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PITTSBURGH MSA NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.2%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 3) – The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 4.2 percent. The Pittsburgh and Altoona MSAs had the 10th lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; rates ranged from 3.2 percent in the Gettysburg and State College MSAs to 5.3 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA. The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent and the national rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent. Over the year, the local MSA’s rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point.

Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.8 percent, while Fayette County held the highest rate of the seven counties at 5.7 percent. Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.1 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

In November, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA increased 300 to 1,193,800 and reached a new record high. Over the year, jobs were up 0.9 percent (+10,100) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

November’s Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

Education & health services broke a new record high in November as it added 100 jobs and reached 258,700. Construction added 200 jobs and also reached a new record, (65,800). Trade, transportation, & utilities had the largest over-the-month job increase of any supersector (+3,700), due to local businesses hiring for the holiday shopping and shipping season. Leisure & hospitality experienced a seasonal decline (-2,300) and had the largest decrease of any supersector.

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/
November 2018	1,211,200	1,166,600	44,600	3.7	1,213,500	1,163,000	50,500	4.2
October	1,210,100	1,164,300	45,800	3.8	1,211,100	1,159,700	51,400	4.2
September	1,200,800	1,155,700	45,200	3.8	1,199,600	1,149,700	49,900	4.2
November 2017	1,206,800	1,153,800	53,000	4.4	1,208,500	1,149,500	59,000	4.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 November 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	436,800	419,700	17,100	3.9	437,300	418,100	19,300	4.4
Altoona MSA	59,900	57,600	2,200	3.7	60,300	57,700	2,500	4.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	41,100	1,600	3.7	42,500	40,600	1,900	4.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,200	74,700	2,500	3.2	77,500	74,800	2,700	3.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,600	77,600	4,000	4.9	82,200	77,800	4,400	5.3
Erie MSA	128,900	123,600	5,200	4.1	128,900	122,900	6,000	4.6
Gettysburg MSA	56,300	54,800	1,600	2.8	56,400	54,600	1,800	3.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	297,700	287,800	9,800	3.3	299,100	288,200	10,900	3.7
Johnstown MSA	59,200	56,600	2,600	4.4	59,300	56,300	3,000	5.1
Lancaster MSA	281,800	273,400	8,400	3.0	283,000	273,500	9,500	3.4
Lebanon MSA	70,500	68,100	2,400	3.4	70,700	68,100	2,700	3.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,118,800	3,007,000	111,800	3.6	3,118,300	2,993,500	124,700	4.0
Pittsburgh MSA	1,211,200	1,166,600	44,600	3.7	1,213,500	1,163,000	50,500	4.2
Reading MSA	214,200	206,200	8,000	3.7	214,600	205,700	8,900	4.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	283,300	270,600	12,700	4.5	281,700	267,500	14,200	5.0
State College MSA	80,800	78,600	2,200	2.8	78,600	76,100	2,500	3.2
Williamsport MSA	56,000	53,600	2,400	4.3	56,100	53,400	2,700	4.8
York-Hanover MSA	237,100	229,200	8,000	3.4	237,300	228,500	8,800	3.7
PENNSYLVANIA	6,458,000	6,213,000	245,000	3.8	6,441,000	6,172,000	269,000	4.2
UNITED STATES	162,665,000	157,015,000	5,650,000	3.5	162,770,000	156,795,000	5,975,000	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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ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
November 2018	648,900	625,800	23,100	3.6	650,000	623,800	26,200	4.0
October	648,900	624,700	24,200	3.7	651,700	625,000	26,700	4.1
September	643,400	619,600	23,800	3.7	644,700	619,000	25,600	4.0
November 2017	646,300	619,400	26,900	4.2	647,600	617,600	30,000	4.6
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
November 2018	32,400	31,200	1,300	4.0	32,600	31,100	1,500	4.6
October	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
November 2017	32,400	30,700	1,600	5.1	32,500	30,700	1,900	5.7
BEAVER COUNTY								
November 2018	84,700	81,500	3,200	3.8	85,000	81,300	3,700	4.3
October	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
November 2017	84,700	80,700	4,100	4.8	85,000	80,400	4,600	5.4
BUTLER COUNTY								
November 2018	98,600	95,400	3,200	3.3	99,000	95,300	3,700	3.8
October	98,400	95,100	3,300	3.4	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
November 2017	98,200	94,200	4,000	4.1	98,700	94,200	4,500	4.6
FAYETTE COUNTY								
November 2018	57,600	54,700	3,000	5.1	57,900	54,600	3,300	5.7
October	57,300	54,600	2,800	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
November 2017	57,500	54,000	3,500	6.0	57,800	53,900	3,900	6.7
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
November 2018	106,600	102,600	3,900	3.7	106,900	102,400	4,500	4.2
October	106,400	102,400	4,000	3.8	107,100	102,500	4,700	4.3
September	105,600	101,700	3,900	3.7	106,100	101,600	4,500	4.2
November 2017	106,200	101,400	4,800	4.5	106,600	101,300	5,400	5.0
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
November 2018	182,400	175,400	6,900	3.8	183,000	175,000	8,000	4.4
October	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
November 2017	181,500	173,400	8,100	4.5	182,100	172,900	9,200	5.0
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
November 2018	157,700	151,900	5,800	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October	157,800	151,600	6,200	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
November 2017	157,300	150,300	7,000	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)

