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A-B-E UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.9% IN APRIL

HARRISBURG (MAY 30) - The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 3.9 percent in April, a decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point from March. Pennsylvania's rate was 4.1 percent, and the national rate was 3.4 percent. All three rates dropped one-tenth of a percentage point over the month. Since last April, the MSA's rate fell by three-tenths of a point, the state rate declined by two-tenths of a point, and the national rate was also down by two-tenths of a point.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the A-B-E MSA jobs were essentially unchanged at 391,500 in April. Over the year, jobs rose by 1.9 percent (+7,200) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased by 2.6 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

April's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

Among supersectors, the largest over-the-month increases were in leisure & hospitality (+600) and professional & business services (+500). The largest decline was in trade, transportation, & utilities (-500). Over the year, all service-providing supersectors added jobs, with the largest increase being in education & health services, up 2,500 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 RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
April 2023	449,600	434,800	14,800	3.3	454,800	437,200	17,700	3.9
March	454,400	436,900	17,500	3.9	455,400	437,200	18,200	4.0
February	455,100	434,300	20,900	4.6	455,400	436,600	18,800	4.1
April 2022	448,500	430,100	18,400	4.1	451,300	432,200	19,100	4.2

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 April 2023

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	449,600	434,800	14,800	3.3	454,800	437,200	17,700	3.9
Altoona MSA	58,200	56,400	1,800	3.0	58,900	56,700	2,200	3.8
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,200	41,800	1,300	3.1	43,400	41,600	1,800	4.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,900	74,900	2,000	2.6	77,800	75,100	2,700	3.4
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,500	77,900	3,600	4.4	82,700	78,200	4,500	5.4
Erie MSA	124,200	119,800	4,300	3.5	126,100	120,300	5,700	4.6
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,500	1,300	2.3	55,100	53,400	1,600	2.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	306,500	298,300	8,200	2.7	309,600	299,400	10,100	3.3
Johnstown MSA	54,500	52,500	2,000	3.6	55,200	52,600	2,600	4.8
Lancaster MSA	288,700	281,700	7,000	2.4	291,100	282,100	9,000	3.1
Lebanon MSA	74,100	72,100	2,000	2.6	74,300	72,000	2,300	3.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,242,700	3,140,700	102,000	3.1	3,239,800	3,118,400	121,400	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,700	1,133,300	37,400	3.2	1,180,300	1,131,000	49,300	4.2
Reading MSA	212,200	205,400	6,800	3.2	214,000	205,900	8,200	3.8
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,900	265,400	10,600	3.8	278,700	265,500	13,200	4.7
State College MSA	79,500	77,700	1,900	2.4	79,100	76,500	2,600	3.3
Williamsport MSA	54,700	53,000	1,800	3.2	55,200	53,000	2,300	4.1
York-Hanover MSA	236,400	230,100	6,400	2.7	239,000	230,700	8,300	3.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,447,000	6,242,000	204,000	3.2	6,509,000	6,242,000	268,000	4.1
UNITED STATES	166,221,000	161,075,000	5,146,000	3.1	166,688,000	161,031,000	5,657,000	3.4

ALL DATA ARE ON 2022 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.
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- 3) Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.
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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

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CARBON COUNTY								
April 2023	32,100	30,900	1,200	3.8	32,400	31,100	1,300	4.0
March	32,500	31,000	1,500	4.6	32,400	31,100	1,300	4.1
February	32,600	30,800	1,800	5.5	32,600	31,000	1,500	4.7
April 2022	32,200	30,700	1,500	4.8	32,500	30,900	1,600	5.0
LEHIGH COUNTY								
April 2023	195,200	188,600	6,600	3.4	197,300	189,800	7,500	3.8
March	197,200	189,600	7,600	3.9	197,100	189,700	7,400	3.8
February	197,500	188,300	9,200	4.6	197,800	189,300	8,400	4.3
April 2022	196,000	187,200	8,700	4.5	198,000	188,400	9,600	4.9
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY								
April 2023	162,600	157,300	5,300	3.3	164,400	158,700	5,700	3.5
March	164,400	158,200	6,200	3.8	164,600	158,800	5,800	3.5
February	164,700	157,100	7,600	4.6	165,600	158,700	7,000	4.2
April 2022	162,600	156,200	6,400	3.9	164,400	157,500	6,800	4.2

