57,400	1,800	3.0
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,600	42,900	1,700	3.8	43,900	42,400	1,500	3.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,400	74,100	2,300	3.0	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,900	79,100	3,800	4.6	82,600	79,100	3,500	4.3
Erie MSA	128,200	122,900	5,200	4.1	126,400	121,800	4,600	3.6
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,400	1,500	2.8	55,200	53,800	1,400	2.5
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	311,300	301,900	9,300	3.0	313,300	304,500	8,800	2.8
Johnstown MSA	56,100	53,700	2,400	4.3	55,200	53,100	2,100	3.8
Lancaster MSA	288,900	281,000	8,000	2.8	293,200	285,500	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.9	75,700	73,700	2,000	2.7
Philadelphia MSA	3,283,000	3,157,200	125,800	3.8	3,283,400	3,164,100	119,300	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,185,800	1,142,900	42,900	3.6	1,180,600	1,142,300	38,300	3.2
Reading MSA	215,500	207,400	8,100	3.7	215,200	207,900	7,400	3.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	284,300	271,700	12,700	4.5	281,300	270,200	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	82,800	80,600	2,200	2.6	80,400	78,300	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,200	54,000	2,300	4.0	55,500	53,700	1,900	3.4
York-Hanover MSA	243,000	235,500	7,500	3.1	241,900	234,700	7,200	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,568,000	6,331,000	237,000	3.6	6,558,000	6,338,000	220,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	167,285,000	160,315,000	6,970,000	4.2	167,426,000	160,968,000	6,458,000	3.9

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SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

FOOTNOTES

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- 3) Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY								
February 2024	137,300	133,600	3,600	2.7	138,500	134,900	3,600	2.6
January	136,000	132,500	3,500	2.6	138,200	135,000	3,200	2.3
December 2023	137,500	134,600	3,000	2.2	138,800	134,900	3,900	2.8
February 2023	135,500	130,900	4,700	3.4	136,800	132,100	4,600	3.4
DAUPHIN COUNTY								
February 2024	149,100	144,200	4,900	3.3	150,000	145,600	4,500	3.0
January	147,400	142,700	4,600	3.2	149,700	145,100	4,600	3.1
December 2023	148,700	144,800	3,900	2.7	149,800	145,000	4,700	3.2
February 2023	147,300	141,100	6,100	4.2	148,200	142,500	5,700	3.8
PERRY COUNTY								
February 2024	24,900	24,100	800	3.2	25,100	24,400	700	2.7
January	24,800	24,000	800	3.1	25,000	24,400	600	2.5
December 2023	25,200	24,500	600	2.4	25,300	24,500	700	2.9
February 2023	24,700	23,700	1,000	4.0	24,800	23,900	900	3.5

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TABLE 2

HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties)

February 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	358,300	355,900	364,200	353,600	2,400	4,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	299,900	299,000	305,800	297,100	900	2,800
GOODS-PRODUCING	34,100	34,100	34,600	34,000	0	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,000	12,000	12,400	11,800	0	200
Manufacturing	22,100	22,100	22,200	22,200	0	-100
Durable Goods	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,800	0	-500
Non-Durable Goods	11,800	11,800	11,900	11,400	0	400
Food mfg.	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,400	0	200
SERVICE-PROVIDING	324,200	321,800	329,600	319,600	2,400	4,600
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	265,800	264,900	271,200	263,100	900	2,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	77,900	78,800	82,200	78,900	-900	-1,000
Wholesale Trade	12,900	12,900	12,900	12,500	0	400
Retail Trade	30,700	31,100	32,100	31,100	-400	-400
General merchandise retailers	5,300	5,500	5,900	5,400	-200	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	34,300	34,800	37,200	35,300	-500	-1,000
Transportation and Warehousing	33,900	34,400	36,700	34,900	-500	-1,000
Truck transportation	7,700	7,700	7,800	8,300	0	-600
Warehousing and storage	16,600	16,700	17,300	17,100	-100	-500
Information	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Financial Activities	20,800	20,800	20,800	20,600	0	200
Finance and insurance	17,300	17,300	17,300	17,300	0	0
Professional and Business Services	48,600	48,500	49,500	50,300	100	-1,700
Professional and technical services	20,300	20,200	20,300	20,300	100	0
Management of companies and enterprises	10,200	10,100	10,200	10,000	100	200
Administrative and waste services	18,100	18,200	19,000	20,000	-100	-1,900
Education and Health Services	70,300	68,900	69,900	66,900	1,400	3,400
Educational services	9,300	8,200	9,000	9,000	1,100	300
Health care and social assistance	61,000	60,700	60,900	57,900	300	3,100
Hospitals	19,700	19,700	19,700	18,900	0	800
Leisure and Hospitality	29,300	29,000	30,000	27,700	300	1,600
Accommodation and food services	23,200	23,000	23,700	22,300	200	900
Food services and drinking places	19,300	19,200	19,800	18,600	100	700
Other Services	15,500	15,500	15,400	15,200	0	300
Government	58,400	56,900	58,400	56,500	1,500	1,900
Federal Government	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0
State Government	30,100	29,200	30,100	29,200	900	900
Local Government	20,800	20,200	20,800	19,800	600	1,000
Local government educational services	14,200	13,600	14,200	13,500	600	700
Local government excluding educational services	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,300	0	300
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

February 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,131,700	6,125,900	6,115,100	6,060,700	5,800	71,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	395,000	395,000	395,000	390,700	0	4,300
Altoona MSA	61,500	61,200	61,300	60,400	300	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,500	44,200	44,300	44,000	300	500
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	60,700	60,900	60,900	61,400	-200	-700
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,000	57,700	58,100	57,400	300	600
Erie MSA	126,100	126,200	125,600	124,700	-100	1,400
Gettysburg MSA	33,900	33,800	34,000	34,300	100	-400
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	363,000	362,900	362,700	357,800	100	5,200
Johnstown MSA	51,600	51,700	51,700	51,400	-100	200
Lancaster MSA	264,700	264,400	265,100	262,200	300	2,500
Lebanon MSA	57,100	57,000	56,800	55,300	100	1,800
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,097,400	3,095,100	3,094,600	3,056,900	2,300	40,500
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,120,300	1,120,100	1,122,300	1,117,500	200	2,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,015,500	1,013,200	1,013,900	997,000	2,300	18,500
Philadelphia City	775,300	774,600	774,900	758,600	700	16,700
Pittsburgh MSA	1,168,400	1,168,500	1,166,400	1,154,900	-100	13,500
Reading MSA	180,100	179,900	180,400	178,900	200	1,200
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	269,500	269,300	268,400	264,000	200	5,500
State College MSA	81,500	81,500	81,300	79,700	0	1,800
Williamsport MSA	52,400	52,300	52,400	51,800	100	600
York-Hanover MSA	194,800	194,400	194,000	191,800	400	3,000
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