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A-B-E UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.4% IN NOVEMBER

HARRISBURG, PA (JANUARY 3, 2019) - The Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent in November. The state rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent, while the national rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent.

The MSA's rate decreased by one-half of a percentage point over the year, the state rate fell six-tenths of a point, and the national rate was down by four-tenths of a point. The MSA's rate was tied with that of the Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA for the 12th lowest among Pennsylvania's 18 MSAs in November. Rates ranged from 3.2 percent in the Gettysburg and State College MSAs to 5.3 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA.

The A-B-E MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs decreased 700 to 376,800 in November. Over the year, jobs in the MSA were up 1.0 percent (+3,900), while the state grew at a rate of 1.3 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

Several industries experienced seasonal changes. Leisure & hospitality, while down seasonally over the month, increased significantly over the year, up 1,200 jobs. Transportation, warehousing, & utilities continued to show outsized growth over both timeframes. The sector set a new record high of 34,100 jobs.

TABLE 1
ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM - EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA; Warren County, NJ)

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/
November 2018	436,800	419,700	17,100	3.9	437,300	418,100	19,300	4.4
October	439,800	421,600	18,200	4.1	438,500	418,500	20,000	4.6
September	435,200	416,900	18,300	4.2	435,500	415,600	19,800	4.6
November 2017	434,200	415,100	19,100	4.4	433,900	412,800	21,100	4.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 November 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/
Allentow n-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	436,800	419,700	17,100	3.9	437,300	418,100	19,300	4.4
Altoona MSA	59,900	57,600	2,200	3.7	60,300	57,700	2,500	4.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	41,100	1,600	3.7	42,500	40,600	1,900	4.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,200	74,700	2,500	3.2	77,500	74,800	2,700	3.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,600	77,600	4,000	4.9	82,200	77,800	4,400	5.3
Erie MSA	128,900	123,600	5,200	4.1	128,900	122,900	6,000	4.6
Gettysburg MSA	56,300	54,800	1,600	2.8	56,400	54,600	1,800	3.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	297,700	287,800	9,800	3.3	299,100	288,200	10,900	3.7
Johnstown MSA	59,200	56,600	2,600	4.4	59,300	56,300	3,000	5.1
Lancaster MSA	281,800	273,400	8,400	3.0	283,000	273,500	9,500	3.4
Lebanon MSA	70,500	68,100	2,400	3.4	70,700	68,100	2,700	3.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,118,800	3,007,000	111,800	3.6	3,118,300	2,993,500	124,700	4.0
Pittsburgh MSA	1,211,200	1,166,600	44,600	3.7	1,213,500	1,163,000	50,500	4.2
Reading MSA	214,200	206,200	8,000	3.7	214,600	205,700	8,900	4.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	283,300	270,600	12,700	4.5	281,700	267,500	14,200	5.0
State College MSA	80,800	78,600	2,200	2.8	78,600	76,100	2,500	3.2
Williamsport MSA	56,000	53,600	2,400	4.3	56,100	53,400	2,700	4.8
York-Hanover MSA	237,100	229,200	8,000	3.4	237,300	228,500	8,800	3.7
PENNSYLVANIA	6,458,000	6,213,000	245,000	3.8	6,441,000	6,172,000	269,000	4.2
UNITED STATES	162,665,000	157,015,000	5,650,000	3.5	162,770,000	156,795,000	5,975,000	3.7

ALL DATA ARE ON 2017 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
ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM - EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
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CARBON COUNTY								
November 2018	31,500	30,100	1,400	4.5	31,600	30,000	1,600	5.1
October	31,700	30,300	1,500	4.6	31,800	30,100	1,600	5.1
September	31,400	30,000	1,400	4.6	31,500	29,900	1,600	5.1
November 2017	31,300	29,800	1,500	4.9	31,300	29,600	1,700	5.5
LEHIGH COUNTY								
November 2018	189,700	181,800	7,900	4.2	189,800	180,900	8,900	4.7
October	191,100	182,700	8,400	4.4	191,300	182,300	9,100	4.7
September	189,000	180,700	8,300	4.4	189,200	180,500	8,800	4.6
November 2017	188,300	179,700	8,500	4.5	188,300	178,800	9,500	5.0
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY								
November 2018	159,300	153,100	6,300	3.9	159,300	152,200	7,100	4.5
October	160,300	153,800	6,500	4.1	160,500	153,400	7,200	4.5
September	158,600	152,100	6,500	4.1	158,900	151,900	7,100	4.4
November 2017	158,200	151,300	6,900	4.3	158,200	150,500	7,700	4.9

