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### **PITTSBURGH MSA OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.2%**

**HARRISBURG (NOVEMBER 28)** – The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 4.2 percent. The Pittsburgh MSA had the ninth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.4 percent in the Gettysburg, Lancaster, and State College MSAs to 5.3 percent in the Johnstown MSA. The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Pennsylvania and the nation were unchanged at 4.1 and 3.7 percent, respectively. Over the year, the local MSA’s rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 5.8 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.3 percent in Chester and Cumberland counties to 6.4 percent in Forest County.

**In October, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA increased 2,900 to 1,194,000 and reached a new record high.** Over the year, jobs were up 1.2 percent (+13,700) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.5 percent.

#### **October’s Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)**

As additional staff returned to local schools and universities following summer break, education-related supersectors added more jobs last month. The largest gain was in education & health services (+3,400) which reached a new record high of 258,600, mostly from educational services which added 3,300 jobs. Local government educational services increased 1,600.

**TABLE 1**  
**PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
 (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington & Westmoreland 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/
October 2018	1,210,100	1,164,600	45,600	3.8	1,211,100	1,159,900	51,200	4.2
September	1,200,800	1,155,700	45,200	3.8	1,199,600	1,149,700	49,900	4.2
August	1,200,100	1,147,600	52,500	4.4	1,189,600	1,141,800	47,800	4.0
October 2017	1,199,500	1,148,400	51,100	4.3	1,206,700	1,148,300	58,400	4.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 October 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	441,700	423,600	18,100	4.1	439,600	419,700	20,000	4.5
Altoona MSA	59,500	57,300	2,300	3.8	60,100	57,500	2,600	4.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,600	41,000	1,600	3.8	42,400	40,400	1,900	4.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,700	74,100	2,600	3.4	77,100	74,200	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,600	77,600	4,000	4.9	82,100	77,800	4,300	5.2
Erie MSA	129,200	123,900	5,300	4.1	129,100	123,000	6,100	4.7
Gettysburg MSA	56,200	54,500	1,700	3.0	56,200	54,200	1,900	3.4
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	296,800	286,800	10,100	3.4	298,200	287,200	11,000	3.7
Johnstown MSA	59,600	56,900	2,600	4.4	59,500	56,400	3,200	5.3
Lancaster MSA	282,400	273,600	8,800	3.1	282,700	272,900	9,700	3.4
Lebanon MSA	70,200	67,700	2,500	3.5	70,500	67,800	2,700	3.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,120,700	2,999,200	121,500	3.9	3,117,100	2,989,200	127,900	4.1
Pittsburgh MSA	1,210,100	1,164,600	45,600	3.8	1,211,100	1,159,900	51,200	4.2
Reading MSA	213,300	205,100	8,300	3.9	214,000	204,900	9,100	4.3
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	281,200	268,400	12,800	4.5	281,300	266,900	14,400	5.1
State College MSA	80,500	78,100	2,400	3.0	78,500	75,800	2,700	3.4
Williamsport MSA	56,100	53,700	2,300	4.2	56,300	53,500	2,800	4.9
York-Hanover MSA	236,000	227,700	8,300	3.5	236,200	227,300	8,900	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,455,000	6,203,000	252,000	3.9	6,420,000	6,155,000	265,000	4.1
UNITED STATES	162,723,000	156,952,000	5,771,000	3.5	162,637,000	156,562,000	6,075,000	3.7

ALL DATA ARE ON 2017 BENCHMARK.

SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

FOOTNOTES

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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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**TABLE 1A**  
**PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
 (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington & Westmoreland 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/
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	648,900	624,800	24,100	3.7	651,700	625,100	26,600	4.1
September	643,400	619,600	23,800	3.7	644,700	619,000	25,600	4.0
August	642,100	614,900	27,200	4.2	637,900	613,600	24,300	3.8
October 2017	642,600	616,200	26,500	4.1	645,500	616,500	29,000	4.5
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	32,300	31,100	1,300	3.9	32,700	31,100	1,600	4.9
September	32,200	30,900	1,200	3.9	32,400	30,900	1,500	4.7
August	32,400	30,800	1,600	4.8	32,100	30,600	1,500	4.7
October 2017	32,200	30,600	1,500	4.7	32,500	30,700	1,800	5.6
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	84,700	81,400	3,300	3.9	85,200	81,400	3,800	4.5
September	84,100	80,800	3,300	3.9	84,400	80,700	3,700	4.4
August	84,100	80,200	3,900	4.6	83,600	80,000	3,600	4.3
October 2017	84,200	80,300	3,900	4.7	84,800	80,300	4,500	5.3
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	98,400	95,200	3,300	3.3	99,200	95,300	3,900	3.9
September	97,800	94,600	3,300	3.4	98,300	94,500	3,800	3.9
August	97,900	94,000	3,900	4.0	97,300	93,700	3,500	3.6
October 2017	97,600	93,800	3,700	3.8	98,300	94,000	4,300	4.4
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	57,300	54,600	2,700	4.8	58,000	54,600	3,400	5.8
September	56,900	54,200	2,700	4.8	57,500	54,200	3,300	5.7
August	57,200	53,900	3,200	5.6	56,900	53,700	3,200	5.6
October 2017	57,000	53,800	3,100	5.5	57,600	53,800	3,800	6.5
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	106,400	102,400	4,000	3.8	107,100	102,500	4,600	4.3
September	105,600	101,700	3,900	3.7	106,100	101,600	4,500	4.2
August	105,500	101,000	4,500	4.2	105,000	100,700	4,300	4.1
October 2017	105,600	101,000	4,600	4.3	106,300	101,100	5,200	4.9
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
October 2018	182,000	175,100	6,900	3.8	183,200	175,200	8,000	4.4
September	180,700	173,800	6,900	3.8	181,600	173,600	7,900	4.4
August	181,000	172,700	8,300	4.6	179,600	172,100	7,500	4.2
October 2017	180,400	172,600	7,800	4.3	181,600	172,700	8,900	4.9
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
October 2018	157,800	151,700	6,100	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	156,400	150,400	6,000	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
August	155,900	149,300	6,700	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October 2017	156,400	149,600	6,800	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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TABLE 2

## PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,  
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)

**October 2018**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2018	Oct 2017
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,204,600</b>	1,195,600	1,182,100	1,190,600	9,000	14,000
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,086,900</b>	1,078,700	1,073,000	1,073,100	8,200	13,800
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>163,200</b>	162,200	161,300	157,200	1,000	6,000
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>10,600</b>	10,600	10,600	10,100	0	500
<b>Construction</b>	<b>65,600</b>	64,700	63,200	61,600	900	4,000
Specialty trade contractors	<b>35,300</b>	34,200	33,100	33,300	1,100	2,000
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>87,000</b>	86,900	87,500	85,500	100	1,500
Durable Goods	<b>63,900</b>	64,000	64,500	62,300	-100	1,600
Primary metal mfg.	<b>10,800</b>	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	200
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,400</b>	5,400	5,400	5,600	0	-200
Non-Durable Goods	<b>23,100</b>	22,900	23,000	23,200	200	-100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,041,400</b>	1,033,400	1,020,800	1,033,400	8,000	8,000
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>923,700</b>	916,500	911,700	915,900	7,200	7,800
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>211,500</b>	210,500	206,300	214,200	1,000	-2,700
Wholesale Trade	<b>43,500</b>	43,300	43,200	43,000	200	500
Retail Trade	<b>120,300</b>	119,800	120,800	124,100	500	-3,800
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>7,700</b>	8,000	8,300	7,800	-300	-100
Food and beverage stores	<b>22,100</b>	22,000	22,400	22,400	100	-300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	<b>8,400</b>	8,000	8,300	8,700	400	-300
General merchandise stores	<b>25,000</b>	24,500	24,800	24,500	500	500
Department stores	<b>10,700</b>	10,300	10,500	10,800	400	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>47,700</b>	47,400	42,300	47,100	300	600
Utilities	<b>5,900</b>	5,700	5,700	5,800	200	100
Truck transportation	<b>11,300</b>	11,200	11,300	11,100	100	200
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,800</b>	18,700	19,000	18,400	100	400
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>71,300</b>	71,400	72,800	72,800	-100	-1,500
Finance and insurance	<b>58,000</b>	57,900	59,100	58,400	100	-400
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	<b>28,600</b>	28,400	28,700	28,400	200	200
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	<b>25,600</b>	25,400	25,600	25,100	200	500
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>24,100</b>	24,100	24,200	23,800	0	300
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>187,000</b>	186,800	184,900	183,100	200	3,900
Professional and technical services	<b>85,500</b>	86,200	85,500	83,500	-700	2,000
Architectural and engineering services	<b>17,300</b>	17,100	17,400	17,400	200	-100
Scientific research and development services	<b>8,600</b>	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	300
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>40,100</b>	39,700	40,100	38,900	400	1,200
Administrative and waste services	<b>61,400</b>	60,900	59,300	60,700	500	700
Administrative and support services	<b>57,900</b>	57,000	55,600	57,100	900	800
Employment services	<b>20,500</b>	19,900	18,300	20,100	600	400
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>258,600</b>	255,200	246,200	254,400	3,400	4,200
Educational services	<b>56,600</b>	53,300	44,800	55,800	3,300	800
Colleges and universities	<b>43,000</b>	40,200	31,600	42,500	2,800	500
Health care and social assistance	<b>202,000</b>	201,900	201,400	198,600	100	3,400
Ambulatory health care services	<b>69,000</b>	69,100	68,600	68,600	-100	400
Offices of physicians	<b>26,000</b>	25,900	25,900	25,600	100	400
Hospitals	<b>56,700</b>	56,700	56,400	55,900	0	800
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>50,800</b>	50,800	50,600	50,200	0	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>37,800</b>	37,800	37,800	36,900	0	900
Social assistance	<b>38,500</b>	38,300	38,600	37,200	200	1,300

