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### **BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK MSA NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.4%**

**HARRISBURG, PA (JANUARY 3, 2019) - The Bloomsburg-Berwick Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth 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. Since last November, the MSA's rate decreased by one-half of a percentage point, the state rate fell six-tenths of a point, and the national rate was down by four-tenths of a point.

The Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA's rate was tied with that of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA for the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were essentially unchanged at 42,700 in November.** Over the year, jobs in the MSA were up 0.5 percent (+200), while the state grew at a rate of 1.3 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

Several industries experienced changes in line with seasonal and historical trends. Trade, transportation, & utilities was hiring for the coming holidays. Leisure & hospitality, while unchanged over the month, had the largest published gain over the year.

**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/
November 2018	42,700	41,100	1,600	3.7	42,500	40,600	1,900	4.4
October	42,600	41,000	1,600	3.8	42,400	40,400	1,900	4.5
September	42,600	40,900	1,600	3.9	42,400	40,500	1,900	4.4
November 2017	42,400	40,600	1,800	4.3	42,500	40,400	2,100	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-Berw ick 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
Johnstow n 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**  
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<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b>								
November 2018	33,600	32,300	1,300	3.9	33,700	32,200	1,600	4.7
October	33,500	32,200	1,300	4.0	33,600	32,000	1,600	4.8
September	33,500	32,200	1,400	4.1	33,500	31,900	1,600	4.8
November 2017	33,400	31,900	1,500	4.5	33,600	31,800	1,700	5.2
<b>MONTOUR COUNTY</b>								
November 2018	9,100	8,800	300	3.0	9,100	8,800	300	3.4
October	9,100	8,800	300	3.1	9,000	8,700	300	3.5
September	9,100	8,800	300	3.1	9,000	8,700	300	3.4
November 2017	9,000	8,700	300	3.6	9,000	8,700	400	4.0

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**TABLE 2**

**BLOOMSBURG-BERWICK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

(Montour and Columbia counties)

**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
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>43,400</b>	43,400	43,100	43,200	0	200
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>36,600</b>	36,800	36,700	36,600	-200	0
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>6,600</b>	6,700	6,600	6,500	-100	100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,100	1,200	1,100	1,100	-100	0
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>36,800</b>	36,700	36,500	36,700	100	100
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>30,000</b>	30,100	30,100	30,100	-100	-100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,400	6,200	6,200	6,600	200	-200
Professional and Business Services	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	100
Education and Health Services	12,200	12,200	12,100	12,000	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	3,900	3,900	4,000	3,600	0	300
<b>Government</b>	<b>6,800</b>	6,600	6,400	6,600	200	200
State Government	3,400	3,300	3,100	3,400	100	0
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
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,055,500</b>	6,060,900	6,044,900	5,976,800	-5,400	78,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>376,800</b>	377,500	375,700	372,900	-700	3,900
Altoona MSA	<b>62,100</b>	61,800	61,700	61,300	300	800
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>42,700</b>	42,600	42,700	42,500	100	200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>61,900</b>	61,600	61,600	60,900	300	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,800</b>	58,800	58,600	58,300	0	500
Erie MSA	<b>127,300</b>	127,700	127,800	127,600	-400	-300
Gettysburg MSA	<b>36,400</b>	36,200	36,200	35,500	200	900
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>349,500</b>	348,500	348,000	343,100	1,000	6,400
Johnstown MSA	<b>55,300</b>	55,600	55,500	55,200	-300	100
Lancaster MSA	<b>258,700</b>	258,600	257,700	253,800	100	4,900
Lebanon MSA	<b>52,600</b>	52,700	52,600	52,400	-100	200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,966,900</b>	2,969,400	2,968,200	2,924,700	-2,500	42,200
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,080,000</b>	1,079,900	1,078,000	1,067,200	100	12,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>969,700</b>	969,700	969,200	949,600	0	20,100
Philadelphia City	<b>732,000</b>	731,800	732,000	713,200	200	18,800
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,193,800</b>	1,193,500	1,191,100	1,183,700	300	10,100
Reading MSA	<b>181,300</b>	181,300	181,200	178,000	0	3,300
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>269,000</b>	268,100	268,200	265,600	900	3,400
State College MSA	<b>78,700</b>	78,800	78,400	78,300	-100	400
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,200</b>	52,500	52,700	53,100	-300	-900
York-Hanover MSA	<b>190,600</b>	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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