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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.1% IN AUGUST

HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 26) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) grew one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to **3.1 percent in August**. The state unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in August, while the national rate grew three-tenths of a point to 3.8 percent. Over the year, the local MSA’s rate declined by seven-tenths of a percentage point, the Pennsylvania rate declined by eight-tenths and the national rate increased by one-tenth.

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 Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA were up 200 over the month to a record high of 63,100 in August. Over the year, jobs were up 2.1 percent (+1,300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 2.6 percent.

August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Job movements in six published supersectors were essentially unchanged over the month. One of the published supersectors experienced an increase – government (+400). Over the year, jobs increased in six of the seven with the largest movement in professional and business services (+300).

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

| TIME PERIOD | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT ² | UNEMPLOYMENT | RATE (%) ³ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴ | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT ² | UNEMPLOYMENT | RATE (%) ³ |
| August 2023 | 79,400 | 76,400 | 3,000 | 3.7 | 77,800 | 75,400 | 2,400 | 3.1 |
| July | 78,500 | 76,000 | 2,500 | 3.2 | 77,600 | 75,200 | 2,300 | 3.0 |
| June | 78,500 | 76,000 | 2,500 | 3.2 | 77,700 | 75,200 | 2,500 | 3.2 |
| August 2022 | 78,100 | 75,100 | 3,000 | 3.9 | 78,200 | 75,200 | 3,000 | 3.8 |

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

| AREA NAME | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT ² | UNEMPLOYMENT | RATE (%) ³ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴ | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT ² | UNEMPLOYMENT | RATE (%) ³ |
| Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA | 457,200 | 436,100 | 21,100 | 4.6 | 454,000 | 436,400 | 17,600 | 3.9 |
| Altoona MSA | 59,700 | 57,200 | 2,500 | 4.2 | 58,700 | 56,500 | 2,200 | 3.7 |
| Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA | 43,600 | 41,800 | 1,800 | 4.2 | 43,300 | 41,700 | 1,600 | 3.6 |
| Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA | 79,400 | 76,400 | 3,000 | 3.7 | 77,800 | 75,400 | 2,400 | 3.1 |
| East Stroudsburg MSA | 83,300 | 78,800 | 4,500 | 5.4 | 82,000 | 78,000 | 3,900 | 4.8 |
| Erie MSA | 126,500 | 119,900 | 6,600 | 5.2 | 124,700 | 119,500 | 5,200 | 4.2 |
| Gettysburg MSA | 55,600 | 53,700 | 2,000 | 3.6 | 54,900 | 53,400 | 1,500 | 2.8 |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA | 316,700 | 304,500 | 12,200 | 3.9 | 310,400 | 300,600 | 9,800 | 3.1 |
| Johnstown MSA | 55,500 | 52,500 | 2,900 | 5.3 | 55,100 | 52,600 | 2,400 | 4.4 |
| Lancaster MSA | 298,000 | 287,300 | 10,700 | 3.6 | 291,200 | 282,900 | 8,300 | 2.8 |
| Lebanon MSA | 76,200 | 73,300 | 2,900 | 3.8 | 74,800 | 72,400 | 2,400 | 3.2 |
| Philadelphia MSA | 3,289,800 | 3,143,100 | 146,700 | 4.5 | 3,263,300 | 3,143,000 | 120,200 | 3.7 |
| Pittsburgh MSA | 1,189,500 | 1,138,600 | 50,900 | 4.3 | 1,177,600 | 1,135,000 | 42,700 | 3.6 |
| Reading MSA | 216,800 | 207,100 | 9,700 | 4.5 | 214,100 | 206,000 | 8,000 | 3.8 |
| Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA | 282,100 | 268,100 | 14,000 | 5.0 | 278,800 | 266,900 | 11,800 | 4.2 |
| State College MSA | 77,700 | 74,800 | 2,800 | 3.7 | 78,500 | 76,300 | 2,300 | 2.9 |
| Williamsport MSA | 55,300 | 52,900 | 2,300 | 4.2 | 54,900 | 52,800 | 2,100 | 3.8 |
| York-Hanover MSA | 241,300 | 231,700 | 9,600 | 4.0 | 238,500 | 231,100 | 7,400 | 3.1 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 6,576,000 | 6,291,000 | 285,000 | 4.3 | 6,499,000 | 6,273,000 | 226,000 | 3.5 |
| UNITED STATES | 168,049,000 | 161,427,000 | 6,623,000 | 3.9 | 167,839,000 | 161,484,000 | 6,355,000 | 3.8 |

