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LEBANON MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.2% IN AUGUST

HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 26) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lebanon Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to **3.2 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 one-half 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 Lebanon MSA were up 400 over the month to a record high of 56,800 in August. Over the year, jobs were up 5.2 percent (+2,800) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 2.6 percent.

August Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Over the month, job movements were mixed. Trade, transportation and utilities added 200 jobs, while government was down 200. The remainder of the published supersectors were essentially unchanged. Over the year, three of the four had job gains, led by trade, transportation and utilities (+700).

TABLE 1
LEBANON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
 (Lebanon County)

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

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT ²	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) ³
August 2023	76,200	73,300	2,900	3.8	74,800	72,400	2,400	3.2
July	75,500	73,000	2,500	3.3	74,500	72,200	2,300	3.0
June	75,500	72,900	2,600	3.4	74,400	72,100	2,300	3.1
August 2022	74,100	71,100	3,000	4.1	73,300	70,600	2,700	3.7

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

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	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

LEBANON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lebanon 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	56,100	55,800	56,200	53,700	300	2,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	48,100	47,600	47,500	45,600	500	2,500
GOODS-PRODUCING	12,200	12,000	11,900	11,500	200	700
Manufacturing	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,200	0	300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,900	43,800	44,300	42,200	100	1,700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	35,900	35,600	35,600	34,100	300	1,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,400	13,200	13,300	12,700	200	700
Retail Trade	7,100	7,000	7,100	6,500	100	600
Education and Health Services	8,400	8,300	8,300	8,100	100	300
Government	8,000	8,200	8,700	8,100	-200	-100
Federal Government	3,900	3,900	3,800	3,600	0	300
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	3,300	3,500	4,100	3,700	-200	-400
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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