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PITTSBURGH MSA DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 3.4%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 30) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to a record low 3.4 percent in December 2023 (records back to January 1976). The Pennsylvania unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 3.5% in December while the national rate was unchanged from November at 3.7 percent. The Pittsburgh MSA's rate was 1.1 percentage points below its December 2022 level of 4.5 percent.

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 Pittsburgh MSA decreased by 1,500 over the month to 1,171,800 in December. Jobs in the local area rose by nine-tenths of a percent (+10,800) over the year. Statewide jobs were up by 1.8 percent since last December.

December Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

Over the month, jobs declined in seven of the eleven supersectors and increased in two. The largest decrease was observed in education and health services (-3,600) and was evenly split between the education sector, where the drop was seasonal due to winter break, and the healthcare and social assistance sector. Additional seasonal declines occurred in construction and professional and business services, both down 1,800, and government, down 1,100. Trade, transportation, and utilities had a seasonal increase of 1,600. Over the year, jobs were up in nine of the eleven supersectors. Education and health services led the gainers, adding 4,900 jobs (+2.0%).

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 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
December 2023	1,165,900	1,132,100	33,900	2.9	1,176,300	1,136,100	40,200	3.4
November	1,179,300	1,145,700	33,600	2.9	1,175,600	1,134,900	40,700	3.5
October	1,173,900	1,136,800	37,100	3.2	1,173,900	1,132,600	41,400	3.5
December 2022	1,177,200	1,134,200	43,000	3.7	1,180,000	1,126,900	53,100	4.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 December 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	456,500	441,700	14,800	3.3	456,900	439,300	17,700	3.9
Altoona MSA	58,800	57,100	1,700	2.8	59,000	57,000	2,000	3.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,600	42,300	1,300	3.1	43,600	42,100	1,500	3.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,300	75,400	1,800	2.4	78,100	75,800	2,300	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,800	78,700	3,100	3.8	82,300	78,700	3,700	4.5
Erie MSA	124,300	120,200	4,100	3.3	125,200	120,300	4,900	3.9
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,600	1,200	2.2	55,100	53,700	1,500	2.7
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	311,400	303,900	7,500	2.4	313,100	303,700	9,500	3.0
Johnstown MSA	54,700	52,700	2,000	3.6	55,000	52,700	2,300	4.2
Lancaster MSA	291,800	285,100	6,600	2.3	294,100	286,000	8,100	2.8
Lebanon MSA	75,400	73,700	1,700	2.3	75,600	73,400	2,200	2.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,275,200	3,167,700	107,500	3.3	3,284,500	3,161,800	122,700	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,165,900	1,132,100	33,900	2.9	1,176,300	1,136,100	40,200	3.4
Reading MSA	213,500	207,100	6,400	3.0	215,100	207,300	7,900	3.7
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	280,400	270,600	9,800	3.5	280,100	268,500	11,500	4.1
State College MSA	80,800	78,900	1,900	2.3	79,100	77,000	2,100	2.7
Williamsport MSA	55,200	53,400	1,800	3.2	55,300	53,300	2,000	3.6
York-Hanover MSA	240,500	234,600	6,000	2.5	240,600	233,200	7,300	3.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,493,000	6,303,000	190,000	2.9	6,528,000	6,303,000	226,000	3.5
UNITED STATES	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5	167,451,000	161,183,000	6,268,000	3.7

ALL DATA ARE ON 2022 BENCHMARK.

