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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.1%**

**HARRISBURG (AUGUST 1) – The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent.** The Pittsburgh and Altoona MSAs tied for the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.6 percent in the State College MSA to 6.1 percent in the Johnstown MSA. The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was unchanged at 5.0 percent and the national rate increased one-tenth to 4.4 percent. Over the year, the MSA’s rate was down six-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.5 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 6.7 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.4 percent in Chester County to 7.5 percent in Cameron County.

**In June, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA decreased 2,900 to 1,168,800.** Over the year, jobs were up 0.9 percent (+10,900) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

#### **June’s Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)**

As outdoor recreational businesses and eateries continued to hire seasonal staff, leisure and hospitality had the largest over the month gain of any industry (+4,900). Colleges and universities had the largest decline (-5,400) due to summer break at local area schools.

**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/
June 2017	1,222,600	1,158,100	64,500	5.3	1,207,100	1,145,700	61,400	5.1
May	1,214,100	1,149,800	64,300	5.3	1,213,800	1,148,700	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
June 2016	1,230,400	1,157,300	73,100	5.9	1,214,900	1,146,200	68,800	5.7

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 June 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	434,900	413,100	21,900	5.0	430,000	408,700	21,300	5.0
Altoona MSA	61,800	58,700	3,200	5.2	60,500	57,400	3,100	5.1
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	40,500	2,100	5.0	42,900	40,800	2,000	4.8
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,200	74,600	3,600	4.6	77,300	73,800	3,500	4.6
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,300	77,400	4,900	6.0	81,500	76,700	4,800	5.9
Erie MSA	132,800	125,100	7,800	5.9	131,900	124,400	7,500	5.7
Gettysburg MSA	56,200	54,000	2,200	4.0	55,900	53,800	2,100	3.7
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	305,500	292,100	13,500	4.4	300,800	288,200	12,600	4.2
Johnstown MSA	61,600	57,500	4,000	6.6	60,900	57,200	3,700	6.1
Lancaster MSA	287,600	275,900	11,700	4.1	284,000	273,100	10,900	3.8
Lebanon MSA	72,300	69,200	3,100	4.3	71,200	68,300	2,900	4.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,119,000	2,968,800	150,200	4.8	3,100,700	2,957,100	143,600	4.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,222,600	1,158,100	64,500	5.3	1,207,100	1,145,700	61,400	5.1
Reading MSA	216,600	206,400	10,200	4.7	214,900	205,100	9,800	4.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	278,500	262,600	15,800	5.7	277,100	261,700	15,400	5.6
State College MSA	75,300	72,200	3,000	4.0	78,500	75,700	2,800	3.6
Williamsport MSA	57,800	54,500	3,300	5.7	57,500	54,200	3,200	5.6
York-Hanover MSA	236,700	225,400	11,300	4.8	234,200	223,700	10,500	4.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,511,000	6,181,000	330,000	5.1	6,475,000	6,150,000	325,000	5.0
UNITED STATES	161,337,000	154,086,000	7,250,000	4.5	160,145,000	153,168,000	6,977,000	4.4

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.

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.

