WORKFORCE INFORMATION NEWS RELEASE

BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK MSA MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.3%

HARRISBURG (JULY 2) - The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Bloomsburg-Berwick Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.3 percent in May. The statewide rate was unchanged over the month at 3.4 percent. The national rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point from its April rate to 4.0 percent. Since last May, the MSA's rate fell by one-tenth of a point, the state's rate rose one-tenth of a point, and the national rate was up three-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 Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA were unchanged over the month at its record high of 44,600 in May. Over the year, jobs rose by 1.4 percent (+600) in the MSA, while the statewide jobs' rate of change was 1.6 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

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

Over the month, all published supersectors (with one exception) were either flat or essentially unchanged. Government was down over the month, driven by the summer break at Bloomsburg University. Although individual industry movements were small, cumulatively they were sufficiently positive to drive private service-providing industries as well as total private employment to record highs. Over the year, employment grew in service-providing industries, while goods-producing jobs were essentially unchanged since last May.

TABLE 1

BLOOMSBURG - BERWICK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Columbia and Montour 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]
May 2024	44,600	43,100	1,500	3.3	44,400	42,900	1,500	3.3
April	44,700	43,500	1,200	2.7	44,300	42,900	1,400	3.2
March	44,700	43,100	1,600	3.5	44,100	42,700	1,400	3.2
May 2023	43,700	42,400	1,300	3.0	43,800	42,300	1,500	3.4

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
May 2024

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	465,700	450,000	15,700	3.4	464,100	447,500	16,600	3.6
Altoona MSA	60,000	58,300	1,800	2.9	59,900	58,000	1,800	3.1
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,600	43,100	1,500	3.3	44,400	42,900	1,500	3.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,000	75,900	2,100	2.7	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,200	80,000	3,200	3.8	83,400	80,000	3,400	4.1
Erie MSA	128,200	124,000	4,200	3.3	128,200	123,700	4,400	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	55,500	54,200	1,400	2.5	55,400	53,900	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	314,000	304,800	9,200	2.9	313,800	304,400	9,400	3.0
Johnstown MSA	56,100	54,000	2,100	3.7	56,000	53,800	2,200	3.9
Lancaster MSA	293,700	286,200	7,500	2.6	293,100	285,400	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	77,000	74,900	2,100	2.7	76,500	74,400	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,283,200	3,165,900	117,300	3.6	3,285,500	3,165,900	119,600	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,198,600	1,160,500	38,100	3.2	1,192,900	1,153,800	39,100	3.3
Reading MSA	217,000	209,800	7,200	3.3	216,600	209,100	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	282,500	272,200	10,300	3.6	283,400	272,400	11,000	3.9
State College MSA	83,400	81,300	2,100	2.5	82,200	80,100	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,300	54,500	1,800	3.2	56,200	54,300	1,900	3.3
York-Hanover MSA	243,700	236,500	7,200	3.0	243,400	236,100	7,300	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,614,000	6,401,000	212,000	3.2	6,605,000	6,382,000	223,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	167,576,000	161,341,000	6,235,000	3.7	167,732,000	161,083,000	6,649,000	4.0

ALL DATA ARE ON 2023 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.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY								
May 2024	35,000	33,800	1,200	3.4	34,900	33,600	1,300	3.9
April	35,100	34,100	1,000	2.9	35,200	34,000	1,200	3.5
March	35,200	33,800	1,300	3.8	35,000	33,800	1,300	3.6
May 2023	34,400	33,300	1,100	3.2	34,300	33,000	1,200	3.6
MONTOUR COUNTY								
May 2024	9,600	9,300	300	2.7	9,500	9,200	300	2.9
April	9,600	9,400	200	2.0	9,600	9,400	200	2.5
March	9,500	9,300	200	2.5	9,500	9,300	200	2.6
May 2023	9,400	9,200	200	2.5	9,300	9,100	300	2.7

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TABLE 2

BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Montour and Columbia counties)

May 2024
NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	**45,000**	45,100	44,500	44,300	-100	700
TOTAL PRIVATE	**39,500**	39,200	38,700	38,800	300	700
GOODS-PRODUCING	**6,200**	6,200	6,100	6,200	0	0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	**1,300**	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Manufacturing	**4,900**	4,900	4,800	4,900	0	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	**38,800**	38,900	38,400	38,100	-100	700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	**33,300**	33,000	32,600	32,600	300	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**7,400**	7,500	7,400	7,400	-100	0
Professional and Business Services	**5,000**	4,900	4,900	5,000	100	0
Education and Health Services	**11,800**	11,800	11,800	11,500	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	**3,700**	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	200
Government	**5,500**	5,900	5,800	5,500	-400	0
State Government	**2,500**	2,800	2,800	2,400	-300	100

Data benchmarked to March 2023   ***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS

FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

May 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	May 2024	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	**6,167,700**	6,147,900	6,146,900	6,070,600	19,800	97,100
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	**399,000**	397,700	396,800	392,500	1,300	6,500
Altoona MSA	**61,600**	61,400	61,300	60,500	200	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	**44,600**	44,600	44,400	44,000	0	600
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	**61,600**	61,400	61,000	61,100	200	500
East Stroudsburg MSA	**58,300**	58,300	58,100	57,800	0	500
Erie MSA	**126,900**	126,700	126,300	125,000	200	1,900
Gettysburg MSA	**34,100**	34,000	33,900	33,900	100	200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	**363,200**	362,600	362,200	360,200	600	3,000
Johnstown MSA	**51,800**	51,700	51,800	51,400	100	400
Lancaster MSA	**266,200**	265,500	265,100	262,800	700	3,400
Lebanon MSA	**57,400**	57,100	57,000	56,000	300	1,400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	**3,112,600**	3,102,300	3,102,700	3,070,200	10,300	42,400
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	**1,127,000**	1,123,600	1,123,500	1,121,600	3,400	5,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	**1,018,900**	1,018,000	1,018,000	1,003,100	900	15,800
Philadelphia City	**779,300**	777,800	777,600	763,700	1,500	15,600
Pittsburgh MSA	**1,170,300**	1,166,900	1,169,700	1,157,200	3,400	13,100
Reading MSA	**180,400**	180,300	179,900	179,400	100	1,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	**270,200**	269,900	270,300	264,400	300	5,800
State College MSA	**81,600**	81,300	81,400	74,100	300	7,500
Williamsport MSA	**52,900**	52,700	52,500	51,700	200	1,200
York-Hanover MSA	**194,300**	193,900	193,800	191,700	400	2,600

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