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

FOOTNOTES

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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY - MENT ²	UNEMPLOY - MENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
December 2023	625,500	608,300	17,200	2.8	631,900	611,500	20,400	3.2
November	633,300	615,600	17,700	2.8	638,000	616,300	21,800	3.4
October	630,300	610,600	19,800	3.1	629,900	606,800	23,100	3.7
December 2022	630,500	609,300	21,200	3.4	636,600	612,400	24,200	3.8
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
December 2023	30,800	29,700	1,100	3.6	30,900	29,800	1,100	3.6
November	31,000	30,100	1,000	3.1	31,200	30,000	1,200	3.7
October	30,900	29,900	1,000	3.2	31,000	29,600	1,300	4.4
December 2022	31,200	29,800	1,400	4.5	31,200	29,900	1,400	4.4
BEAVER COUNTY								
December 2023	80,500	77,900	2,600	3.2	81,400	78,300	3,100	3.9
November	81,600	78,900	2,700	3.3	82,400	78,800	3,500	4.3
October	81,200	78,300	2,900	3.6	81,400	77,700	3,700	4.6
December 2022	82,000	78,100	3,900	4.8	82,900	78,400	4,500	5.4
BUTLER COUNTY								
December 2023	97,700	95,100	2,600	2.6	98,700	95,800	3,000	3.0
November	98,700	96,300	2,400	2.5	99,500	96,200	3,300	3.3
October	98,300	95,600	2,700	2.7	98,300	95,000	3,300	3.4
December 2022	98,600	95,300	3,300	3.3	99,600	96,000	3,700	3.7
FAYETTE COUNTY								
December 2023	54,200	52,000	2,200	4.0	54,400	52,200	2,200	4.0
November	54,700	52,700	2,000	3.7	55,100	52,600	2,500	4.5
October	54,400	52,300	2,100	3.9	54,600	51,900	2,700	5.0
December 2022	55,100	52,100	2,900	5.3	55,200	52,300	2,900	5.2
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
December 2023	103,500	100,500	3,000	2.9	104,500	101,000	3,500	3.3
November	104,600	101,700	3,000	2.8	105,600	101,800	3,800	3.6
October	104,200	100,900	3,300	3.2	104,400	100,300	4,100	3.9
December 2022	104,500	100,700	3,800	3.6	105,400	101,200	4,200	4.0
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
December 2023	173,800	168,600	5,200	3.0	175,400	169,300	6,000	3.4
November	175,400	170,500	4,900	2.8	176,500	169,900	6,500	3.7
October	174,700	169,300	5,400	3.1	174,800	167,800	6,900	4.0
December 2022	175,400	168,900	6,500	3.7	176,900	169,600	7,300	4.1
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
December 2023	150,900	147,200	3,800	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
November	152,800	149,000	3,900	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October	152,200	147,700	4,500	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
December 2022	152,000	147,400	4,600	3.0	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)