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**TABLE 1A**  
**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	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	653,200	620,400	32,800	5.0	644,600	614,000	30,600	4.7
May	649,600	616,300	33,200	5.1	646,400	613,100	33,400	5.2
April	646,700	617,200	29,500	4.6	650,000	617,000	33,000	5.1
June 2016	656,300	620,200	36,100	5.5	647,400	613,600	33,800	5.2
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	33,300	31,200	2,100	6.2	32,900	30,900	2,000	6.1
May	32,800	30,900	1,900	5.9	32,800	30,800	2,100	6.3
April	32,900	30,900	1,900	5.8	33,200	31,000	2,200	6.5
June 2016	33,800	31,100	2,600	7.8	33,400	30,800	2,600	7.8
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	86,300	81,300	5,000	5.8	85,100	80,500	4,700	5.5
May	85,800	80,800	5,000	5.9	85,400	80,300	5,100	6.0
April	85,400	80,800	4,600	5.4	86,000	80,900	5,100	6.0
June 2016	86,900	81,200	5,600	6.5	85,700	80,400	5,300	6.2
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	99,100	94,400	4,700	4.7	97,800	93,400	4,400	4.5
May	98,200	93,600	4,600	4.7	97,900	93,100	4,800	4.9
April	98,000	93,800	4,300	4.3	98,500	93,700	4,800	4.9
June 2016	99,600	94,300	5,400	5.4	98,200	93,200	5,000	5.1
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	58,500	54,500	4,000	6.9	57,800	53,900	3,900	6.7
May	58,100	54,100	4,000	6.9	58,000	53,800	4,100	7.2
April	58,000	54,200	3,900	6.7	58,400	54,200	4,200	7.2
June 2016	59,400	54,400	5,000	8.4	58,700	53,800	4,800	8.2
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	107,400	101,600	5,800	5.4	106,100	100,600	5,600	5.2
May	106,800	100,800	5,900	5.6	106,300	100,300	6,000	5.6
April	106,400	101,000	5,400	5.1	106,900	101,000	5,900	5.5
June 2016	108,400	101,500	6,900	6.3	107,000	100,400	6,600	6.2
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
June 2017	184,700	174,600	10,200	5.5	182,100	172,700	9,400	5.2
May	182,800	173,200	9,600	5.2	182,400	172,400	10,000	5.5
April	182,300	173,500	8,800	4.8	183,600	173,600	10,000	5.4
June 2016	186,100	174,500	11,600	6.2	183,300	172,500	10,800	5.9
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
June 2017	158,700	150,300	8,400	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
May	158,100	149,400	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
June 2016	159,400	150,300	9,100	5.7	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)

**June 2017**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jun 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	Jun 2016	May 2017	Jun 2016
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,185,500</b>	1,180,300	1,173,800	1,170,500	5,200	15,000
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,070,100</b>	1,063,300	1,056,100	1,054,600	6,800	15,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>148,300</b>	145,400	143,300	151,900	2,900	-3,600
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>8,100</b>	7,900	7,800	8,600	200	-500
<b>Construction</b>	<b>57,000</b>	54,200	52,300	57,300	2,800	-300
Specialty trade contractors	<b>33,200</b>	32,000	31,000	33,500	1,200	-300
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>83,200</b>	83,300	83,200	86,000	-100	-2,800
Durable Goods	<b>60,200</b>	60,400	60,300	62,600	-200	-2,400
Primary metal mfg.	<b>10,000</b>	10,100	10,100	10,600	-100	-600
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,300</b>	5,300	5,300	5,600	0	-300
Non-Durable Goods	<b>23,000</b>	22,900	22,900	23,400	100	-400
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,037,200</b>	1,034,900	1,030,500	1,018,600	2,300	18,600
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>921,800</b>	917,900	912,800	902,700	3,900	19,100
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>214,800</b>	217,200	214,200	213,900	-2,400	900
Wholesale Trade	<b>44,500</b>	44,100	43,600	44,000	400	500
Retail Trade	<b>126,100</b>	126,600	124,400	126,400	-500	-300
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>8,700</b>	9,100	8,600	8,600	-400	100
Food and beverage stores	<b>23,100</b>	22,800	22,600	23,700	300	-600
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	<b>8,500</b>	8,400	8,300	8,900	100	-400
General merchandise stores	<b>25,900</b>	25,500	25,500	25,000	400	900
Department stores	<b>11,700</b>	11,500	11,600	11,700	200	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>44,200</b>	46,500	46,200	43,500	-2,300	700
Utilities	<b>6,000</b>	5,900	6,000	5,700	100	300
Truck transportation	<b>10,900</b>	10,800	10,600	10,700	100	200
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,900</b>	18,600	18,400	18,700	300	200
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>72,700</b>	71,400	71,400	71,400	1,300	1,300
Finance and insurance	<b>57,700</b>	57,200	57,500	56,800	500	900
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	<b>28,600</b>	28,300	28,200	28,000	300	600
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	<b>25,400</b>	25,100	25,000	24,800	300	600
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>22,200</b>	22,100	22,100	22,100	100	100
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>187,800</b>	187,500	185,900	183,800	300	4,000
Professional and technical services	<b>88,500</b>	87,000	87,600	85,300	1,500	3,200
Architectural and engineering services	<b>18,400</b>	18,300	18,100	18,400	100	0
Scientific research and development services	<b>8,800</b>	8,600	8,700	8,200	200	600
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>40,400</b>	40,200	39,800	39,900	200	500
Administrative and waste services	<b>58,900</b>	60,300	58,500	58,600	-1,400	300
Administrative and support services	<b>53,800</b>	55,100	53,200	55,000	-1,300	-1,200
Employment services	<b>19,000</b>	19,200	18,600	18,400	-200	600
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>241,800</b>	244,300	249,300	237,500	-2,500	4,300
Educational services	<b>47,300</b>	52,600	57,200	45,200	-5,300	2,100
Colleges and universities	<b>33,900</b>	39,300	44,000	31,800	-5,400	2,100
Health care and social assistance	<b>194,500</b>	191,700	192,100	192,300	2,800	2,200
Ambulatory health care services	<b>68,300</b>	67,800	67,700	67,600	500	700
Offices of physicians	<b>25,000</b>	24,700	24,800	24,800	300	200
Hospitals	<b>54,900</b>	54,100	54,400	54,400	800	500
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>49,300</b>	48,600	48,900	48,900	700	400
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>36,900</b>	36,500	36,600	36,900	400	0
Social assistance	<b>34,400</b>	33,300	33,400	33,400	1,100	1,000

