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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.9%**

**HARRISBURG (JANUARY 30)** – The December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.9 percent. The Pittsburgh and Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton PA-NJ MSAs tied for the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.6 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 5.9 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA. The December seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went up one-tenth to 4.7 percent and the national rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent. Over the year, the MSA’s rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.7 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 7.0 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.6 percent in Adams County to 7.4 percent in Forest County.

**In December, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA increased 6,100 to 1,186,100.** Over the year, jobs were up 1.7 percent (+20,300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

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

As the holiday shopping and shipping season continued, transportation, warehousing, & utilities experienced the largest over-the-month job increase of any published industry (+1,500). Education & health services had the biggest decrease (-2,700) among supersectors, while construction had the second largest decrease (-1,900).

**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/
December 2017	1,194,100	1,140,400	53,800	4.5	1,203,100	1,143,800	59,300	4.9
November	1,201,700	1,149,800	51,800	4.3	1,204,700	1,146,700	57,900	4.8
October	1,196,600	1,147,100	49,600	4.1	1,201,300	1,145,200	56,100	4.7
December 2016	1,202,400	1,141,100	61,300	5.1	1,212,300	1,144,400	68,000	5.6

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 December 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	419,300	400,900	18,400	4.4	423,900	403,300	20,600	4.9
Altoona MSA	58,000	55,500	2,500	4.4	58,800	56,200	2,700	4.5
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,000	40,100	2,000	4.7	42,400	40,200	2,100	5.0
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,000	73,100	2,900	3.8	76,300	73,200	3,100	4.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	79,700	75,400	4,300	5.4	80,600	75,800	4,800	5.9
Erie MSA	129,400	122,800	6,600	5.1	130,800	123,600	7,200	5.5
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,300	1,800	3.2	55,600	53,600	2,000	3.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	292,800	281,800	11,000	3.8	295,800	283,600	12,200	4.1
Johnstown MSA	59,500	56,300	3,100	5.3	59,600	56,300	3,300	5.6
Lancaster MSA	275,700	266,600	9,100	3.3	277,400	267,200	10,200	3.7
Lebanon MSA	69,000	66,400	2,600	3.8	69,500	66,600	2,900	4.2
Philadelphia MSA	3,070,300	2,941,900	128,400	4.2	3,083,100	2,938,500	144,600	4.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,194,100	1,140,400	53,800	4.5	1,203,100	1,143,800	59,300	4.9
Reading MSA	210,500	202,100	8,400	4.0	212,200	202,800	9,400	4.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	276,000	262,100	13,900	5.0	276,400	261,000	15,400	5.6
State College MSA	77,500	75,000	2,600	3.3	77,500	74,600	2,800	3.7
Williamsport MSA	56,200	53,200	3,100	5.5	56,500	53,400	3,100	5.6
York-Hanover MSA	229,600	220,900	8,700	3.8	231,500	221,800	9,800	4.2
PENNSYLVANIA	6,340,000	6,061,000	279,000	4.4	6,392,000	6,093,000	299,000	4.7
UNITED STATES	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9	160,597,000	154,021,000	6,576,000	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**  
**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/
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	638,200	611,700	26,500	4.2	644,600	613,800	30,800	4.8
November	643,300	617,000	26,300	4.1	645,900	616,300	29,700	4.6
October	640,900	615,300	25,600	4.0	642,200	614,400	27,800	4.3
December 2016	642,000	612,400	29,600	4.6	648,600	614,700	33,900	5.2
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	32,400	30,500	1,900	5.7	32,600	30,600	2,000	6.1
November	32,400	30,700	1,600	5.0	32,500	30,700	1,900	5.7
October	32,200	30,700	1,500	4.5	32,400	30,700	1,700	5.4
December 2016	32,800	30,500	2,300	7.1	33,000	30,600	2,400	7.4
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	84,200	80,000	4,200	4.9	85,000	80,300	4,700	5.5
November	84,700	80,700	4,000	4.7	85,100	80,600	4,500	5.3
October	84,300	80,500	3,800	4.5	84,700	80,400	4,300	5.1
December 2016	84,900	80,100	4,800	5.6	85,700	80,400	5,300	6.2
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	96,800	92,700	4,000	4.2	97,800	93,200	4,600	4.7
November	97,300	93,400	3,900	4.0	98,000	93,500	4,500	4.6
October	96,900	93,300	3,600	3.7	97,400	93,300	4,200	4.3
December 2016	97,300	92,700	4,500	4.7	98,300	93,200	5,100	5.2
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	57,300	53,600	3,800	6.6	57,800	53,700	4,000	7.0
November	57,400	54,000	3,400	5.9	57,800	53,900	3,900	6.7
October	56,900	53,900	3,000	5.4	57,400	53,800	3,600	6.3
December 2016	58,100	53,500	4,500	7.8	58,500	53,700	4,700	8.1
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	104,800	100,000	4,900	4.6	105,800	100,400	5,500	5.2
November	105,400	100,800	4,700	4.5	106,000	100,700	5,300	5.0
October	105,000	100,600	4,400	4.2	105,500	100,500	5,000	4.7
December 2016	105,800	100,000	5,800	5.5	106,800	100,400	6,400	6.0
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
December 2017	180,400	171,800	8,500	4.7	181,800	172,300	9,500	5.2
November	181,100	173,200	7,900	4.4	182,000	172,900	9,100	5.0
October	180,400	172,800	7,500	4.2	181,200	172,600	8,600	4.8
December 2016	181,500	171,900	9,700	5.3	183,000	172,400	10,600	5.8
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
December 2017	154,900	148,200	6,600	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
November	156,300	149,500	6,800	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October	155,700	149,100	6,600	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
December 2016	155,600	148,400	7,200	4.6	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)

