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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.5%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 3) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.5 percent in November. The rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point from last November. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was the fourth-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs tied for the lowest rate at 3.2 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 5.3 percent. The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania increased one-tenth of a percentage point from October to 4.2 percent, while the United States was unchanged at 3.7 percent.

Franklin County had the eighth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in November. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.3%, t-27th); Huntingdon (5.0%, t-52nd); Juniata (3.9%, t-14th); Perry (3.9%, t-14th); Cumberland (3.4%, t-4th); and Adams (3.2%, t-2nd). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.1 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 300 in November to 61,900, tying the record high. Over the year, jobs were up 1.6 percent (+1,000), while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, trade, transportation, & utilities had an increase of 300 due to the upcoming holidays.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin 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/ |
| November 2018 | 77,200 | 74,700 | 2,500 | 3.2 | 77,500 | 74,800 | 2,700 | 3.5 |
| October | 76,600 | 74,000 | 2,600 | 3.4 | 77,000 | 74,200 | 2,800 | 3.7 |
| September | 76,900 | 74,300 | 2,600 | 3.4 | 77,200 | 74,400 | 2,800 | 3.7 |
| November 2017 | 75,700 | 72,800 | 2,900 | 3.8 | 76,100 | 73,000 | 3,100 | 4.1 |

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/ |
| Allentown-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.

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

CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

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 | 62,200 | 61,800 | 61,500 | 61,300 | 400 | 900 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 54,500 | 54,100 | 53,800 | 53,400 | 400 | 1,100 |
| GOODS-PRODUCING | 11,300 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 100 | 100 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Manufacturing | 8,900 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,900 | 100 | 0 |
| SERVICE-PROVIDING | 50,900 | 50,600 | 50,300 | 50,100 | 300 | 800 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING | 43,200 | 42,900 | 42,600 | 42,200 | 300 | 1,000 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 16,200 | 15,900 | 15,800 | 15,700 | 300 | 500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 7,700 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,400 | 200 | 300 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 6,600 | 6,500 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 100 | 200 |
| Professional and Business Services | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,000 | 0 | 100 |
| Education and Health Services | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,700 | 10,600 | 0 | 200 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 5,000 | 5,100 | 5,200 | 4,900 | -100 | 100 |
| Government | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,900 | 0 | -200 |
| Federal Government | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | 900 | 900 | 900 | 1,000 | 0 | -100 |
| Local Government | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,600 | 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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