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PITTSBURGH MSA APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.5%

HARRISBURG (MAY 29) – The April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 4.5 percent. The Pittsburgh MSA had the 11th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.3 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 5.5 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA. The April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went down one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.7 percent and the national rate decreased two-tenths to 3.9 percent. Over the year, the MSA’s rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 6.2 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.3 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 7.2 percent in Forest County.

In April, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA decreased 300 to 1,186,000. Over the year, jobs were up 1.2 percent (+14,500) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.4 percent.

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

Due to seasonal hiring, professional and business services had the largest over-the-month job increase of any supersector (+4,200). Leisure & hospitality and construction also experienced seasonal job gains, 3,700 and 2,500, respectively.

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/
April 2018	1,188,400	1,141,400	47,000	4.0	1,196,200	1,142,700	53,500	4.5
March	1,185,100	1,129,700	55,400	4.7	1,196,900	1,143,200	53,700	4.5
February	1,196,800	1,133,100	63,700	5.3	1,207,000	1,149,800	57,200	4.7
April 2017	1,206,000	1,149,900	56,100	4.6	1,212,900	1,150,700	62,200	5.1

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 April 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	430,500	412,300	18,200	4.2	432,600	412,800	19,800	4.6
Altoona MSA	58,800	56,600	2,300	3.8	59,100	56,600	2,500	4.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,300	40,600	1,700	4.1	42,300	40,400	2,000	4.6
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	74,800	72,300	2,600	3.4	75,600	72,800	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	80,000	75,900	4,100	5.1	81,000	76,500	4,500	5.5
Erie MSA	127,400	121,500	5,900	4.6	128,100	121,700	6,400	5.0
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,200	1,600	2.9	55,200	53,400	1,800	3.3
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	290,200	280,400	9,800	3.4	292,200	281,200	10,900	3.7
Johnstown MSA	58,600	55,900	2,700	4.6	58,600	55,500	3,100	5.3
Lancaster MSA	275,100	266,700	8,400	3.0	276,900	267,500	9,400	3.4
Lebanon MSA	68,900	66,600	2,400	3.5	69,400	66,700	2,600	3.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,068,600	2,947,700	121,000	3.9	3,073,700	2,938,600	135,000	4.4
Pittsburgh MSA	1,188,400	1,141,400	47,000	4.0	1,196,200	1,142,700	53,500	4.5
Reading MSA	209,000	201,000	8,000	3.8	209,400	200,700	8,700	4.2
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,200	262,500	12,800	4.6	276,500	262,500	14,000	5.1
State College MSA	79,200	76,900	2,300	2.9	78,200	75,600	2,700	3.4
Williamsport MSA	55,600	53,000	2,600	4.7	56,000	53,100	2,900	5.1
York-Hanover MSA	230,100	222,100	8,000	3.5	231,000	222,100	8,900	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,323,000	6,071,000	252,000	4.0	6,378,000	6,081,000	297,000	4.7
UNITED STATES	161,280,000	155,348,000	5,932,000	3.7	161,527,000	155,181,000	6,346,000	3.9

ALL DATA ARE ON 2017 BENCHMARK.

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

FOOTNOTES

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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.