**December 2017**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2016
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,191,300</b>	1,193,500	1,189,800	1,172,000	-2,200	19,300
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,074,000</b>	1,075,500	1,072,700	1,054,500	-1,500	19,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>146,300</b>	147,900	147,600	141,400	-1,600	4,900
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>7,900</b>	7,700	7,800	7,900	200	0
<b>Construction</b>	<b>54,800</b>	56,700	57,000	49,500	-1,900	5,300
Specialty trade contractors	<b>32,500</b>	33,400	33,200	30,100	-900	2,400
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>83,600</b>	83,500	82,800	84,000	100	-400
Durable Goods	<b>60,600</b>	60,500	59,800	60,800	100	-200
Primary metal mfg.	<b>9,800</b>	9,900	9,900	10,400	-100	-600
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,200</b>	5,200	5,300	5,400	0	-200
Non-Durable Goods	<b>23,000</b>	23,000	23,000	23,200	0	-200
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,045,000</b>	1,045,600	1,042,200	1,030,600	-600	14,400
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>927,700</b>	927,600	925,100	913,100	100	14,600
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>222,800</b>	221,000	217,500	223,000	1,800	-200
Wholesale Trade	<b>44,400</b>	44,200	44,300	43,700	200	700
Retail Trade	<b>130,000</b>	129,900	127,000	129,700	100	300
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>7,900</b>	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	100
Food and beverage stores	<b>23,200</b>	22,900	22,700	23,300	300	-100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	<b>9,700</b>	9,500	8,400	10,200	200	-500
General merchandise stores	<b>28,800</b>	28,000	26,500	28,600	800	200
Department stores	<b>14,100</b>	13,600	12,200	13,700	500	400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>48,400</b>	46,900	46,200	49,600	1,500	-1,200
Utilities	<b>6,100</b>	6,000	6,000	5,900	100	200
Truck transportation	<b>10,900</b>	11,000	11,100	10,600	-100	300
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,700</b>	18,500	18,400	18,700	200	0
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>72,300</b>	72,200	72,500	71,400	100	900
Finance and insurance	<b>58,600</b>	58,300	58,200	56,800	300	1,800
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	<b>28,600</b>	28,600	28,500	28,100	0	500
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	<b>25,300</b>	25,300	25,200	24,900	0	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>22,600</b>	22,500	22,400	22,400	100	200
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>187,800</b>	187,800	187,500	182,900	0	4,900
Professional and technical services	<b>89,600</b>	88,800	88,300	86,800	800	2,800
Architectural and engineering services	<b>18,300</b>	18,300	18,400	18,300	0	0
Scientific research and development services	<b>9,100</b>	9,100	8,800	8,400	0	700
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>40,200</b>	40,500	40,300	39,400	-300	800
Administrative and waste services	<b>58,000</b>	58,500	58,900	56,700	-500	1,300
Administrative and support services	<b>53,600</b>	54,500	54,400	52,200	-900	1,400
Employment services	<b>19,700</b>	19,700	19,700	19,600	0	100
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>249,700</b>	252,400	251,300	247,800	-2,700	1,900
Educational services	<b>56,100</b>	58,200	57,700	54,600	-2,100	1,500
Colleges and universities	<b>42,600</b>	45,000	44,200	41,000	-2,400	1,600
Health care and social assistance	<b>193,600</b>	194,200	193,600	193,200	-600	400
Ambulatory health care services	<b>68,200</b>	68,500	68,400	68,300	-300	-100
Offices of physicians	<b>24,800</b>	25,000	25,000	25,100	-200	-300
Hospitals	<b>54,700</b>	54,900	54,800	54,300	-200	400
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>49,200</b>	49,300	49,200	48,700	-100	500
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>36,500</b>	36,600	36,300	37,100	-100	-600
Social assistance	<b>34,200</b>	34,200	34,100	33,500	0	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)**December 2017****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2016
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>124,100</b>	123,400	125,900	118,300	700	5,800
Accommodation and food services	<b>102,900</b>	101,700	102,900	98,300	1,200	4,600
Food services and drinking places	<b>93,600</b>	92,300	92,600	89,500	1,300	4,100
Full-service restaurants	<b>44,600</b>	43,800	44,400	43,700	800	900
Limited-service eating places	<b>35,600</b>	34,500	34,200	33,600	1,100	2,000
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>52,300</b>	52,300	52,000	51,000	0	1,300
<b>Government</b>	<b>117,300</b>	118,000	117,100	117,500	-700	-200
Federal Government	<b>17,700</b>	17,800	17,700	18,600	-100	-900
State Government	<b>15,700</b>	15,900	15,500	15,100	-200	600
Local Government	<b>83,900</b>	84,300	83,900	83,800	-400	100
Local government educational services	<b>49,800</b>	50,400	49,900	49,800	-600	0
Local government excluding educational services	<b>34,100</b>	33,900	34,000	34,000	200	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**

