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PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.8%

HARRISBURG (APRIL 3) – The February seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.8 percent. The Pittsburgh and Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA-NJ MSAs tied for the 11th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.6 percent in the Gettysburg and Lancaster MSAs to 6.0 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA. The February seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the nation were unchanged at 4.8 and 4.1 percent, respectively. Over the year, the MSA’s rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Allegheny and Butler counties tied for the lowest unemployment rate at 4.6 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 6.5 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.6 percent in Adams, Chester, and Lancaster counties to 6.7 percent in Cameron and Forest counties.

In February, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA increased 900 to 1,187,400. Over the year, jobs were up 1.5 percent (+17,800) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.4 percent.

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

Due to the beginning of spring semester, educational services had the largest over-the-month job gain of any sector (+3,400). Other education-related job increases occurred in state government (+1,000) and local government (+2,500). Trade, transportation & utilities had the largest decrease in jobs (-2,200) as local businesses released more of their staff hired for the holiday shopping season.

Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2018) 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 early May 2018. 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.

TABLE 1
PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
 (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington & Westmoreland 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/
February 2018	1,196,600	1,132,700	63,800	5.3	1,208,000	1,149,500	58,500	4.8
January	1,197,900	1,132,900	65,000	5.4	1,205,200	1,146,500	58,700	4.9
December 2017	1,194,100	1,140,400	53,800	4.5	1,203,100	1,143,800	59,300	4.9
February 2017	1,201,300	1,132,600	68,700	5.7	1,212,900	1,149,700	63,200	5.2

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 February 2018

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	432,400	409,300	23,000	5.3	432,400	411,700	20,700	4.8
Altoona MSA	58,900	56,000	3,000	5.0	59,300	56,700	2,500	4.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,200	40,700	2,500	5.8	42,800	40,600	2,200	5.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,700	73,200	3,500	4.6	76,900	73,700	3,200	4.1
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,800	76,500	5,200	6.4	81,600	76,700	4,900	6.0
Erie MSA	129,400	121,600	7,900	6.1	130,100	123,000	7,100	5.4
Gettysburg MSA	56,000	53,800	2,200	4.0	56,100	54,100	2,000	3.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	291,300	278,500	12,900	4.4	294,400	282,500	11,900	4.0
Johnstown MSA	59,500	55,800	3,700	6.2	59,500	56,200	3,200	5.4
Lancaster MSA	278,400	267,300	11,200	4.0	281,400	271,300	10,100	3.6
Lebanon MSA	69,900	66,700	3,200	4.6	70,300	67,400	2,900	4.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,079,800	2,930,200	149,600	4.9	3,087,400	2,943,800	143,700	4.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,196,600	1,132,700	63,800	5.3	1,208,000	1,149,500	58,500	4.8
Reading MSA	211,300	200,800	10,500	5.0	211,800	202,400	9,400	4.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	277,300	260,600	16,700	6.0	278,900	263,600	15,300	5.5
State College MSA	81,500	78,400	3,100	3.8	79,400	76,400	2,900	3.7
Williamsport MSA	57,000	53,500	3,500	6.2	56,700	53,600	3,000	5.3
York-Hanover MSA	232,100	221,500	10,600	4.6	233,600	223,500	10,100	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA	6,379,000	6,047,000	332,000	5.2	6,411,000	6,101,000	310,000	4.8
UNITED STATES	161,494,000	154,403,000	7,091,000	4.4	161,921,000	155,215,000	6,706,000	4.1

