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PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.4%

HARRISBURG (JUNE 27) – The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. The Pittsburgh MSA had the 13th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.9 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 6.4 percent in the Johnstown MSA. The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went up one-tenth to 5.0 percent and the national rate decreased one-tenth to 4.3 percent. Over the year, the MSA’s rate was down three-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.9 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 7.2 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.9 percent in Adams, Chester, and Montour counties to 7.5 percent in Forest County.

In May, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA decreased 2,100 to 1,170,200. Over the year, jobs were up 0.8 percent (+9,800) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.9 percent.

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

Leisure and hospitality had the largest increase (+5,500) due to outdoor recreational businesses and restaurants hiring seasonal staff. The largest decline was in education and health services (-4,800) as spring semester ended at some local area colleges and universities.

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/
May 2017	1,212,800	1,148,500	64,300	5.3	1,212,700	1,147,600	65,100	5.4
April	1,209,700	1,151,400	58,300	4.8	1,217,400	1,153,200	64,100	5.3
March	1,204,800	1,139,900	64,900	5.4	1,213,700	1,151,500	62,100	5.1
May 2016	1,221,500	1,154,100	67,400	5.5	1,219,300	1,149,900	69,400	5.7

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 May 2017

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	432,800	410,200	22,500	5.2	431,400	408,800	22,600	5.2
Altoona MSA	60,900	57,700	3,100	5.1	60,400	57,200	3,200	5.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,000	40,800	2,200	5.1	43,100	40,900	2,200	5.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,500	73,700	3,800	4.9	77,500	73,800	3,700	4.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,000	76,800	5,200	6.4	81,900	76,800	5,100	6.3
Erie MSA	132,800	124,900	7,900	6.0	132,500	124,400	8,100	6.1
Gettysburg MSA	56,200	54,000	2,200	3.9	56,200	53,900	2,200	3.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	300,800	287,300	13,500	4.5	299,800	286,400	13,400	4.5
Johnstown MSA	61,100	57,400	3,700	6.1	61,100	57,200	3,900	6.4
Lancaster MSA	284,700	273,400	11,300	4.0	284,600	273,200	11,300	4.0
Lebanon MSA	71,400	68,400	3,000	4.3	71,200	68,200	3,000	4.2
Philadelphia MSA	3,101,800	2,950,600	151,200	4.9	3,103,500	2,951,500	152,000	4.9
Pittsburgh MSA	1,212,800	1,148,500	64,300	5.3	1,212,700	1,147,600	65,100	5.4
Reading MSA	215,300	204,700	10,600	4.9	214,700	204,200	10,500	4.9
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	278,000	261,700	16,300	5.9	277,900	261,500	16,400	5.9
State College MSA	80,400	77,200	3,300	4.1	79,700	76,500	3,200	4.0
Williamsport MSA	57,300	53,800	3,500	6.0	57,400	53,900	3,500	6.1
York-Hanover MSA	235,700	224,800	10,900	4.6	234,600	223,900	10,700	4.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,477,000	6,141,000	336,000	5.2	6,475,000	6,152,000	323,000	5.0
UNITED STATES	159,979,000	153,407,000	6,572,000	4.1	159,784,000	152,923,000	6,861,000	4.3

ALL DATA ARE ON 2016 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.