November 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	1,207,300	1,204,200	1,195,600	1,196,600	3,100	10,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,088,200	1,086,500	1,078,700	1,078,200	1,700	10,000
GOODS-PRODUCING	163,000	163,200	162,200	157,800	-200	5,200
Mining and Logging	10,700	10,600	10,600	10,200	100	500
Construction	65,800	65,600	64,700	61,600	200	4,200
Specialty trade contractors	35,200	35,300	34,200	33,600	-100	1,600
Manufacturing	86,500	87,000	86,900	86,000	-500	500
Durable Goods	63,400	63,900	64,000	62,800	-500	600
Primary metal mfg.	10,900	10,800	10,800	10,600	100	300
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,600	0	-200
Non-Durable Goods	23,100	23,100	22,900	23,200	0	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,044,300	1,041,000	1,033,400	1,038,800	3,300	5,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	925,200	923,300	916,500	920,400	1,900	4,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	215,700	212,000	210,500	217,700	3,700	-2,000
Wholesale Trade	43,400	43,500	43,300	43,100	-100	300
Retail Trade	122,500	120,200	119,800	126,800	2,300	-4,300
Building material and supplies dealers	7,800	7,700	8,000	7,800	100	0
Food and beverage stores	22,100	22,100	22,000	22,500	0	-400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,200	8,400	8,000	9,700	800	-500
General merchandise stores	26,600	25,000	24,500	25,900	1,600	700
Department stores	11,900	10,700	10,300	12,100	1,200	-200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	49,800	48,300	47,400	47,800	1,500	2,000
Utilities	5,700	5,900	5,700	5,800	-200	-100
Truck transportation	11,300	11,300	11,200	11,100	0	200
Information	18,600	18,800	18,700	18,500	-200	100
Financial Activities	72,000	71,400	71,400	72,600	600	-600
Finance and insurance	58,600	57,900	57,900	58,400	700	200
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including	28,600	28,600	28,400	28,600	0	0
Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary	25,600	25,600	25,400	25,200	0	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,300	24,100	24,100	23,900	200	400
Professional and Business Services	186,900	186,900	186,800	183,300	0	3,600
Professional and technical services	86,200	85,400	86,200	83,900	800	2,300
Architectural and engineering services	17,200	17,300	17,100	17,300	-100	-100
Scientific research and development services	8,700	8,600	8,600	8,400	100	300
Management of companies and enterprises	40,700	40,400	39,700	39,000	300	1,700
Administrative and waste services	60,000	61,100	60,900	60,400	-1,100	-400
Administrative and support services	56,400	57,600	57,000	57,300	-1,200	-900
Employment services	20,200	20,500	19,900	20,100	-300	100
Education and Health Services	258,700	258,600	255,200	257,500	100	1,200
Educational services	56,700	56,600	53,300	56,600	100	100
Colleges and universities	43,200	42,900	40,200	43,200	300	0
Health care and social assistance	202,000	202,000	201,900	200,900	0	1,100
Ambulatory health care services	68,900	68,700	69,100	69,700	200	-800
Offices of physicians	26,000	26,000	25,900	25,700	0	300
Hospitals	56,800	56,800	56,700	56,100	0	700
General medical and surgical hospitals	50,800	50,900	50,800	50,500	-100	300
Nursing and residential care facilities	37,700	37,900	37,800	37,600	-200	100
Social assistance	38,600	38,600	38,300	37,500	0	1,100

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)**November 2018****NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2017
Leisure and Hospitality	121,500	123,800	122,700	119,300	-2,300	2,200
Accommodation and food services	99,600	100,900	98,900	97,500	-1,300	2,100
Food services and drinking places	90,700	91,200	89,500	88,700	-500	2,000
Full-service restaurants	45,000	45,400	44,000	43,600	-400	1,400
Limited-service eating places	34,800	34,700	34,000	33,400	100	1,400
Other Services	51,800	51,800	51,200	51,500	0	300
Government	119,100	117,700	116,900	118,400	1,400	700
Federal Government	18,400	18,100	18,000	18,100	300	300
State Government	16,400	16,100	16,000	15,500	300	900
Local Government	84,300	83,500	82,900	84,800	800	-500
Local government educational services	50,300	49,400	47,800	50,600	900	-300
Local government excluding educational services	34,000	34,100	35,100	34,200	-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**

November 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2018	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2017
PENNSYLVANIA	6,055,500	6,060,900	6,044,900	5,976,800	-5,400	78,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	376,800	377,500	375,700	372,900	-700	3,900
Altoona MSA	62,100	61,800	61,700	61,300	300	800
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	42,600	42,700	42,500	100	200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,900	61,600	61,600	60,900	300	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,800	58,800	58,600	58,300	0	500
Erie MSA	127,300	127,700	127,800	127,600	-400	-300
Gettysburg MSA	36,400	36,200	36,200	35,500	200	900
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	349,500	348,500	348,000	343,100	1,000	6,400
Johnstown MSA	55,300	55,600	55,500	55,200	-300	100
Lancaster MSA	258,700	258,600	257,700	253,800	100	4,900
Lebanon MSA	52,600	52,700	52,600	52,400	-100	200
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,966,900	2,969,400	2,968,200	2,924,700	-2,500	42,200
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,080,000	1,079,900	1,078,000	1,067,200	100	12,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	969,700	969,700	969,200	949,600	0	20,100
Philadelphia City	732,000	731,800	732,000	713,200	200	18,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,193,800	1,193,500	1,191,100	1,183,700	300	10,100
Reading MSA	181,300	181,300	181,200	178,000	0	3,300
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	269,000	268,100	268,200	265,600	900	3,400
State College MSA	78,700	78,800	78,400	78,300	-100	400
Williamsport MSA	52,200	52,500	52,700	53,100	-300	-900
York-Hanover MSA	190,600	190,000	188,900	187,000	600	3,600
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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