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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.7%**

**HARRISBURG (NOVEMBER 29)** – The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.7 percent. The Pittsburgh and Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington PA-NJ-DE-MD MSAs tied for the tenth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.4 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 5.7 percent in the Johnstown MSA. The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went down one-tenth to 4.7 percent and the national rate decreased one-tenth to 4.1 percent. Over the year, the MSA’s rate fell 1.1 percentage points.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler tied with Allegheny County for the lowest unemployment rate at 4.3 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 6.3 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.3 percent in Chester County to 6.6 percent in Cameron County.

**In October, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA decreased 2,800 to 1,176,100.** Over the year, jobs were up 1.0 percent (+12,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.1 percent.

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

Education-related industries had some additional job gains this month as local area schools and universities continued to hire staff following summer break. Educational services increased 3,000, while local government educational services gained another 1,600 jobs. With the end of summer, construction jobs had the largest over-the-month drop of any published industry (-2,200).

**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/
October 2017	1,195,200	1,145,600	49,600	4.1	1,200,200	1,144,100	56,100	4.7
September	1,202,600	1,149,800	52,800	4.4	1,202,300	1,144,200	58,000	4.8
August	1,205,600	1,143,000	62,600	5.2	1,195,300	1,136,600	58,700	4.9
October 2016	1,212,900	1,147,500	65,400	5.4	1,216,500	1,145,500	71,000	5.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 October 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	425,000	406,600	18,400	4.3	426,700	406,300	20,400	4.8
Altoona MSA	57,800	55,500	2,300	4.0	58,900	56,200	2,700	4.6
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,600	40,900	1,700	4.0	42,400	40,400	2,000	4.8
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,600	72,900	2,700	3.6	76,100	73,000	3,000	4.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	79,600	75,500	4,100	5.2	80,600	76,100	4,500	5.5
Erie MSA	130,700	124,600	6,100	4.7	131,200	124,200	7,000	5.3
Gettysburg MSA	55,600	54,000	1,600	2.9	55,500	53,600	1,900	3.4
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	294,800	284,300	10,500	3.6	297,000	285,300	11,700	3.9
Johnstown MSA	60,000	57,100	2,800	4.7	60,200	56,800	3,400	5.7
Lancaster MSA	277,100	268,100	9,000	3.3	278,200	268,100	10,100	3.6
Lebanon MSA	69,200	66,800	2,400	3.5	69,600	66,900	2,700	3.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,089,400	2,953,800	135,700	4.4	3,098,100	2,953,400	144,700	4.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,195,200	1,145,600	49,600	4.1	1,200,200	1,144,100	56,100	4.7
Reading MSA	211,200	202,900	8,300	3.9	212,600	203,300	9,300	4.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,600	262,600	13,000	4.7	276,300	261,900	14,500	5.2
State College MSA	78,900	76,600	2,400	3.0	77,500	74,800	2,700	3.5
Williamsport MSA	56,400	53,800	2,600	4.6	56,700	53,700	3,100	5.4
York-Hanover MSA	230,900	222,200	8,700	3.8	232,000	222,500	9,400	4.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,373,000	6,108,000	265,000	4.2	6,399,000	6,101,000	298,000	4.7
UNITED STATES	160,465,000	154,223,000	6,242,000	3.9	160,381,000	153,861,000	6,520,000	4.1