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
May 2017	648,900	615,600	33,200	5.1	645,700	612,300	33,300	5.2
April	646,700	617,200	29,500	4.6	650,000	617,000	33,000	5.1
March	643,000	611,100	31,900	5.0	647,000	616,500	30,500	4.7
May 2016	652,000	618,600	33,400	5.1	648,800	615,300	33,500	5.2
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
May 2017	32,800	30,900	1,900	5.9	32,800	30,700	2,100	6.3
April	32,900	30,900	1,900	5.8	33,200	31,000	2,200	6.5
March	32,900	30,600	2,300	7.0	33,000	30,900	2,000	6.2
May 2016	33,300	31,000	2,300	7.0	33,300	30,900	2,500	7.4
BEAVER COUNTY								
May 2017	85,700	80,700	5,000	5.8	85,300	80,200	5,100	5.9
April	85,400	80,800	4,600	5.4	86,000	80,900	5,100	6.0
March	85,100	80,000	5,000	5.9	85,500	80,800	4,700	5.5
May 2016	86,300	81,000	5,300	6.1	86,000	80,600	5,400	6.2
BUTLER COUNTY								
May 2017	98,100	93,500	4,600	4.7	97,800	93,000	4,800	4.9
April	98,000	93,800	4,300	4.3	98,500	93,700	4,800	4.9
March	97,700	92,800	4,900	5.0	98,000	93,500	4,500	4.6
May 2016	98,800	94,000	4,800	4.9	98,500	93,500	5,000	5.1
FAYETTE COUNTY								
May 2017	58,100	54,000	4,000	6.9	57,900	53,800	4,200	7.2
April	58,000	54,200	3,900	6.7	58,400	54,200	4,200	7.2
March	58,200	53,600	4,600	7.9	58,200	54,100	4,100	7.0
May 2016	59,000	54,300	4,700	8.0	58,900	54,000	4,900	8.3
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
May 2017	106,700	100,700	5,900	5.6	106,200	100,200	6,000	5.6
April	106,400	101,000	5,400	5.1	106,900	101,000	5,900	5.5
March	106,000	100,000	6,100	5.7	106,400	100,800	5,600	5.2
May 2016	107,800	101,200	6,600	6.1	107,300	100,700	6,600	6.2
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
May 2017	182,600	173,000	9,600	5.2	182,200	172,200	10,000	5.5
April	182,300	173,500	8,800	4.8	183,600	173,600	10,000	5.4
March	181,900	171,800	10,100	5.5	183,000	173,500	9,500	5.2
May 2016	184,200	174,000	10,300	5.6	183,900	173,100	10,700	5.8
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
May 2017	157,900	149,200	8,700	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
April	157,000	149,600	7,400	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
March	155,700	148,100	7,600	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
May 2016	158,500	149,900	8,600	5.4	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)

May 2017

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017	May 2016
TOTAL NONFARM	1,178,700	1,173,800	1,159,200	1,171,400	4,900	7,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,061,700	1,056,100	1,041,000	1,052,400	5,600	9,300
GOODS-PRODUCING	144,700	143,300	138,700	150,900	1,400	-6,200
Mining and Logging	7,900	7,800	7,800	8,700	100	-800
Construction	53,800	52,300	47,400	56,700	1,500	-2,900
Specialty trade contractors	31,800	31,000	28,900	33,300	800	-1,500
Manufacturing	83,000	83,200	83,500	85,500	-200	-2,500
Durable Goods	60,200	60,300	60,600	62,200	-100	-2,000
Primary metal mfg.	10,100	10,100	10,200	10,600	0	-500
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,300	5,300	5,400	5,600	0	-300
Non-Durable Goods	22,800	22,900	22,900	23,300	-100	-500
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,034,000	1,030,500	1,020,500	1,020,500	3,500	13,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	917,000	912,800	902,300	901,500	4,200	15,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	217,000	214,200	212,700	214,700	2,800	2,300
Wholesale Trade	43,900	43,600	43,900	43,900	300	0
Retail Trade	126,200	124,400	122,800	126,100	1,800	100
Building material and supplies dealers	9,100	8,600	8,200	8,600	500	500
Food and beverage stores	22,800	22,600	22,700	23,300	200	-500
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8,300	8,300	8,400	8,900	0	-600
General merchandise stores	25,500	25,500	25,400	24,800	0	700
Department stores	11,500	11,600	11,500	11,500	-100	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,900	46,200	46,000	44,700	700	2,200
Utilities	5,900	6,000	5,900	5,700	-100	200
Truck transportation	10,800	10,600	10,400	10,600	200	200
Information	18,700	18,400	18,400	17,000	300	1,700
Financial Activities	71,100	71,400	71,700	70,800	-300	300
Finance and insurance	57,200	57,500	57,800	56,700	-300	500
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	28,300	28,200	28,200	28,000	100	300
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	25,100	25,000	25,000	24,700	100	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	22,100	22,100	22,100	22,000	0	100
Professional and Business Services	186,900	185,900	181,800	182,900	1,000	4,000
Professional and technical services	86,700	87,600	86,100	84,400	-900	2,300
Architectural and engineering services	18,200	18,100	18,000	18,300	100	-100
Scientific research and development services	8,600	8,700	8,600	8,000	-100	600
Management of companies and enterprises	40,300	39,800	39,900	39,600	500	700
Administrative and waste services	59,900	58,500	55,800	58,900	1,400	1,000
Administrative and support services	54,900	53,200	51,000	55,300	1,700	-400
Employment services	19,100	18,600	18,400	19,200	500	-100
Education and Health Services	244,500	249,300	248,600	242,300	-4,800	2,200
Educational services	52,500	57,200	56,600	50,400	-4,700	2,100
Colleges and universities	39,200	44,000	43,300	36,700	-4,800	2,500
Health care and social assistance	192,000	192,100	192,000	191,900	-100	100
Ambulatory health care services	67,900	67,700	67,700	67,800	200	100
Offices of physicians	24,800	24,800	24,800	24,800	0	0
Hospitals	54,300	54,400	54,500	54,100	-100	200
General medical and surgical hospitals	48,800	48,900	48,900	48,600	-100	200
Nursing and residential care facilities	36,600	36,600	36,700	36,800	0	-200
Social assistance	33,200	33,400	33,100	33,200	-200	0