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)**June 2017****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jun 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	Jun 2016	May 2017	Jun 2016
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>131,700</b>	126,800	121,700	125,000	4,900	6,700
Accommodation and food services	<b>104,000</b>	102,300	100,000	99,400	1,700	4,600
Food services and drinking places	<b>93,600</b>	91,900	90,700	89,700	1,700	3,900
Full-service restaurants	<b>45,600</b>	44,200	43,800	46,000	1,400	-400
Limited-service eating places	<b>35,200</b>	35,200	33,900	33,400	0	1,800
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>54,100</b>	52,100	51,900	52,400	2,000	1,700
<b>Government</b>	<b>115,400</b>	117,000	117,700	115,900	-1,600	-500
Federal Government	<b>17,900</b>	17,900	17,800	18,000	0	-100
State Government	<b>13,700</b>	15,000	15,700	13,700	-1,300	0
Local Government	<b>83,800</b>	84,100	84,200	84,200	-300	-400
Local government educational services	<b>47,700</b>	50,100	50,400	48,000	-2,400	-300
Local government excluding educational services	<b>36,100</b>	34,000	33,800	36,200	2,100	-100
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**

**June 2017**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jun 2017	May 2017	Apr 2017	Jun 2016	May 2017	Jun 2016
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,936,400</b>	5,930,300	5,925,700	5,862,400	6,100	74,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>362,400</b>	363,300	363,400	363,500	-900	-1,100
Altoona MSA	<b>61,900</b>	61,100	61,200	61,100	800	800
Erie MSA	<b>128,200</b>	128,500	128,200	128,300	-300	-100
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>346,400</b>	344,800	342,800	337,000	1,600	9,400
Johnstown MSA	<b>56,700</b>	55,700	56,000	56,000	1,000	700
Lancaster MSA	<b>254,400</b>	254,400	253,900	248,700	0	5,700
Lebanon MSA	<b>52,100</b>	51,800	52,000	51,600	300	500
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,904,600</b>	2,902,500	2,906,400	2,862,400	2,100	42,200
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,168,800</b>	1,171,700	1,172,300	1,157,900	-2,900	10,900
Reading MSA	<b>179,600</b>	178,900	179,100	176,600	700	3,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>260,600</b>	260,700	260,100	259,800	-100	800
State College MSA	<b>77,200</b>	76,500	78,500	77,300	700	-100
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,900</b>	52,800	52,500	52,900	100	0
York-Hanover MSA	<b>184,000</b>	184,200	184,300	182,600	-200	1,400
Philadelphia City	<b>713,700</b>	711,600	711,600	695,000	2,100	18,700
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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