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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.2% IN FEBRUARY**

**HARRISBURG (APRIL 2)** – 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 3.2 percent in February 2024. The statewide rate was unchanged at 3.4 percent and the national rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

*Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2024) labor force series have not been completed and are not reflected in this news release. Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data in late April 2024. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA or visit [www.paworkstats.pa.gov](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov).*

**Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA were essentially unchanged at 1,168,400 in February.** Jobs in the local area rose by 1.2 percent (+13,500) over the year. Statewide jobs were up by 1.2 percent since last February as well.

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

Over the month, jobs were up in seven of the eleven supersectors. The largest increases were seasonal gains in education and health services which added 4,300 jobs, and government which was 1,900 higher due to the start of the spring semester. Trade, transportation, and utilities had a seasonal decline of 1,400 jobs. Over the year, jobs were up in six of the eleven supersectors. Education and health services was up 8,000 jobs (+3.2%), followed by leisure and hospitality which had an increase of 2,600 (+2.4%). Professional and business services let go of 3,300 jobs (-1.8%) largely due to a decrease in employment services since February 2023.

**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<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>
February 2024	1,185,800	1,142,900	42,900	3.6	1,180,600	1,142,300	38,300	3.2
January	1,175,100	1,133,400	41,600	3.5	1,177,600	1,138,400	39,100	3.3
December 2023	1,165,900	1,132,100	33,900	2.9	1,176,300	1,136,100	40,200	3.4
February 2023	1,175,800	1,117,900	57,900	4.9	1,180,800	1,128,200	52,600	4.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 February 2024

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	463,500	445,200	18,300	3.9	459,100	442,300	16,800	3.7
Altoona MSA	59,400	57,400	2,000	3.4	59,200	57,400	1,800	3.0
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,600	42,900	1,700	3.8	43,900	42,400	1,500	3.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,400	74,100	2,300	3.0	77,400	75,200	2,200	2.8
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,900	79,100	3,800	4.6	82,600	79,100	3,500	4.3
Erie MSA	128,200	122,900	5,200	4.1	126,400	121,800	4,600	3.6
Gettysburg MSA	55,000	53,400	1,500	2.8	55,200	53,800	1,400	2.5
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	311,300	301,900	9,300	3.0	313,300	304,500	8,800	2.8
Johnstown MSA	56,100	53,700	2,400	4.3	55,200	53,100	2,100	3.8
Lancaster MSA	288,900	281,000	8,000	2.8	293,200	285,500	7,700	2.6
Lebanon MSA	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.9	75,700	73,700	2,000	2.7
Philadelphia MSA	3,283,000	3,157,200	125,800	3.8	3,283,400	3,164,100	119,300	3.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,185,800	1,142,900	42,900	3.6	1,180,600	1,142,300	38,300	3.2
Reading MSA	215,500	207,400	8,100	3.7	215,200	207,900	7,400	3.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	284,300	271,700	12,700	4.5	281,300	270,200	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	82,800	80,600	2,200	2.6	80,400	78,300	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,200	54,000	2,300	4.0	55,500	53,700	1,900	3.4
York-Hanover MSA	243,000	235,500	7,500	3.1	241,900	234,700	7,200	3.0
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,568,000</b>	<b>6,331,000</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6,558,000</b>	<b>6,338,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>167,285,000</b>	<b>160,315,000</b>	<b>6,970,000</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>167,426,000</b>	<b>160,968,000</b>	<b>6,458,000</b>	<b>3.9</b>

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2023 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER DATA ARE ON 2022 BENCHMARK.  
 SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