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TABLE 2

ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

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

April 2023

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Apr 2022	Mar 2023	Apr 2022
TOTAL NONFARM	389,500	388,700	387,300	384,000	800	5,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	350,200	349,500	348,400	345,200	700	5,000
GOODS-PRODUCING	55,000	54,600	54,400	55,000	400	0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,900	13,500	13,200	13,900	400	0
Manufacturing	41,100	41,100	41,200	41,100	0	0
Durable Goods	24,000	23,900	24,000	23,700	100	300
Non-Durable Goods	17,100	17,200	17,200	17,400	-100	-300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	334,500	334,100	332,900	329,000	400	5,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	295,200	294,900	294,000	290,200	300	5,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	93,800	94,300	95,200	92,300	-500	1,500
Wholesale Trade	14,700	14,600	14,700	14,300	100	400
Retail Trade	40,100	39,900	40,000	39,100	200	1,000
Food and beverage retailers	10,500	10,500	10,600	10,500	0	0
General merchandise retailers	7,100	7,200	7,200	7,000	-100	100
Department stores	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,600	0	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	39,000	39,800	40,500	38,900	-800	100
Transportation and Warehousing	37,900	38,700	39,300	37,700	-800	200
Information	5,400	5,400	5,300	5,300	0	100
Financial Activities	12,900	12,900	12,800	12,700	0	200
Finance and insurance	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	4,300	4,400	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
Professional and Business Services	51,900	51,400	50,800	51,700	500	200
Professional and technical services	17,400	17,300	17,100	17,000	100	400
Management of companies and enterprises	9,300	9,300	9,200	9,100	0	200
Administrative and waste services	25,200	24,800	24,500	25,600	400	-400
Employment services	11,100	11,100	11,100	11,500	0	-400
Education and Health Services	82,200	82,500	82,300	79,700	-300	2,500
Educational services	13,400	13,600	13,300	13,000	-200	400
Health care and social assistance	68,800	68,900	69,000	66,700	-100	2,100
Hospitals	22,800	22,800	22,700	22,000	0	800
Leisure and Hospitality	34,700	34,100	33,300	34,500	600	200
Accommodation and food services	28,700	28,400	27,800	28,000	300	700
Food services and drinking places	24,800	24,600	24,300	24,500	200	300
Other Services	14,300	14,300	14,300	14,000	0	300
Government	39,300	39,200	38,900	38,800	100	500
Federal Government	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
State Government	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Local Government	34,500	34,400	34,100	34,000	100	500
Local government educational services	22,500	22,500	22,200	22,000	0	500
Local government excluding educational services	12,000	11,900	11,900	12,000	100	0
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

April 2023

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Apr 2022	Mar 2023	Apr 2022
PENNSYLVANIA	6,117,100	6,106,100	6,096,400	5,960,800	11,000	156,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	391,500	391,600	391,300	384,300	-100	7,200
Altoona MSA	61,100	61,000	61,100	59,900	100	1,200
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,700	43,800	43,700	42,800	-100	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,300	62,000	62,100	61,500	300	800
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,600	58,200	58,000	57,400	400	1,200
Erie MSA	124,900	125,100	124,700	123,200	-200	1,700
Gettysburg MSA	34,500	34,400	34,500	33,500	100	1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	361,600	361,700	362,200	351,200	-100	10,400
Johnstown MSA	51,300	51,300	51,500	50,800	0	500
Lancaster MSA	265,800	266,300	265,800	259,500	-500	6,300
Lebanon MSA	56,000	55,900	55,700	53,700	100	2,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,083,900	3,078,200	3,073,400	2,998,800	5,700	85,100
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,132,000	1,129,300	1,128,200	1,098,300	2,700	33,700
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,009,700	1,007,200	1,003,000	973,300	2,500	36,400
Philadelphia City	765,200	764,100	761,400	736,500	1,100	28,700
Pittsburgh MSA	1,167,900	1,167,800	1,167,500	1,144,000	100	23,900
Reading MSA	179,600	179,600	179,900	176,500	0	3,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	267,700	267,800	267,500	260,300	-100	7,400
State College MSA	79,300	79,100	78,900	76,100	200	3,200
Williamsport MSA	52,100	51,800	52,000	50,900	300	1,200
York-Hanover MSA	192,400	192,500	192,500	189,400	-100	3,000
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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