ALL DATA ARE ON 2016 BENCHMARK

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

FOOTNOTES

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**TABLE 1A**  
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 (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/
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	640,100	614,400	25,700	4.0	641,400	613,600	27,900	4.3
September	644,000	616,600	27,400	4.3	644,900	615,800	29,100	4.5
August	644,400	612,500	32,000	5.0	639,600	610,300	29,300	4.6
October 2016	648,600	615,500	33,100	5.1	649,900	614,500	35,300	5.4
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	32,200	30,700	1,500	4.5	32,400	30,700	1,700	5.4
September	32,400	30,900	1,600	4.9	32,600	30,800	1,900	5.7
August	32,800	30,800	2,000	6.1	32,500	30,600	1,900	6.0
October 2016	33,000	30,800	2,200	6.7	33,200	30,700	2,500	7.5
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	84,200	80,400	3,800	4.5	84,600	80,300	4,300	5.1
September	84,700	80,700	4,000	4.7	85,000	80,600	4,400	5.1
August	85,100	80,300	4,800	5.6	84,400	79,900	4,500	5.3
October 2016	85,500	80,600	4,900	5.8	85,800	80,400	5,400	6.3
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	96,800	93,200	3,600	3.7	97,300	93,100	4,200	4.3
September	97,400	93,600	3,800	3.9	97,800	93,500	4,300	4.4
August	97,800	93,200	4,600	4.8	97,100	92,800	4,300	4.4
October 2016	98,100	93,400	4,700	4.8	98,600	93,300	5,300	5.3
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	56,900	53,800	3,000	5.4	57,400	53,700	3,600	6.3
September	57,200	54,000	3,200	5.6	57,700	54,000	3,800	6.5
August	57,700	53,800	3,900	6.7	57,400	53,500	3,900	6.8
October 2016	58,200	53,900	4,300	7.3	58,700	53,800	4,900	8.3
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	104,900	100,400	4,400	4.2	105,300	100,300	5,000	4.8
September	105,600	100,800	4,800	4.5	106,000	100,700	5,300	5.0
August	105,800	100,300	5,500	5.2	105,200	99,800	5,400	5.1
October 2016	106,700	100,600	6,100	5.8	107,200	100,500	6,700	6.3
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
October 2017	180,200	172,600	7,500	4.2	181,000	172,300	8,600	4.8
September	181,200	173,200	8,000	4.4	181,800	172,900	8,900	4.9
August	182,100	172,300	9,800	5.4	180,600	171,500	9,100	5.1
October 2016	182,900	172,800	10,000	5.5	183,700	172,500	11,100	6.1
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
October 2017	155,500	148,900	6,600	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	156,600	149,400	7,100	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
August	156,700	148,400	8,200	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October 2016	157,500	149,100	8,400	5.3	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)

**October 2017**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017	Oct 2016
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,187,400</b>	1,184,000	1,171,600	1,175,300	3,400	12,100
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,070,300</b>	1,067,700	1,063,900	1,057,800	2,600	12,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>146,600</b>	149,000	149,000	148,300	-2,400	-1,700
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>7,700</b>	7,900	8,100	8,300	-200	-600
<b>Construction</b>	<b>56,300</b>	58,500	58,400	55,600	-2,200	700
Specialty trade contractors	<b>32,700</b>	33,900	33,900	32,600	-1,200	100
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>82,600</b>	82,600	82,500	84,400	0	-1,800
Durable Goods	<b>59,700</b>	59,600	59,400	61,300	100	-1,600
Primary metal mfg.	<b>9,900</b>	9,900	9,900	10,400	0	-500
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,300</b>	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	-200
Non-Durable Goods	<b>22,900</b>	23,000	23,100	23,100	-100	-200
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,040,800</b>	1,035,000	1,022,600	1,027,000	5,800	13,800
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>923,700</b>	918,700	914,900	909,500	5,000	14,200
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>217,700</b>	215,000	211,700	214,800	2,700	2,900
Wholesale Trade	<b>44,300</b>	44,100	43,700	43,800	200	500
Retail Trade	<b>127,100</b>	124,900	125,200	124,600	2,200	2,500
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>7,900</b>	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	100
Food and beverage stores	<b>22,700</b>	22,700	22,900	23,200	0	-500
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	<b>8,400</b>	8,300	8,600	8,900	100	-500
General merchandise stores	<b>26,500</b>	25,900	26,100	25,000	600	1,500
Department stores	<b>12,200</b>	11,700	11,800	11,700	500	500
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>46,300</b>	46,000	42,800	46,400	300	-100
Utilities	<b>6,000</b>	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Truck transportation	<b>11,100</b>	11,100	11,200	10,600	0	500
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,500</b>	18,500	18,700	18,400	0	100
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>72,200</b>	72,500	73,000	70,900	-300	1,300
Finance and insurance	<b>58,100</b>	58,600	58,300	56,800	-500	1,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	<b>28,500</b>	28,600	28,600	28,000	-100	500
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	<b>25,200</b>	25,200	25,300	24,800	0	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>22,300</b>	22,500	22,200	22,300	-200	0
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>187,500</b>	187,100	187,500	184,900	400	2,600
Professional and technical services	<b>88,300</b>	88,500	88,600	86,600	-200	1,700
Architectural and engineering services	<b>18,400</b>	18,300	18,500	18,400	100	0
Scientific research and development services	<b>8,900</b>	9,000	8,900	8,300	-100	600
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>40,100</b>	40,000	40,200	39,200	100	900
Administrative and waste services	<b>59,100</b>	58,600	58,700	59,100	500	0
Administrative and support services	<b>54,700</b>	54,100	54,000	55,300	600	-600
Employment services	<b>19,800</b>	19,500	19,200	19,600	300	200
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>251,600</b>	247,800	240,600	248,300	3,800	3,300
Educational services	<b>57,800</b>	54,800	45,300	56,100	3,000	1,700
Colleges and universities	<b>44,700</b>	41,900	32,800	42,700	2,800	2,000
Health care and social assistance	<b>193,800</b>	193,000	195,300	192,200	800	1,600
Ambulatory health care services	<b>68,500</b>	68,200	68,600	68,000	300	500
Offices of physicians	<b>25,000</b>	24,900	25,100	25,000	100	0
Hospitals	<b>54,700</b>	54,800	55,100	53,900	-100	800
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>49,000</b>	49,200	49,500	48,400	-200	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>36,400</b>	36,300	36,900	36,800	100	-400
Social assistance	<b>34,200</b>	33,700	34,700	33,500	500	700

