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HARRISBURG-CARLISLE MSA NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.7%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 3) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Harrisburg-Carlisle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged in November at 3.7 percent. The rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point since last November. The Harrisburg-Carlisle and York-Hanover MSAs tied for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’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.

Of the 67 counties in the state, Cumberland tied three other counties for the fourth-lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent. Perry tied Juniata County for the 14th lowest rate at 3.9 percent and Dauphin tied five other counties for the 16th lowest rate at 4.0 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.1 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

The Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 1,000 in November to 349,500, a third consecutive record high. Over the year, jobs were up 1.9 percent (+6,400), while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, trade, transportation, & utilities gained 2,200 as retail trade (+1,500) and transportation & warehousing (+800) geared up for holiday shopping and delivery.

TABLE 1
HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry 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	297,700	287,800	9,800	3.3	299,100	288,200	10,900	3.7
October	296,800	286,600	10,100	3.4	298,200	287,100	11,100	3.7
September	297,200	287,100	10,100	3.4	297,200	286,300	10,900	3.7
November 2017	292,900	281,900	11,000	3.8	294,900	282,700	12,200	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 1A
HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties)

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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY								
November 2018	130,700	126,800	3,900	3.0	131,600	127,200	4,400	3.4
October	130,300	126,300	4,000	3.1	131,100	126,700	4,400	3.4
September	130,500	126,500	4,000	3.1	130,800	126,500	4,200	3.2
November 2017	128,600	124,200	4,400	3.4	129,500	124,500	5,000	3.8
DAUPHIN COUNTY								
November 2018	142,700	137,600	5,100	3.6	143,300	137,500	5,800	4.0
October	142,400	137,000	5,300	3.8	143,000	137,200	5,800	4.1
September	142,400	137,100	5,300	3.7	142,600	137,000	5,600	3.9
November 2017	140,600	134,900	5,700	4.1	141,300	134,900	6,400	4.5
PERRY COUNTY								
November 2018	24,300	23,500	800	3.3	24,600	23,600	900	3.9
October	24,100	23,300	800	3.2	24,300	23,400	900	3.7
September	24,300	23,500	800	3.3	24,400	23,500	900	3.8
November 2017	23,700	22,800	900	3.7	24,000	23,000	1,000	4.3

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TABLE 2

HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry 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
TOTAL NONFARM	350,900	349,400	349,300	344,400	1,500	6,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	291,800	290,900	290,300	285,400	900	6,400
GOODS-PRODUCING	34,900	35,200	35,100	33,700	-300	1,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,900	13,100	13,000	12,100	-200	800
Manufacturing	22,000	22,100	22,100	21,600	-100	400
Durable Goods	11,200	11,300	11,300	10,800	-100	400
Non-Durable Goods	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0
Food mfg.	6,200	6,200	6,100	6,200	0	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	316,000	314,200	314,200	310,700	1,800	5,300
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	256,900	255,700	255,200	251,700	1,200	5,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	74,800	72,600	72,300	74,000	2,200	800
Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,900	11,900	11,800	-100	0
Retail Trade	32,300	30,800	31,000	32,300	1,500	0
General merchandise stores	5,700	5,400	5,300	5,600	300	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	30,700	29,900	29,400	29,900	800	800
Transportation and Warehousing	29,600	28,800	28,200	28,700	800	900
Truck transportation	8,900	8,800	8,900	8,800	100	100
Warehousing and storage	13,200	13,100	13,000	12,700	100	500
Information	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100
Financial Activities	22,100	21,900	21,800	21,600	200	500
Finance and insurance	18,900	18,800	18,700	18,600	100	300
Professional and Business Services	50,300	50,400	50,500	49,100	-100	1,200
Professional and technical services	19,200	19,100	19,200	18,700	100	500
Management of companies and enterprises	9,000	9,000	9,100	8,900	0	100
Administrative and waste services	22,100	22,300	22,200	21,500	-200	600
Education and Health Services	59,700	59,900	59,100	57,700	-200	2,000
Educational services	9,200	9,200	9,000	8,700	0	500
Health care and social assistance	50,500	50,700	50,100	49,000	-200	1,500
Hospitals	16,900	16,800	16,800	16,500	100	400
Leisure and Hospitality	31,700	32,500	33,100	30,900	-800	800
Accommodation and food services	24,800	25,000	25,200	24,500	-200	300
Food services and drinking places	20,500	20,500	20,600	20,200	0	300
Other Services	14,800	14,900	14,900	14,800	-100	0
Government	59,100	58,500	59,000	59,000	600	100
Federal Government	7,300	7,200	7,200	7,300	100	0
State Government	31,500	31,200	31,600	31,400	300	100
Local Government	20,300	20,100	20,200	20,300	200	0
Local government educational services	13,300	13,100	13,100	13,400	200	-100
Local government excluding educational services	7,000	7,000	7,100	6,900	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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