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TABLE 2

ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton PA counties; Warren County, NJ)

November 2018 NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	378,800	380,900	376,700	375,000	-2,100	3,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	337,700	340,200	336,700	334,200	-2,500	3,500
GOODS-PRODUCING	51,300	51,800	51,900	50,200	-500	1,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,400	14,600	14,600	13,700	-200	700
Manufacturing	36,900	37,200	37,300	36,500	-300	400
Durable Goods	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,100	0	400
Non-Durable Goods	14,400	14,700	14,800	14,400	-300	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	327,500	329,100	324,800	324,800	-1,600	2,700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	286,400	288,400	284,800	284,000	-2,000	2,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	88,600	87,300	86,100	86,300	1,300	2,300
Wholesale Trade	14,900	15,000	14,900	14,800	-100	100
Retail Trade	39,600	38,900	38,700	40,500	700	-900
Food and beverage stores	9,700	9,600	9,600	9,800	100	-100
General merchandise stores	8,000	7,400	7,300	7,900	600	100
Department stores	4,900	4,300	4,200	5,000	600	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	34,100	33,400	32,500	31,000	700	3,100
Transportation and Warehousing	33,200	32,400	31,500	30,000	800	3,200
Information	5,300	5,400	5,400	5,400	-100	-100
Financial Activities	14,100	14,100	13,800	14,400	0	-300
Finance and insurance	11,100	10,900	10,800	11,100	200	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	5,800	5,700	5,700	5,700	100	100
Professional and Business Services	48,300	48,900	48,700	49,500	-600	-1,200
Professional and technical services	13,600	13,600	13,700	13,500	0	100
Management of companies and enterprises	9,700	9,700	9,800	9,800	0	-100
Administrative and waste services	25,000	25,600	25,200	26,200	-600	-1,200
Employment services	12,300	12,500	12,200	13,000	-200	-700
Education and Health Services	78,700	79,200	77,400	78,300	-500	400
Educational services	13,900	14,000	12,800	14,200	-100	-300
Health care and social assistance	64,800	65,200	64,600	64,100	-400	700
Hospitals	20,800	20,800	20,700	20,500	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	36,900	39,000	38,900	35,700	-2,100	1,200
Accommodation and food services	30,900	31,100	30,700	30,700	-200	200
Food services and drinking places	26,800	27,000	26,200	25,500	-200	1,300
Other Services	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,400	0	100
Government	41,100	40,700	40,000	40,800	400	300
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	0	100
State Government	2,600	2,500	2,600	2,600	100	0
Local Government	36,200	35,900	35,200	36,000	300	200
Local government educational services	23,100	22,800	22,000	23,000	300	100
Local government excluding educational services	13,100	13,100	13,200	13,000	0	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**

November 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,055,500	6,060,900	6,044,900	5,976,800	-5,400	78,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	376,800	377,500	375,700	372,900	-700	3,900
Altoona MSA	62,100	61,800	61,700	61,300	300	800
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	42,600	42,700	42,500	100	200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,900	61,600	61,600	60,900	300	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,800	58,800	58,600	58,300	0	500
Erie MSA	127,300	127,700	127,800	127,600	-400	-300
Gettysburg MSA	36,400	36,200	36,200	35,500	200	900
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	349,500	348,500	348,000	343,100	1,000	6,400
Johnstown MSA	55,300	55,600	55,500	55,200	-300	100
Lancaster MSA	258,700	258,600	257,700	253,800	100	4,900
Lebanon MSA	52,600	52,700	52,600	52,400	-100	200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,966,900	2,969,400	2,968,200	2,924,700	-2,500	42,200
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,080,000	1,079,900	1,078,000	1,067,200	100	12,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	969,700	969,700	969,200	949,600	0	20,100
Philadelphia City	732,000	731,800	732,000	713,200	200	18,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,193,800	1,193,500	1,191,100	1,183,700	300	10,100
Reading MSA	181,300	181,300	181,200	178,000	0	3,300
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	269,000	268,100	268,200	265,600	900	3,400
State College MSA	78,700	78,800	78,400	78,300	-100	400
Williamsport MSA	52,200	52,500	52,700	53,100	-300	-900
York-Hanover MSA	190,600	190,000	188,900	187,000	600	3,600
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.

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