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
April 2018	636,400	612,600	23,800	3.7	638,400	611,400	27,000	4.2
March	633,500	606,200	27,300	4.3	637,000	610,600	26,300	4.1
February	638,900	607,800	31,100	4.9	643,100	614,300	28,800	4.5
April 2017	645,000	616,600	28,400	4.4	647,100	615,400	31,700	4.9
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
April 2018	31,900	30,400	1,500	4.6	32,200	30,400	1,700	5.3
March	32,100	30,100	1,900	6.0	32,100	30,400	1,700	5.3
February	32,600	30,300	2,300	7.1	32,600	30,700	1,900	5.8
April 2017	32,600	30,800	1,800	5.6	32,900	30,800	2,100	6.3
BEAVER COUNTY								
April 2018	83,300	79,800	3,600	4.3	83,700	79,700	4,000	4.8
March	83,200	79,000	4,300	5.1	83,600	79,600	4,000	4.8
February	84,100	79,200	4,900	5.8	84,500	80,200	4,400	5.2
April 2017	84,800	80,400	4,400	5.2	85,200	80,300	4,900	5.7
BUTLER COUNTY								
April 2018	96,700	93,200	3,500	3.6	97,100	93,100	4,000	4.1
March	96,500	92,300	4,200	4.4	96,800	92,900	3,900	4.0
February	97,600	92,600	5,000	5.1	97,900	93,600	4,300	4.4
April 2017	98,200	94,100	4,100	4.2	98,500	93,900	4,600	4.7
FAYETTE COUNTY								
April 2018	56,600	53,500	3,100	5.6	57,000	53,400	3,500	6.2
March	56,800	52,900	3,900	6.8	56,800	53,400	3,400	6.0
February	57,500	53,100	4,400	7.6	57,400	53,800	3,600	6.4
April 2017	57,700	54,000	3,700	6.4	58,000	53,900	4,100	7.0
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
April 2018	104,700	100,400	4,300	4.1	105,000	100,200	4,800	4.6
March	104,500	99,300	5,100	4.9	104,800	100,000	4,700	4.5
February	105,600	99,700	6,000	5.6	105,900	100,700	5,200	4.9
April 2017	106,400	101,200	5,200	4.9	106,800	101,000	5,700	5.4
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
April 2018	178,800	171,600	7,200	4.0	179,700	171,400	8,300	4.6
March	178,400	169,800	8,600	4.8	179,300	171,100	8,200	4.6
February	180,500	170,400	10,100	5.6	181,300	172,300	8,900	4.9
April 2017	181,300	172,900	8,500	4.7	182,300	172,700	9,600	5.3
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
April 2018	154,600	148,700	5,900	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
March	153,700	147,100	6,600	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
February	155,100	147,500	7,600	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 2017	156,800	149,700	7,100	4.5	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)