December 2023

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022
TOTAL NONFARM	1,176,300	1,183,900	1,177,200	1,165,500	-7,600	10,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,063,500	1,070,000	1,064,200	1,052,900	-6,500	10,600
GOODS-PRODUCING	149,600	151,900	153,500	146,700	-2,300	2,900
Mining and Logging	8,200	8,400	8,400	8,100	-200	100
Construction	55,400	57,200	59,300	55,100	-1,800	300
Specialty trade contractors	31,300	32,500	34,100	32,600	-1,200	-1,300
Manufacturing	86,000	86,300	85,800	83,500	-300	2,500
Durable Goods	62,700	63,100	62,700	60,800	-400	1,900
Primary metal mfg.	10,200	10,200	10,100	9,900	0	300
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Non-Durable Goods	23,300	23,200	23,100	22,700	100	600
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,026,700	1,032,000	1,023,700	1,018,800	-5,300	7,900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	913,900	918,100	910,700	906,200	-4,200	7,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	211,900	210,300	205,900	210,500	1,600	1,400
Wholesale Trade	41,800	41,400	41,300	41,800	400	0
Retail Trade	117,900	117,700	114,600	117,600	200	300
Building material and supplies dealers	8,200	8,100	8,100	8,400	100	-200
Food and beverage retailers	22,400	22,300	22,000	22,500	100	-100
General merchandise retailers	26,600	26,000	24,700	25,900	600	700
Department stores	9,700	9,100	8,400	9,500	600	200
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry r	6,900	6,700	6,300	6,900	200	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	52,200	51,200	50,000	51,100	1,000	1,100
Utilities	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Truck transportation	10,600	10,600	10,600	11,000	0	-400
Information	21,900	21,900	21,900	21,800	0	100
Financial Activities	77,800	77,300	77,000	75,700	500	2,100
Finance and insurance	62,100	61,600	61,500	60,200	500	1,900
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities includin	27,200	27,000	27,000	26,900	200	300
Depository Credit Intermediation including Moneta	23,700	23,500	23,500	23,400	200	300
Insurance carriers and related activities	26,700	26,500	26,500	26,100	200	600
Professional and Business Services	192,300	194,100	192,800	193,300	-1,800	-1,000
Professional and technical services	92,700	93,100	91,700	89,600	-400	3,100
Architectural and engineering services	17,300	17,300	17,100	16,400	0	900
Scientific research and development services	12,100	12,000	11,800	11,400	100	700
Management of companies and enterprises	43,900	43,900	44,100	44,900	0	-1,000
Administrative and waste services	55,700	57,100	57,000	58,800	-1,400	-3,100
Administrative and support services	51,300	52,800	52,800	54,500	-1,500	-3,200
Employment services	19,200	19,600	19,300	20,900	-400	-1,700
Education and Health Services	251,800	255,400	251,500	246,900	-3,600	4,900
Educational services	53,200	55,000	54,400	52,700	-1,800	500
Colleges and universities	39,700	41,200	40,500	39,000	-1,500	700
Health care and social assistance	198,600	200,400	197,100	194,200	-1,800	4,400
Ambulatory health care services	72,200	73,800	71,600	71,200	-1,600	1,000
Offices of physicians	29,900	29,900	29,700	29,500	0	400
Hospitals	51,400	51,500	51,200	50,800	-100	600
General medical and surgical hospitals	49,200	49,300	48,900	48,500	-100	700
Nursing and residential care facilities	32,100	32,200	31,800	31,600	-100	500
Social assistance	42,900	42,900	42,500	40,600	0	2,300
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)**December 2023****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022
Leisure and Hospitality	110,500	111,400	114,300	111,600	-900	-1,100
Accommodation and food services	88,800	87,800	88,300	91,300	1,000	-2,500
Food services and drinking places	79,900	79,000	79,400	84,000	900	-4,100
Full-service restaurants	40,000	39,400	39,000	40,000	600	0
Limited-service eating places	33,300	32,900	33,000	33,000	400	300
Other Services	47,700	47,700	47,300	46,400	0	1,300
Government	112,800	113,900	113,000	112,600	-1,100	200
Federal Government	19,200	19,300	19,200	18,800	-100	400
State Government	13,200	13,500	13,400	13,100	-300	100
Local Government	80,400	81,100	80,400	80,700	-700	-300
Local government educational services	47,600	48,300	47,300	47,600	-700	0
Local government excluding educational services	32,800	32,800	33,100	33,100	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

December 2023

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2022
PENNSYLVANIA	6,182,700	6,176,500	6,167,800	6,071,000	6,200	111,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	395,100	394,800	392,900	388,900	300	6,200
Altoona MSA	61,800	61,600	61,400	60,800	200	1,000
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,700	44,400	44,200	43,800	300	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,700	62,900	63,000	62,000	-200	700
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,700	58,900	58,800	57,900	-200	800
Erie MSA	125,300	125,100	125,100	124,400	200	900
Gettysburg MSA	34,600	34,300	34,300	34,600	300	0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	370,400	369,700	369,200	361,100	700	9,300
Johnstown MSA	51,200	51,300	51,400	51,400	-100	-200
Lancaster MSA	270,100	269,800	268,900	264,900	300	5,200
Lebanon MSA	57,300	56,900	56,700	55,200	400	2,100
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,135,300	3,131,300	3,129,600	3,056,600	4,000	78,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,152,800	1,152,400	1,149,200	1,120,700	400	32,100
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,024,800	1,022,400	1,020,800	995,200	2,400	29,600
Philadelphia City	778,700	775,900	774,000	753,900	2,800	24,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,171,800	1,173,300	1,168,900	1,161,000	-1,500	10,800
Reading MSA	180,200	180,200	179,900	179,400	0	800
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	271,700	270,500	270,500	265,700	1,200	6,000
State College MSA	80,500	79,800	79,400	78,800	700	1,700
Williamsport MSA	52,600	52,600	52,300	51,800	0	800
York-Hanover MSA	195,400	194,700	194,200	192,100	700	3,300
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