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### **STATE COLLEGE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.5%**

**HARRISBURG (NOVEMBER 30) – The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State College Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent.** Over the year, the rate was up nine-tenths of a point. The State College MSA had the second-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania's 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 4.3 percent in the Gettysburg MSA to 7.2 percent in the Johnstown MSA. The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania went up one-tenth to 5.8 percent and the national rate went down one-tenth to 4.9 percent.

Centre County tied with Montgomery County for the fourth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 4.3 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 8.4 percent in Fayette County.

**In October, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the State College MSA decreased 200 to 78,100.** Over the year, jobs were up 1.6 percent (+1,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 0.7 percent.

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

State government had the highest job increase this month (+1,800), due to the return of additional staff to Penn State University following summer break. Local government had the second highest job gain this month (+300).

**TABLE 1**  
**STATE COLLEGE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Centre County)

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 2016	81,800	78,500	3,300	4.0	80,000	76,400	3,600	4.5
September	80,500	77,300	3,200	3.9	79,700	76,300	3,400	4.3
August	78,300	74,500	3,800	4.8	79,400	76,000	3,400	4.2
October 2015	80,500	78,000	2,500	3.1	78,500	75,600	2,900	3.6

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
October 2016

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	430,600	407,600	22,900	5.3	433,100	407,900	25,200	5.8
Altoona MSA	62,000	58,800	3,200	5.2	62,800	59,200	3,600	5.7
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,000	41,800	2,100	4.8	43,700	41,200	2,400	5.6
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	79,800	75,700	4,100	5.1	80,300	75,800	4,400	5.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,800	76,700	5,200	6.3	82,700	77,100	5,600	6.8
Erie MSA	135,700	127,000	8,700	6.4	136,200	126,500	9,700	7.1
Gettysburg MSA	55,800	53,700	2,200	3.9	55,800	53,400	2,400	4.3
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	295,900	282,500	13,400	4.5	298,000	283,500	14,500	4.9
Johnstown MSA	62,200	58,200	4,000	6.4	62,400	57,900	4,500	7.2
Lancaster MSA	277,700	266,000	11,700	4.2	278,300	265,700	12,700	4.6
Lebanon MSA	70,800	67,600	3,200	4.5	71,100	67,600	3,500	4.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,107,300	2,947,500	159,800	5.1	3,118,400	2,949,700	168,600	5.4
Pittsburgh MSA	1,225,200	1,157,500	67,700	5.5	1,229,000	1,154,700	74,300	6.0
Reading MSA	216,800	206,000	10,800	5.0	217,700	205,900	11,700	5.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	279,600	262,900	16,700	6.0	280,800	262,400	18,400	6.6
State College MSA	81,800	78,500	3,300	4.0	80,000	76,400	3,600	4.5
Williamsport MSA	59,700	56,000	3,700	6.2	59,900	55,800	4,100	6.9
York-Hanover MSA	237,000	226,100	10,900	4.6	238,000	226,200	11,800	5.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,507,000	6,157,000	350,000	5.4	6,531,000	6,155,000	376,000	5.8
UNITED STATES	159,783,000	152,335,000	7,447,000	4.7	159,712,000	151,925,000	7,787,000	4.9

ALL DATA ARE ON 2015 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.

4/ Seasonally adjusted MSA level data (and their equivalent) is developed by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); seasonal adjustment for all other sub-state areas are developed by CWIA.

TABLE 2

## STATE COLLEGE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Centre County)

October 2016

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Oct 2015	Sep 2016	Oct 2015
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>80,700</b>	78,600	74,900	79,900	2,100	800
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>47,400</b>	47,400	46,500	46,800	0	600
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>7,000</b>	7,100	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>73,700</b>	71,500	67,800	72,500	2,200	1,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>40,400</b>	40,300	39,400	39,400	100	1,000
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>10,400</b>	10,300	10,100	10,500	100	-100
Retail Trade	8,100	8,000	7,900	8,200	100	-100
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>6,500</b>	6,500	6,400	6,400	0	100
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>9,600</b>	9,500	9,400	9,300	100	300
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>7,900</b>	8,000	7,600	7,200	-100	700
<b>Government</b>	<b>33,300</b>	31,200	28,400	33,100	2,100	200
Federal Government	500	500	500	500	0	0
State Government	28,200	26,400	23,900	28,000	1,800	200
Local Government	4,600	4,300	4,000	4,600	300	0
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

**October 2016**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2016	Sep 2016	Aug 2016	Oct 2015	Sep 2016	Oct 2015
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,900,400</b>	5,902,200	5,900,500	5,862,000	-1,800	38,400
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>357,600</b>	357,700	358,900	358,700	-100	-1,100
Altoona MSA	<b>62,200</b>	62,200	62,500	60,700	0	1,500
Erie MSA	<b>129,600</b>	130,300	129,700	130,600	-700	-1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>337,500</b>	337,000	340,100	335,500	500	2,000
Johnstown MSA	<b>55,900</b>	56,300	55,900	56,800	-400	-900
Lancaster MSA	<b>246,300</b>	247,000	247,300	245,900	-700	400
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,800</b>	51,900	51,400	51,200	-100	600
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,887,100</b>	2,886,100	2,883,400	2,839,500	1,000	47,600
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,166,100</b>	1,164,000	1,157,900	1,162,300	2,100	3,800
Reading MSA	<b>179,000</b>	179,200	178,700	177,500	-200	1,500
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>258,200</b>	259,600	259,000	258,900	-1,400	-700
State College MSA	<b>78,100</b>	78,300	77,300	76,900	-200	1,200
Williamsport MSA	<b>53,900</b>	53,900	54,200	54,600	0	-700
York-Hanover MSA	<b>185,300</b>	185,500	185,400	182,700	-200	2,600
Philadelphia City	<b>704,000</b>	704,200	705,400	689,100	-200	14,900
Data benchmarked to March 2015	***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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