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)

**October 2017**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017	Oct 2016
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>124,800</b>	126,000	131,100	120,800	-1,200	4,000
Accommodation and food services	<b>102,200</b>	102,800	104,200	98,200	-600	4,000
Food services and drinking places	<b>91,900</b>	92,600	93,600	88,800	-700	3,100
Full-service restaurants	<b>43,800</b>	44,800	45,800	44,100	-1,000	-300
Limited-service eating places	<b>33,900</b>	33,700	34,400	32,500	200	1,400
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>51,400</b>	51,800	52,300	51,400	-400	0
<b>Government</b>	<b>117,100</b>	116,300	107,700	117,500	800	-400
Federal Government	<b>17,700</b>	17,800	17,800	18,000	-100	-300
State Government	<b>15,500</b>	15,200	13,500	15,300	300	200
Local Government	<b>83,900</b>	83,300	76,400	84,200	600	-300
Local government educational services	<b>49,900</b>	48,300	40,600	49,900	1,600	0
Local government excluding educational services	<b>34,000</b>	35,000	35,800	34,300	-1,000	-300
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**

**October 2017**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2017	Sep 2017	Aug 2017	Oct 2016	Sep 2017	Oct 2016
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,973,800</b>	5,978,100	5,960,100	5,908,000	-4,300	65,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>363,900</b>	363,900	361,800	364,100	0	-200
Altoona MSA	<b>59,800</b>	60,800	61,100	61,400	-1,000	-1,600
Erie MSA	<b>129,200</b>	129,900	129,300	127,900	-700	1,300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>346,500</b>	347,300	348,100	340,000	-800	6,500
Johnstown MSA	<b>56,300</b>	56,000	56,100	55,800	300	500
Lancaster MSA	<b>253,600</b>	254,900	254,900	250,500	-1,300	3,100
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,800</b>	52,000	51,900	51,800	-200	0
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,937,500</b>	2,935,100	2,931,400	2,898,600	2,400	38,900
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,176,100</b>	1,178,900	1,172,800	1,163,900	-2,800	12,200
Reading MSA	<b>179,300</b>	179,800	181,000	176,900	-500	2,400
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>263,100</b>	263,400	262,800	260,900	-300	2,200
State College MSA	<b>77,200</b>	77,400	77,300	77,700	-200	-500
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,800</b>	53,100	52,600	53,300	-300	-500
York-Hanover MSA	<b>184,100</b>	184,200	184,700	183,800	-100	300
Philadelphia City	<b>722,900</b>	721,200	720,000	711,000	1,700	11,900
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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