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FOOTNOTES

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
February 2018	638,700	607,600	31,100	4.9	644,800	615,100	29,600	4.6
January	639,300	607,900	31,400	4.9	643,000	614,100	28,900	4.5
December 2017	638,200	611,700	26,500	4.2	644,600	613,800	30,800	4.8
February 2017	640,800	607,300	33,500	5.2	646,900	614,900	32,000	4.9
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
February 2018	32,600	30,300	2,300	7.1	32,700	30,800	2,000	6.0
January	32,600	30,200	2,400	7.3	32,500	30,600	1,900	5.9
December 2017	32,400	30,500	1,900	5.7	32,600	30,600	2,000	6.1
February 2017	32,900	30,400	2,500	7.7	33,000	30,900	2,200	6.6
BEAVER COUNTY								
February 2018	84,100	79,200	4,900	5.8	84,800	80,300	4,500	5.3
January	84,200	79,200	5,000	5.9	84,600	80,100	4,500	5.3
December 2017	84,200	80,000	4,200	4.9	85,000	80,300	4,700	5.5
February 2017	84,900	79,500	5,400	6.4	85,600	80,600	5,000	5.9
BUTLER COUNTY								
February 2018	97,600	92,600	5,000	5.1	98,100	93,700	4,500	4.6
January	97,700	92,500	5,100	5.3	98,000	93,500	4,500	4.6
December 2017	96,800	92,700	4,000	4.2	97,800	93,200	4,600	4.7
February 2017	97,400	92,100	5,200	5.4	97,900	93,200	4,700	4.8
FAYETTE COUNTY								
February 2018	57,500	53,100	4,400	7.7	57,700	53,900	3,700	6.5
January	57,700	53,100	4,600	8.1	57,600	53,700	3,900	6.8
December 2017	57,300	53,600	3,800	6.6	57,800	53,700	4,000	7.0
February 2017	58,100	53,200	4,900	8.4	58,200	54,000	4,200	7.3
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
February 2018	105,600	99,600	6,000	5.7	106,200	100,900	5,300	5.0
January	105,600	99,600	6,000	5.7	105,900	100,600	5,300	5.0
December 2017	104,800	100,000	4,900	4.6	105,800	100,400	5,500	5.2
February 2017	105,800	99,300	6,500	6.1	106,400	100,500	5,800	5.5
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
February 2018	180,500	170,300	10,200	5.6	181,900	172,800	9,100	5.0
January	180,800	170,300	10,500	5.8	181,400	172,300	9,100	5.0
December 2017	180,400	171,800	8,500	4.7	181,800	172,300	9,500	5.2
February 2017	181,500	170,800	10,700	5.9	182,800	173,200	9,600	5.3
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
February 2018	155,100	147,500	7,600	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
January	155,300	147,600	7,700	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
December 2017	154,900	148,200	6,600	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 2017	155,100	147,200	7,900	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)

February 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	1,165,800	1,160,500	1,193,900	1,151,400	5,300	14,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,049,200	1,047,400	1,076,600	1,033,100	1,800	16,100
GOODS-PRODUCING	148,900	148,800	156,400	142,400	100	6,500
Mining and Logging	10,400	10,400	10,400	9,100	0	1,300
Construction	52,900	53,000	59,800	47,900	-100	5,000
Specialty trade contractors	29,200	29,200	32,700	28,500	0	700
Manufacturing	85,600	85,400	86,200	85,400	200	200
Durable Goods	62,800	62,600	62,900	62,100	200	700
Primary metal mfg.	10,700	10,700	10,700	10,500	0	200
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,500	5,500	5,600	5,500	0	0
Non-Durable Goods	22,800	22,800	23,300	23,300	0	-500
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,016,900	1,011,700	1,037,500	1,009,000	5,200	7,900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	900,300	898,600	920,200	890,700	1,700	9,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	208,700	210,900	219,500	210,000	-2,200	-1,300
Wholesale Trade	42,600	42,200	43,500	42,700	400	-100
Retail Trade	119,900	122,200	127,300	122,300	-2,300	-2,400
Building material and supplies dealers	7,900	7,600	7,800	7,600	300	300
Food and beverage stores	22,100	22,400	22,900	22,500	-300	-400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8,300	8,800	10,000	8,800	-500	-500
General merchandise stores	24,400	24,900	26,700	24,400	-500	0
Department stores	10,600	11,200	12,500	11,000	-600	-400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,200	46,500	48,700	45,000	-300	1,200
Utilities	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Truck transportation	10,600	10,700	11,000	10,300	-100	300
Information	18,400	18,400	18,600	18,500	0	-100
Financial Activities	72,400	71,800	72,700	72,600	600	-200
Finance and insurance	58,600	58,500	58,800	58,900	100	-300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	28,400	28,400	28,500	28,400	0	0
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	25,200	25,100	25,100	25,000	100	200
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	23,900	24,000	23,700	0	200
Professional and Business Services	179,400	179,200	182,800	178,400	200	1,000
Professional and technical services	83,500	83,300	84,200	83,900	200	-400
Architectural and engineering services	16,900	16,900	17,200	17,100	0	-200
Scientific research and development services	8,400	8,400	8,300	8,000	0	400
Management of companies and enterprises	38,500	38,800	38,800	39,200	-300	-700
Administrative and waste services	57,400	57,100	59,800	55,300	300	2,100
Administrative and support services	54,100	53,700	56,300	51,700	400	2,400
Employment services	18,900	18,800	20,200	18,600	100	300
Education and Health Services	254,300	251,900	254,600	249,600	2,400	4,700
Educational services	55,500	52,100	54,700	55,200	3,400	300
Colleges and universities	41,200	38,000	41,000	41,600	3,200	-400
Health care and social assistance	198,800	199,800	199,900	194,400	-1,000	4,400
Ambulatory health care services	68,900	69,100	68,700	67,800	-200	1,100
Offices of physicians	25,500	25,700	25,700	25,300	-200	200
Hospitals	55,700	55,900	56,100	54,300	-200	1,400
General medical and surgical hospitals	50,000	50,200	50,500	48,700	-200	1,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	36,900	37,300	37,600	36,700	-400	200
Social assistance	37,300	37,500	37,500	35,600	-200	1,700

