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### **JOHNSTOWN MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED AT 4.4% IN** **AUGUST**

**HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 26)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Johnstown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) remained steady at a record low 4.4 percent in August (records back to January 1976). This was the sixth consecutive month in which the local area was at a record low. Pennsylvania’s rate was 3.5 percent, remaining the lowest rate on record (back to January 1976). The national rate was 3.8 percent. Over the year, the Johnstown MSA’s rate was down 1.2 percentage points.

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 Johnstown MSA were up 200 over the month to 52,100 in August.** Over the year, jobs increased by 1,500 (+3.0%) in the MSA as statewide jobs rose 2.6 percent since August 2022.

#### **August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)**

Over the month, jobs in all 10 supersectors were essentially unchanged. Over the year the largest increases among the supersectors were an addition of 500 jobs in education and health services followed by professional and business services and trade, transportation, and utilities which both went up by 300. The other seven supersectors were basically unchanged since August of 2022.

**TABLE 1**  
**JOHNSTOWN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Cambria County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE<sup>1</sup>

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>
August 2023	55,500	52,500	2,900	5.3	55,100	52,600	2,400	4.4
July	55,200	52,600	2,600	4.7	55,000	52,600	2,400	4.4
June	55,300	52,600	2,700	4.9	55,000	52,500	2,500	4.5
August 2022	55,700	52,400	3,300	6.0	55,400	52,300	3,100	5.6

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

AREA NAME	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>
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**

**JOHNSTOWN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

(Cambria 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
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>51,300</b>	51,200	51,600	49,800	100	1,500
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>44,300</b>	44,200	44,200	42,900	100	1,400
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>6,100</b>	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>45,200</b>	45,100	45,500	43,900	100	1,300
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>38,200</b>	38,100	38,100	37,000	100	1,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,100	10,100	10,200	9,800	0	300
Retail Trade	6,200	6,300	6,300	6,200	-100	0
Information	800	800	800	800	0	0
Financial Activities	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Professional and Business Services	5,400	5,300	5,300	5,100	100	300
Education and Health Services	12,100	12,100	12,100	11,600	0	500
Leisure and Hospitality	4,500	4,500	4,400	4,500	0	0
Other Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
<b>Government</b>	<b>7,000</b>	7,000	7,400	6,900	0	100
Federal Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
State Government	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	100
Local Government	4,300	4,300	4,700	4,400	0	-100
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
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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