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S-WB-H UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.0% IN NOVEMBER

HARRISBURG, PA (JANUARY 3, 2019) - The Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent in November. The state rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent, while the national rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent. Since last November, the MSA's rate decreased by one-half of a percentage point, the state rate fell six-tenths of a point, and the national rate was down by four-tenths of a point.

The Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA's rate was the 16th lowest among Pennsylvania's 18 MSAs in November. Rates ranged from 3.2 percent in the Gettysburg and State College MSAs to 5.3 percent in the East Stroudsburg MSA.

The S-WB-H MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 900 to 269,000 in November, returning to its previous record high. Over the year, employment in the MSA was up 1.3 percent (+3,400 jobs), matching the state's growth rate. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

November's changes included seasonal movements. Mining, logging, & construction saw a marginal seasonal decline. Leisure & hospitality also fell as recreational activities and tourism waned, while trade, transportation & utilities continued hiring for the coming holidays. Trade, transportation, & utilities also saw strong employment growth over the year, which outpaced the statewide growth rate. The supersector reached a new record high of 70,200 jobs.

TABLE 1
SCRANTON - WILKES-BARRE - HAZLETON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming 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 | 283,300 | 270,600 | 12,700 | 4.5 | 281,700 | 267,500 | 14,200 | 5.0 |
| October | 280,900 | 268,000 | 12,900 | 4.6 | 281,100 | 266,700 | 14,500 | 5.1 |
| September | 279,700 | 267,100 | 12,700 | 4.5 | 280,000 | 266,100 | 13,900 | 5.0 |
| November 2017 | 280,200 | 266,500 | 13,600 | 4.9 | 278,700 | 263,500 | 15,200 | 5.5 |

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

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 1A
SCRANTON - WILKES-BARRE - HAZLETON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Counties)

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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/ |
| LACKAWANNA COUNTY | | | | | | | | |
| November 2018 | 108,100 | 103,800 | 4,300 | 4.0 | 107,700 | 102,700 | 5,000 | 4.6 |
| October | 107,200 | 102,800 | 4,400 | 4.1 | 107,300 | 102,400 | 4,900 | 4.6 |
| September | 106,700 | 102,400 | 4,300 | 4.0 | 106,900 | 102,100 | 4,800 | 4.5 |
| November 2017 | 107,000 | 102,300 | 4,800 | 4.5 | 106,600 | 101,200 | 5,400 | 5.1 |
| LUZERNE COUNTY | | | | | | | | |
| November 2018 | 161,000 | 153,300 | 7,800 | 4.8 | 160,400 | 151,600 | 8,800 | 5.5 |
| October | 159,700 | 151,800 | 7,900 | 4.9 | 160,000 | 151,200 | 8,800 | 5.5 |
| September | 159,000 | 151,200 | 7,800 | 4.9 | 159,400 | 150,800 | 8,600 | 5.4 |
| November 2017 | 159,200 | 151,000 | 8,200 | 5.2 | 158,500 | 149,300 | 9,200 | 5.8 |
| WYOMING COUNTY | | | | | | | | |
| November 2018 | 14,100 | 13,600 | 600 | 3.9 | 14,200 | 13,500 | 600 | 4.5 |
| October | 14,000 | 13,400 | 600 | 4.0 | 14,100 | 13,400 | 700 | 4.7 |
| September | 14,000 | 13,500 | 500 | 3.9 | 14,100 | 13,400 | 600 | 4.6 |
| November 2017 | 13,900 | 13,300 | 600 | 4.4 | 13,900 | 13,200 | 700 | 5.1 |

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TABLE 2

SCRANTON-WILKES-BARRE-HAZLETON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming 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 | 273,400 | 270,500 | 269,600 | 269,600 | 2,900 | 3,800 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 243,700 | 241,100 | 240,300 | 239,900 | 2,600 | 3,800 |
| GOODS-PRODUCING | 40,100 | 39,800 | 39,900 | 39,400 | 300 | 700 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 11,500 | 11,600 | 11,700 | 11,400 | -100 | 100 |
| Manufacturing | 28,600 | 28,200 | 28,200 | 28,000 | 400 | 600 |
| Durable Goods | 12,900 | 12,700 | 12,700 | 12,500 | 200 | 400 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 15,700 | 15,500 | 15,500 | 15,500 | 200 | 200 |
| SERVICE-PROVIDING | 233,300 | 230,700 | 229,700 | 230,200 | 2,600 | 3,100 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING | 203,600 | 201,300 | 200,400 | 200,500 | 2,300 | 3,100 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 70,200 | 68,100 | 67,400 | 65,800 | 2,100 | 4,400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,800 | 0 | 100 |
| Retail Trade | 31,600 | 30,700 | 30,200 | 31,200 | 900 | 400 |
| Grocery stores | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,300 | 0 | -100 |
| General merchandise stores | 6,200 | 5,800 | 5,700 | 6,100 | 400 | 100 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 28,700 | 27,500 | 27,300 | 24,800 | 1,200 | 3,900 |
| Information | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 3,100 | 0 | -200 |
| Financial Activities | 12,700 | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,500 | 0 | 200 |
| Professional and Business Services | 31,200 | 30,600 | 30,800 | 32,200 | 600 | -1,000 |
| Education and Health Services | 54,900 | 54,800 | 54,200 | 55,600 | 100 | -700 |
| Educational services | 10,600 | 10,700 | 9,800 | 11,100 | -100 | -500 |
| Health care and social assistance | 44,300 | 44,100 | 44,400 | 44,500 | 200 | -200 |
| Hospitals | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 | 0 | 100 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 23,200 | 23,700 | 24,000 | 22,800 | -500 | 400 |
| Accommodation and food services | 21,200 | 21,200 | 21,300 | 20,800 | 0 | 400 |
| Food services and drinking places | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 17,700 | 0 | 300 |
| Other Services | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 29,700 | 29,400 | 29,300 | 29,700 | 300 | 0 |
| Federal Government | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,300 | 0 | -100 |
| State Government | 6,100 | 6,000 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 100 | 0 |
| Local Government | 19,400 | 19,200 | 19,000 | 19,300 | 200 | 100 |
| Local government educational services | 11,800 | 11,600 | 11,300 | 11,900 | 200 | -100 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,700 | 7,400 | 0 | 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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