Data benchmarked to March 2016

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)**May 2017****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017	May 2016
Leisure and Hospitality	127,200	121,700	118,000	122,300	5,500	4,900
Accommodation and food services	102,700	100,000	98,500	99,200	2,700	3,500
Food services and drinking places	92,100	90,700	90,000	89,800	1,400	2,300
Full-service restaurants	44,300	43,800	44,000	45,700	500	-1,400
Limited-service eating places	35,400	33,900	33,600	33,100	1,500	2,300
Other Services	51,600	51,900	51,100	51,500	-300	100
Government	117,000	117,700	118,200	119,000	-700	-2,000
Federal Government	17,900	17,800	17,900	17,900	100	0
State Government	15,000	15,700	15,800	15,000	-700	0
Local Government	84,100	84,200	84,500	86,100	-100	-2,000
Local government educational services	50,100	50,400	50,700	51,300	-300	-1,200
Local government excluding educational services	34,000	33,800	33,800	34,800	200	-800
Data benchmarked to March 2016	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

May 2017

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2017	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017	May 2016
PENNSYLVANIA	5,921,700	5,925,700	5,929,800	5,867,700	-4,000	54,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	362,600	363,400	362,400	363,500	-800	-900
Altoona MSA	61,200	61,200	61,000	61,100	0	100
Erie MSA	128,600	128,200	128,600	128,700	400	-100
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	344,500	342,800	340,100	336,800	1,700	7,700
Johnstown MSA	56,100	56,000	55,400	55,700	100	400
Lancaster MSA	254,200	253,900	252,700	249,200	300	5,000
Lebanon MSA	52,000	52,000	51,800	51,600	0	400
Philadelphia MSA	2,898,600	2,906,400	2,908,000	2,855,500	-7,800	43,100
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,200	1,172,300	1,174,800	1,160,400	-2,100	9,800
Reading MSA	178,800	179,100	178,900	176,400	-300	2,400
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	260,500	260,100	259,200	260,600	400	-100
State College MSA	77,900	78,500	78,400	73,600	-600	4,300
Williamsport MSA	52,800	52,500	53,000	52,800	300	0
York-Hanover MSA	184,200	184,300	184,100	183,000	-100	1,200
Philadelphia City	709,800	711,600	711,200	695,100	-1,800	14,700
Data benchmarked to March 2016	***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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