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.
- 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)

August 2023**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

| ESTABLISHMENT DATA | Industry Employment | | | | Net Change From: | |
|---|--|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|
| | Aug 2023 | Jul 2023 | Jun 2023 | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2022 |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 62,900 | 62,400 | 62,800 | 61,300 | 500 | 1,600 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 55,600 | 55,500 | 55,500 | 54,100 | 100 | 1,500 |
| GOODS-PRODUCING | 11,900 | 11,900 | 11,900 | 11,600 | 0 | 300 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,700 | 0 | 200 |
| Manufacturing | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,100 | 8,900 | 0 | 100 |
| SERVICE-PROVIDING | 51,000 | 50,500 | 50,900 | 49,700 | 500 | 1,300 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING | 43,700 | 43,600 | 43,600 | 42,500 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 16,600 | 16,700 | 16,900 | 16,600 | -100 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,800 | 7,600 | 0 | 100 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 7,500 | 7,600 | 7,700 | 7,600 | -100 | -100 |
| Professional and Business Services | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 6,700 | 0 | 300 |
| Education and Health Services | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,400 | 100 | 200 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,100 | 0 | 200 |
| Government | 7,300 | 6,900 | 7,300 | 7,200 | 400 | 100 |
| Federal Government | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,200 | 0 | -100 |
| State Government | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Government | 4,400 | 4,000 | 4,400 | 4,200 | 400 | 200 |
| 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**

August 2023

| AREA | Industry Employment | | | | Net Change From: | |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| | Aug 2023 | Jul 2023 | Jun 2023 | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2022 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 6,164,500 | 6,148,700 | 6,134,600 | 6,010,700 | 15,800 | 153,800 |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA | 392,800 | 392,700 | 391,800 | 386,600 | 100 | 6,200 |
| Altoona MSA | 61,200 | 61,300 | 60,800 | 59,900 | -100 | 1,300 |
| Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA | 44,000 | 44,000 | 44,000 | 43,200 | 0 | 800 |
| Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA | 63,100 | 62,900 | 62,800 | 61,800 | 200 | 1,300 |
| East Stroudsburg MSA | 58,900 | 58,300 | 58,400 | 57,800 | 600 | 1,100 |
| Erie MSA | 124,400 | 123,600 | 124,900 | 122,600 | 800 | 1,800 |
| Gettysburg MSA | 34,400 | 34,400 | 34,200 | 33,600 | 0 | 800 |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA | 367,200 | 366,100 | 365,100 | 354,700 | 1,100 | 12,500 |
| Johnstown MSA | 52,100 | 51,900 | 51,800 | 50,600 | 200 | 1,500 |
| Lancaster MSA | 266,500 | 265,800 | 265,500 | 261,100 | 700 | 5,400 |
| Lebanon MSA | 56,800 | 56,400 | 56,100 | 54,000 | 400 | 2,800 |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA | 3,116,000 | 3,111,800 | 3,102,900 | 3,033,100 | 4,200 | 82,900 |
| Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division | 1,139,900 | 1,140,000 | 1,138,000 | 1,109,700 | -100 | 30,200 |
| Philadelphia Metro Division | 1,019,600 | 1,016,300 | 1,014,000 | 988,300 | 3,300 | 31,300 |
| Philadelphia City | 773,100 | 770,800 | 769,500 | 747,400 | 2,300 | 25,700 |
| Pittsburgh MSA | 1,174,500 | 1,174,700 | 1,172,500 | 1,149,000 | -200 | 25,500 |
| Reading MSA | 180,300 | 179,900 | 179,800 | 177,900 | 400 | 2,400 |
| Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA | 270,400 | 269,700 | 269,100 | 261,300 | 700 | 9,100 |
| State College MSA | 78,700 | 78,500 | 79,000 | 77,300 | 200 | 1,400 |
| Williamsport MSA | 52,000 | 52,000 | 51,900 | 51,200 | 0 | 800 |
| York-Hanover MSA | 193,000 | 193,000 | 192,900 | 190,400 | 0 | 2,600 |
| Data benchmarked to March 2022 | ***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding*** | | | | | |

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