Data benchmarked to March 2017

\*\*\*Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding\*\*\*

TABLE 2

**PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,  
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)**October 2018****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2018	Oct 2017
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>124,300</b>	122,700	130,500	121,800	1,600	2,500
Accommodation and food services	<b>101,200</b>	98,900	103,900	98,600	2,300	2,600
Food services and drinking places	<b>91,600</b>	89,500	94,900	89,000	2,100	2,600
Full-service restaurants	<b>45,500</b>	44,000	46,100	44,200	1,500	1,300
Limited-service eating places	<b>34,900</b>	34,000	36,900	33,100	900	1,800
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>52,200</b>	51,200	52,000	51,200	1,000	1,000
<b>Government</b>	<b>117,700</b>	116,900	109,100	117,500	800	200
Federal Government	<b>18,100</b>	18,000	18,000	18,000	100	100
State Government	<b>16,200</b>	16,000	13,900	15,200	200	1,000
Local Government	<b>83,400</b>	82,900	77,200	84,300	500	-900
Local government educational services	<b>49,400</b>	47,800	41,000	50,100	1,600	-700
Local government excluding educational services	<b>34,000</b>	35,100	36,200	34,200	-1,100	-200
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**

**October 2018**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Oct 2017	Sep 2018	Oct 2017
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,063,400</b>	6,044,900	6,027,900	5,971,100	18,500	92,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>379,500</b>	375,700	374,200	371,400	3,800	8,100
Altoona MSA	<b>62,000</b>	61,700	61,700	61,000	300	1,000
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>42,600</b>	42,700	42,900	42,700	-100	-100
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>61,500</b>	61,600	61,900	60,400	-100	1,100
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,800</b>	58,600	59,000	58,000	200	800
Erie MSA	<b>128,000</b>	127,800	127,700	128,200	200	-200
Gettysburg MSA	<b>36,200</b>	36,200	36,300	35,300	0	900
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>348,500</b>	348,000	346,300	343,800	500	4,700
Johnstown MSA	<b>55,700</b>	55,500	55,700	55,300	200	400
Lancaster MSA	<b>259,000</b>	257,700	257,300	253,700	1,300	5,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>52,700</b>	52,600	52,400	52,300	100	400
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,970,200</b>	2,968,200	2,961,300	2,929,200	2,000	41,000
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,078,800</b>	1,078,000	1,076,400	1,070,000	800	8,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>969,900</b>	969,200	964,500	951,300	700	18,600
Philadelphia City	<b>732,000</b>	732,000	727,500	715,100	0	16,900
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,194,000</b>	1,191,100	1,187,600	1,180,300	2,900	13,700
Reading MSA	<b>181,400</b>	181,200	180,700	178,200	200	3,200
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>268,400</b>	268,200	268,500	265,600	200	2,800
State College MSA	<b>78,800</b>	78,400	79,000	77,900	400	900
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,600</b>	52,700	52,600	53,200	-100	-600
York-Hanover MSA	<b>189,600</b>	188,900	188,900	186,400	700	3,200
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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