**FOOTNOTES**

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
February 2024	636,300	614,800	21,500	3.4	639,700	620,800	18,900	3.0
January	630,200	609,400	20,800	3.3	635,700	616,300	19,300	3.0
December 2023	625,500	608,300	17,200	2.8	631,900	611,500	20,400	3.2
February 2023	629,700	601,300	28,500	4.5	633,100	607,200	25,900	4.1
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
February 2024	31,300	29,800	1,500	4.8	31,300	30,200	1,100	3.4
January	31,100	29,600	1,500	4.7	31,200	30,100	1,000	3.2
December 2023	30,800	29,700	1,100	3.6	30,900	29,800	1,100	3.6
February 2023	31,200	29,200	2,000	6.3	31,100	29,600	1,500	4.9
BEAVER COUNTY								
February 2024	82,000	78,700	3,400	4.1	82,500	79,600	2,900	3.5
January	81,200	78,000	3,200	4.0	81,800	79,200	2,600	3.1
December 2023	80,500	77,900	2,600	3.2	81,400	78,300	3,100	3.9
February 2023	81,900	77,000	4,900	6.0	82,400	77,900	4,500	5.5
BUTLER COUNTY								
February 2024	99,100	95,800	3,300	3.4	99,500	96,700	2,800	2.8
January	98,300	95,100	3,200	3.3	98,900	96,500	2,400	2.4
December 2023	97,700	95,100	2,600	2.6	98,700	95,800	3,000	3.0
February 2023	98,300	93,800	4,600	4.6	98,700	94,700	4,000	4.1
FAYETTE COUNTY								
February 2024	55,100	52,400	2,700	5.0	55,200	53,100	2,100	3.9
January	54,800	52,000	2,700	5.0	54,800	52,900	2,000	3.6
December 2023	54,200	52,000	2,200	4.0	54,400	52,200	2,200	4.0
February 2023	55,000	51,300	3,700	6.8	55,100	52,000	3,100	5.7
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
February 2024	105,200	101,300	3,900	3.7	105,300	102,300	3,000	2.9
January	104,300	100,500	3,800	3.6	104,900	101,600	3,300	3.1
December 2023	103,500	100,500	3,000	2.9	104,500	101,000	3,500	3.3
February 2023	104,300	99,100	5,200	5.0	104,500	100,100	4,400	4.2
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
February 2024	176,700	170,000	6,700	3.8	177,500	172,100	5,500	3.1
January	175,100	168,700	6,400	3.7	177,100	171,800	5,300	3.0
December 2023	173,800	168,600	5,200	3.0	175,400	169,300	6,000	3.4
February 2023	175,300	166,300	9,000	5.1	176,100	168,400	7,800	4.4
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
February 2024	153,400	148,800	4,700	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
January	151,900	147,500	4,400	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
December 2023	150,900	147,200	3,800	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 2023	152,000	145,500	6,500	4.3	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)

**February 2024**

## NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2023
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,148,600</b>	1,143,200	1,169,100	1,140,500	5,400	8,100
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,034,700</b>	1,031,200	1,055,000	1,028,200	3,500	6,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>142,100</b>	142,500	147,000	143,800	-400	-1,700
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>8,000</b>	7,900	7,900	8,200	100	-200
<b>Construction</b>	<b>50,100</b>	50,100	54,300	51,700	0	-1,600
Specialty trade contractors	<b>29,400</b>	29,000	31,700	31,200	400	-1,800
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>84,000</b>	84,500	84,800	83,900	-500	100
Durable Goods	<b>61,000</b>	61,500	61,500	61,000	-500	0
Primary metal mfg.	<b>9,900</b>	10,000	10,000	9,900	-100	0
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,100</b>	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	-100
Non-Durable Goods	<b>23,000</b>	23,000	23,300	22,900	0	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,006,500</b>	1,000,700	1,022,100	996,700	5,800	9,800
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>892,600</b>	888,700	908,000	884,400	3,900	8,200
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>202,100</b>	203,500	210,900	202,400	-1,400	-300
Wholesale Trade	<b>40,500</b>	40,500	40,900	41,000	0	-500
Retail Trade	<b>113,700</b>	114,700	119,300	113,800	-1,000	-100
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>7,800</b>	7,900	8,100	8,100	-100	-300
Food and beverage retailers	<b>22,000</b>	22,100	22,500	22,300	-100	-300
General merchandise retailers	<b>24,600</b>	25,000	26,500	24,100	-400	500
Department stores	<b>7,900</b>	8,200	9,400	8,100	-300	-200
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry r	<b>6,300</b>	6,600	7,000	6,300	-300	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>47,900</b>	48,300	50,700	47,600	-400	300
Utilities	<b>5,400</b>	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Truck transportation	<b>10,900</b>	10,900	11,200	10,700	0	200
<b>Information</b>	<b>21,400</b>	21,100	21,200	21,900	300	-500
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>73,300</b>	73,100	73,500	72,100	200	1,200
Finance and insurance	<b>58,000</b>	57,900	58,200	57,000	100	1,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities includin	<b>24,400</b>	24,400	24,500	24,100	0	300
Depository Credit Intermediation including Moneta	<b>21,100</b>	21,100	21,100	20,600	0	500
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>26,100</b>	26,100	26,200	25,600	0	500
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>183,500</b>	183,200	186,200	186,800	300	-3,300
Professional and technical services	<b>87,000</b>	87,200	88,100	88,200	-200	-1,200
Architectural and engineering services	<b>16,400</b>	16,500	16,800	16,000	-100	400
Scientific research and development services	<b>11,400</b>	11,400	11,600	11,300	0	100
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>43,100</b>	42,900	43,300	43,400	200	-300
Administrative and waste services	<b>53,400</b>	53,100	54,800	55,200	300	-1,800
Administrative and support services	<b>48,800</b>	48,500	50,300	50,800	300	-2,000
Employment services	<b>17,200</b>	17,100	18,300	19,900	100	-2,700
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>255,300</b>	251,000	254,800	247,300	4,300	8,000
Educational services	<b>55,100</b>	51,500	55,300	54,800	3,600	300
Colleges and universities	<b>41,900</b>	38,100	41,900	41,400	3,800	500
Health care and social assistance	<b>200,200</b>	199,500	199,500	192,500	700	7,700
Ambulatory health care services	<b>73,600</b>	73,300	73,400	70,900	300	2,700
Offices of physicians	<b>30,900</b>	30,800	30,800	29,400	100	1,500
Hospitals	<b>52,300</b>	52,200	52,200	50,600	100	1,700
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>49,900</b>	49,800	49,800	48,200	100	1,700
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>33,200</b>	33,100	33,100	31,400	100	1,800
Social assistance	<b>41,100</b>	40,900	40,800	39,600	200	1,500
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2

# PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

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

**February 2024**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2023
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>109,800</b>	109,100	113,700	107,200	700	2,600
Accommodation and food services	<b>93,200</b>	93,200	94,700	90,800	0	2,400
Food services and drinking places	<b>83,400</b>	83,500	85,700	82,500	-100	900
Full-service restaurants	<b>39,400</b>	39,400	40,400	39,600	0	-200
Limited-service eating places	<b>32,400</b>	32,500	33,400	32,500	-100	-100
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>47,200</b>	47,700	47,700	46,700	-500	500
<b>Government</b>	<b>113,900</b>	112,000	114,100	112,300	1,900	1,600
Federal Government	<b>19,600</b>	19,700	19,700	19,100	-100	500
State Government	<b>13,400</b>	12,200	13,100	13,700	1,200	-300
Local Government	<b>80,900</b>	80,100	81,300	79,500	800	1,400
Local government educational services	<b>48,100</b>	47,200	48,400	47,200	900	900
Local government excluding educational services	<b>32,800</b>	32,900	32,900	32,300	-100	500
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TABLE 2A

# SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

## February 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2023
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,131,700</b>	6,125,900	6,115,100	6,060,700	5,800	71,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>395,000</b>	395,000	395,000	390,700	0	4,300
Altoona MSA	<b>61,500</b>	61,200	61,300	60,400	300	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>44,500</b>	44,200	44,300	44,000	300	500
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>60,700</b>	60,900	60,900	61,400	-200	-700
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,000</b>	57,700	58,100	57,400	300	600
Erie MSA	<b>126,100</b>	126,200	125,600	124,700	-100	1,400
Gettysburg MSA	<b>33,900</b>	33,800	34,000	34,300	100	-400
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>363,000</b>	362,900	362,700	357,800	100	5,200
Johnstown MSA	<b>51,600</b>	51,700	51,700	51,400	-100	200
Lancaster MSA	<b>264,700</b>	264,400	265,100	262,200	300	2,500
Lebanon MSA	<b>57,100</b>	57,000	56,800	55,300	100	1,800
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,097,400</b>	3,095,100	3,094,600	3,056,900	2,300	40,500
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,120,300</b>	1,120,100	1,122,300	1,117,500	200	2,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,015,500</b>	1,013,200	1,013,900	997,000	2,300	18,500
Philadelphia City	<b>775,300</b>	774,600	774,900	758,600	700	16,700
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,168,400</b>	1,168,500	1,166,400	1,154,900	-100	13,500
Reading MSA	<b>180,100</b>	179,900	180,400	178,900	200	1,200
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>269,500</b>	269,300	268,400	264,000	200	5,500
State College MSA	<b>81,500</b>	81,500	81,300	79,700	0	1,800
Williamsport MSA	<b>52,400</b>	52,300	52,400	51,800	100	600
York-Hanover MSA	<b>194,800</b>	194,400	194,000	191,800	400	3,000
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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