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### **HARRISBURG-CARLISLE MSA AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.1%**

**HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 26)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Harrisburg-Carlisle Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) remained unchanged over the month at 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 Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA were up 1,100 over the month to a new record high of 367,200 in August. Over the year, jobs were up 3.5 percent (+12,500) in the MSA while statewide jobs were up 2.6 percent.

#### **August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail**

Over the month, supersectors were relatively unchanged except expected seasonal changes; education & health services (+400) and government (+500) were up seasonally due to the start of the school year. Leisure & hospitality (+600) also showed a seasonal gain. Over the year, nine of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest gain in leisure & hospitality (+3,500).

**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<sup>1</sup>

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
August 2023	316,700	304,500	12,200	3.9	310,400	300,600	9,800	3.1
July	314,400	304,200	10,300	3.3	309,700	300,200	9,400	3.1
June	313,700	303,100	10,600	3.4	309,700	300,000	9,700	3.1
August 2022	314,500	302,100	12,400	3.9	306,200	294,600	11,600	3.8

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
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.
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(Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties)

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TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
<b>CUMBERLAND COUNTY</b>								
August 2023	140,000	134,900	5,100	3.6	137,800	133,900	4,000	2.9
July	139,000	134,700	4,200	3.0	136,000	133,000	3,000	2.2
June	138,600	134,300	4,400	3.1	137,000	133,400	3,700	2.7
August 2022	138,800	133,800	5,000	3.6	136,600	132,700	3,900	2.8
<b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b>								
August 2023	151,000	144,800	6,200	4.1	149,000	143,700	5,200	3.5
July	149,900	144,700	5,300	3.5	147,100	142,800	4,300	2.9
June	149,700	144,200	5,500	3.6	148,200	143,400	4,800	3.3
August 2022	150,400	143,900	6,500	4.3	148,300	142,800	5,500	3.7
<b>PERRY COUNTY</b>								
August 2023	25,800	24,800	1,000	3.8	25,400	24,600	800	3.2
July	25,500	24,800	800	3.1	25,000	24,400	600	2.5
June	25,400	24,600	800	3.2	25,100	24,400	700	2.9
August 2022	25,300	24,400	900	3.7	25,000	24,200	800	3.2

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TABLE 2

## HARRISBURG-CARLISLE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties)

### 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
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>368,300</b>	368,000	367,800	355,900	300	12,400
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>312,300</b>	312,500	311,400	300,700	-200	11,600
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>35,900</b>	36,100	35,800	35,600	-200	300
<b>Mining, Logging, and Construction</b>	<b>13,100</b>	13,300	13,000	12,700	-200	400
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>22,800</b>	22,800	22,800	22,900	0	-100
Durable Goods	<b>11,200</b>	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	100
Non-Durable Goods	<b>11,600</b>	11,600	11,600	11,800	0	-200
Food mfg.	<b>6,500</b>	6,400	6,500	6,600	100	-100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>332,400</b>	331,900	332,000	320,300	500	12,100
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>276,400</b>	276,400	275,600	265,100	0	11,300
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>79,800</b>	80,100	80,700	78,600	-300	1,200
Wholesale Trade	<b>12,500</b>	12,500	12,500	12,200	0	300
Retail Trade	<b>31,400</b>	31,400	31,300	31,700	0	-300
General merchandise retailers	<b>5,900</b>	6,000	5,900	5,700	-100	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>35,900</b>	36,200	36,900	34,700	-300	1,200
Transportation and Warehousing	<b>35,400</b>	35,700	36,400	34,100	-300	1,300
Truck transportation	<b>8,300</b>	8,500	8,600	8,600	-200	-300
Warehousing and storage	<b>17,800</b>	17,800	17,900	17,100	0	700
Information	<b>3,600</b>	3,700	3,700	3,500	-100	100
Financial Activities	<b>19,200</b>	19,300	19,300	19,000	-100	200
Finance and insurance	<b>15,800</b>	15,900	15,900	15,600	-100	200
Professional and Business Services	<b>53,500</b>	53,900	54,200	51,100	-400	2,400
Professional and technical services	<b>22,000</b>	22,100	21,900	20,700	-100	1,300
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>10,200</b>	10,400	10,500	9,900	-200	300
Administrative and waste services	<b>21,300</b>	21,400	21,800	20,500	-100	800
Education and Health Services	<b>67,700</b>	67,300	66,900	64,600	400	3,100
Educational services	<b>7,600</b>	7,300	7,000	7,600	300	0
Health care and social assistance	<b>60,100</b>	60,000	59,900	57,000	100	3,100
Hospitals	<b>19,000</b>	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	<b>36,300</b>	35,700	34,700	32,800	600	3,500
Accommodation and food services	<b>26,400</b>	25,900	25,300	24,100	500	2,300
Food services and drinking places	<b>21,700</b>	21,300	20,800	20,000	400	1,700
Other Services	<b>16,300</b>	16,400	16,100	15,500	-100	800
<b>Government</b>	<b>56,000</b>	55,500	56,400	55,200	500	800
Federal Government	<b>7,400</b>	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
State Government	<b>29,500</b>	29,300	29,300	29,100	200	400
Local Government	<b>19,100</b>	18,800	19,700	18,700	300	400
Local government educational services	<b>12,100</b>	11,800	12,800	12,000	300	100
Local government excluding educational services	<b>7,000</b>	7,000	6,900	6,700	0	300
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
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,164,500</b>	6,148,700	6,134,600	6,010,700	15,800	153,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>392,800</b>	392,700	391,800	386,600	100	6,200
Altoona MSA	<b>61,200</b>	61,300	60,800	59,900	-100	1,300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>44,000</b>	44,000	44,000	43,200	0	800
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>63,100</b>	62,900	62,800	61,800	200	1,300
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,900</b>	58,300	58,400	57,800	600	1,100
Erie MSA	<b>124,400</b>	123,600	124,900	122,600	800	1,800
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,400</b>	34,400	34,200	33,600	0	800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>367,200</b>	366,100	365,100	354,700	1,100	12,500
Johnstown MSA	<b>52,100</b>	51,900	51,800	50,600	200	1,500
Lancaster MSA	<b>266,500</b>	265,800	265,500	261,100	700	5,400
Lebanon MSA	<b>56,800</b>	56,400	56,100	54,000	400	2,800
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,116,000</b>	3,111,800	3,102,900	3,033,100	4,200	82,900
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,139,900</b>	1,140,000	1,138,000	1,109,700	-100	30,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,019,600</b>	1,016,300	1,014,000	988,300	3,300	31,300
Philadelphia City	<b>773,100</b>	770,800	769,500	747,400	2,300	25,700
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,174,500</b>	1,174,700	1,172,500	1,149,000	-200	25,500
Reading MSA	<b>180,300</b>	179,900	179,800	177,900	400	2,400
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>270,400</b>	269,700	269,100	261,300	700	9,100
State College MSA	<b>78,700</b>	78,500	79,000	77,300	200	1,400
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,000</b>	52,000	51,900	51,200	0	800
York-Hanover MSA	<b>193,000</b>	193,000	192,900	190,400	0	2,600
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