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### **LANCASTER MSA UNEMPLOYMENT AT 2.8% IN AUGUST**

**HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 26)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 2.8 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 Lancaster MSA were up 700 over the month to 266,500 in August.** Over the year, jobs were up 2.1 percent (+5,400) in the MSA as statewide jobs rose 2.6 percent over that time.

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

Over the month, three published supersectors had gains - education & health services (+400), leisure & hospitality (+400) and government (+400). The rest were essentially unchanged. Over the year, seven of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest gain in education & health services (+2,400).

**TABLE 1**  
**LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Lancaster County)

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	298,000	287,300	10,700	3.6	291,200	282,900	8,300	2.8
July	295,700	286,200	9,400	3.2	290,400	282,200	8,200	2.8
June	295,200	285,600	9,500	3.2	290,600	282,000	8,600	3.0
August 2022	288,700	277,700	11,100	3.8	290,000	279,800	10,200	3.5

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.
- 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

## LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lancaster 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>267,800</b>	266,900	267,600	260,600	900	7,200
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>250,000</b>	249,500	248,900	243,800	500	6,200
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>59,400</b>	59,500	59,300	58,400	-100	1,000
<b>Mining, Logging, and Construction</b>	<b>20,700</b>	20,800	20,500	19,700	-100	1,000
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>38,700</b>	38,700	38,800	38,700	0	0
Durable Goods	<b>21,600</b>	21,700	21,600	21,300	-100	300
Non-Durable Goods	<b>17,100</b>	17,000	17,200	17,400	100	-300
Food mfg.	<b>8,700</b>	8,700	8,800	8,700	0	0
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>208,400</b>	207,400	208,300	202,200	1,000	6,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>190,600</b>	190,000	189,600	185,400	600	5,200
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>61,500</b>	61,600	62,100	60,100	-100	1,400
Wholesale Trade	<b>14,200</b>	14,100	14,000	13,800	100	400
Retail Trade	<b>30,600</b>	30,700	31,100	30,100	-100	500
General merchandise retailers	<b>3,400</b>	3,400	3,300	3,300	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>16,700</b>	16,800	17,000	16,200	-100	500
<b>Information</b>	<b>2,600</b>	2,700	2,600	2,600	-100	0
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>10,400</b>	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>26,900</b>	26,800	26,700	27,300	100	-400
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>48,600</b>	48,200	47,800	46,200	400	2,400
Health care and social assistance	<b>42,000</b>	41,800	41,600	40,300	200	1,700
Hospitals	<b>9,900</b>	9,800	9,800	9,500	100	400
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>27,500</b>	27,100	26,900	26,300	400	1,200
Accommodation and food services	<b>21,600</b>	21,100	21,100	20,800	500	800
Food services and drinking places	<b>17,700</b>	17,600	17,600	16,900	100	800
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>13,100</b>	13,200	13,100	12,700	-100	400
<b>Government</b>	<b>17,800</b>	17,400	18,700	16,800	400	1,000
Federal Government	<b>1,300</b>	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
State Government	<b>2,500</b>	2,100	2,100	2,100	400	400
Local Government	<b>14,000</b>	14,000	15,300	13,500	0	500
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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