**December 2017**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Dec 2016	Nov 2017	Dec 2016
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,994,700</b>	5,980,100	5,973,700	5,916,300	14,600	78,400
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>363,000</b>	365,700	364,200	362,900	-2,700	100
Altoona MSA	<b>60,400</b>	60,200	59,800	60,700	200	-300
Erie MSA	<b>129,200</b>	129,600	129,200	127,700	-400	1,500
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>346,200</b>	346,200	346,900	339,900	0	6,300
Johnstown MSA	<b>56,300</b>	56,100	56,000	55,500	200	800
Lancaster MSA	<b>255,400</b>	254,700	253,900	251,100	700	4,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,900</b>	52,000	51,700	51,800	-100	100
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,932,700</b>	2,927,300	2,939,600	2,908,600	5,400	24,100
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,186,100</b>	1,180,000	1,178,500	1,165,800	6,100	20,300
Reading MSA	<b>179,900</b>	179,000	179,500	177,400	900	2,500
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>264,100</b>	264,400	263,400	260,200	-300	3,900
State College MSA	<b>77,400</b>	77,400	77,200	77,900	0	-500
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,800</b>	52,800	52,700	53,300	0	-500
York-Hanover MSA	<b>184,800</b>	184,800	183,800	183,400	0	1,400
Philadelphia City	<b>719,500</b>	720,100	722,000	712,800	-600	6,700
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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