Data benchmarked to March 2017

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)

February 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2017
Leisure and Hospitality	115,900	115,400	120,400	111,000	500	4,900
Accommodation and food services	97,200	96,500	99,000	94,400	700	2,800
Food services and drinking places	88,700	88,000	90,100	85,800	700	2,900
Full-service restaurants	42,600	42,500	44,000	43,400	100	-800
Limited-service eating places	35,000	34,400	34,700	31,100	600	3,900
Other Services	51,200	51,000	51,600	50,600	200	600
Government	116,600	113,100	117,300	118,300	3,500	-1,700
Federal Government	18,100	18,100	18,500	18,100	0	0
State Government	14,400	13,400	14,500	15,800	1,000	-1,400
Local Government	84,100	81,600	84,300	84,400	2,500	-300
Local government educational services	49,900	47,400	50,000	50,200	2,500	-300
Local government excluding educational services	34,200	34,200	34,300	34,200	0	0
Data benchmarked to March 2017	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

February 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Dec 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,005,900	5,995,500	5,993,600	5,924,500	10,400	81,400
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	371,900	372,100	371,600	369,400	-200	2,500
Altoona MSA	61,500	61,300	61,300	61,200	200	300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,900	42,100	42,400	42,700	800	200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,000	61,100	60,800	60,000	-100	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,600	58,400	58,500	58,300	200	300
Erie MSA	128,200	128,100	128,300	127,700	100	500
Gettysburg MSA	36,000	35,900	35,900	34,800	100	1,200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	343,600	342,700	343,000	341,500	900	2,100
Johnstown MSA	55,500	55,300	55,200	55,300	200	200
Lancaster MSA	256,600	255,700	254,700	252,600	900	4,000
Lebanon MSA	52,300	52,300	52,300	51,900	0	400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,924,200	2,923,900	2,923,100	2,901,300	300	22,900
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,072,100	1,067,800	1,066,700	1,062,600	4,300	9,500
Philadelphia Metro Division	949,200	950,600	950,300	939,600	-1,400	9,600
Philadelphia City	712,800	713,500	712,800	705,000	-700	7,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,187,400	1,186,500	1,187,400	1,169,600	900	17,800
Reading MSA	178,800	179,000	178,600	177,200	-200	1,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	265,400	266,100	265,700	261,200	-700	4,200
State College MSA	80,300	79,600	78,500	78,100	700	2,200
Williamsport MSA	52,900	52,800	52,900	53,400	100	-500
York-Hanover MSA	186,800	186,600	186,700	185,800	200	1,000
Data benchmarked to March 2017	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

Note: Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data back to 1990 is now available for the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA, Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA, Gettysburg MSA, East Stroudsburg MSA, and Montgomery-Bucks-Chester and Philadelphia Metropolitan Divisions.

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