April 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	1,187,800	1,172,200	1,166,300	1,174,000	15,600	13,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,069,700	1,054,600	1,048,800	1,055,400	15,100	14,300
GOODS-PRODUCING	154,200	150,700	149,000	150,300	3,500	3,900
Mining and Logging	10,400	10,400	10,400	9,400	0	1,000
Construction	57,100	54,600	52,900	55,500	2,500	1,600
Specialty trade contractors	31,000	30,000	29,200	32,200	1,000	-1,200
Manufacturing	86,700	85,700	85,700	85,400	1,000	1,300
Durable Goods	63,900	62,900	62,900	61,900	1,000	2,000
Primary metal mfg.	10,700	10,700	10,700	10,300	0	400
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
Non-Durable Goods	22,800	22,800	22,800	23,500	0	-700
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,033,600	1,021,500	1,017,300	1,023,700	12,100	9,900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	915,500	903,900	899,800	905,100	11,600	10,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	209,900	208,100	208,500	211,300	1,800	-1,400
Wholesale Trade	42,200	42,400	42,400	42,700	-200	-500
Retail Trade	120,900	119,300	119,900	123,100	1,600	-2,200
Building material and supplies dealers	8,800	8,400	7,900	8,400	400	400
Food and beverage stores	22,100	22,100	22,100	22,700	0	-600
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,800	0	-500
General merchandise stores	24,300	24,200	24,400	23,900	100	400
Department stores	10,300	10,500	10,600	10,500	-200	-200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,800	46,400	46,200	45,500	400	1,300
Utilities	5,800	5,700	5,800	5,800	100	0
Truck transportation	11,000	10,800	10,700	10,700	200	300
Information	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	0	0
Financial Activities	71,800	71,700	72,300	72,600	100	-800
Finance and insurance	58,600	58,400	58,700	58,700	200	-100
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	28,500	28,500	28,400	28,300	0	200
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	25,200	25,200	25,200	24,800	0	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	23,900	23,900	23,700	0	200
Professional and Business Services	184,500	180,300	179,400	181,800	4,200	2,700
Professional and technical services	85,200	83,600	83,600	84,500	1,600	700
Architectural and engineering services	17,100	17,000	16,900	17,400	100	-300
Scientific research and development services	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,000	0	400
Management of companies and enterprises	38,700	38,700	38,500	39,000	0	-300
Administrative and waste services	60,600	58,000	57,300	58,300	2,600	2,300
Administrative and support services	57,600	54,900	54,100	54,800	2,700	2,800
Employment services	19,500	19,100	18,900	18,700	400	800
Education and Health Services	256,800	255,900	254,400	251,400	900	5,400
Educational services	56,000	55,500	55,500	55,600	500	400
Colleges and universities	41,600	41,200	41,200	42,000	400	-400
Health care and social assistance	200,800	200,400	198,900	195,800	400	5,000
Ambulatory health care services	68,600	69,000	68,800	67,800	-400	800
Offices of physicians	25,700	25,700	25,500	25,300	0	400
Hospitals	56,300	56,100	55,700	54,800	200	1,500
General medical and surgical hospitals	50,500	50,400	50,100	49,200	100	1,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	37,800	37,600	37,000	36,800	200	1,000
Social assistance	38,100	37,700	37,400	36,400	400	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)**April 2018****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2017
Leisure and Hospitality	121,900	118,200	115,500	118,400	3,700	3,500
Accommodation and food services	100,900	98,400	96,800	98,300	2,500	2,600
Food services and drinking places	92,600	90,400	88,500	89,200	2,200	3,400
Full-service restaurants	43,800	43,200	42,000	44,700	600	-900
Limited-service eating places	36,900	36,100	35,400	32,800	800	4,100
Other Services	52,100	51,200	51,200	51,100	900	1,000
Government	118,100	117,600	117,500	118,600	500	-500
Federal Government	18,000	18,000	18,100	18,100	0	-100
State Government	15,600	15,300	15,500	15,800	300	-200
Local Government	84,500	84,300	83,900	84,700	200	-200
Local government educational services	50,100	50,100	49,700	50,400	0	-300
Local government excluding educational services	34,400	34,200	34,200	34,300	200	100
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**

April 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,015,300	6,006,200	6,001,900	5,931,700	9,100	83,600
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	374,100	373,100	372,800	369,100	1,000	5,000
Altoona MSA	61,800	61,600	61,400	61,800	200	0
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,800	42,700	42,700	42,800	100	0
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,200	61,300	61,000	59,900	-100	1,300
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,900	58,800	58,300	58,700	100	200
Erie MSA	128,100	128,000	128,200	127,700	100	400
Gettysburg MSA	35,800	35,800	35,800	35,000	0	800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	344,300	344,200	343,700	342,200	100	2,100
Johnstown MSA	55,600	55,300	55,500	55,200	300	400
Lancaster MSA	255,800	256,100	256,000	253,000	-300	2,800
Lebanon MSA	52,400	52,400	52,300	52,000	0	400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,939,200	2,935,200	2,928,400	2,901,600	4,000	37,600
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,076,300	1,077,800	1,073,000	1,063,500	-1,500	12,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	955,200	951,600	950,000	940,700	3,600	14,500
Philadelphia City	716,700	713,700	713,200	703,500	3,000	13,200
Pittsburgh MSA	1,186,000	1,186,300	1,187,600	1,171,500	-300	14,500
Reading MSA	179,800	179,400	178,900	176,800	400	3,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	266,300	265,600	265,400	261,100	700	5,200
State College MSA	78,700	78,700	78,300	78,400	0	300
Williamsport MSA	52,600	52,800	52,900	53,400	-200	-800
York-Hanover MSA	186,800	187,000	186,900	185,500	-200	1,300
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. For more information contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 877-4WF-DATA or by email at workforceinfo@pa.gov.