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S-WB-H UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.7% IN APRIL

HARRISBURG (MAY 30) - The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Scranton--Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 4.7 percent in April, a decrease of two-tenths of a percentage point from March. Pennsylvania's rate was 4.1 percent, down one-tenth of a point over the month, and the national rate, also down one-tenth of a point, was at 3.4 percent. Since last April, all three rates dropped two-tenths of a percentage point each.

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 S-WB-H MSA were essentially unchanged at 267,700 in April. Over the year, jobs increased by 2.8 percent (+7,400) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased by 2.6 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted.

April's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

Employment in both goods-producing and service-providing industries rose over the month. Five of the ten supersectors added jobs from March levels and only one declined. The largest gain was in professional & business services (+1,000), while the only decline was within trade, transportation, & utilities (-300). Over the year, all ten supersectors added 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 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
April 2023	275,900	265,400	10,600	3.8	278,700	265,500	13,200	4.7
March	278,400	265,200	13,200	4.7	278,900	265,200	13,600	4.9
February	279,600	263,900	15,700	5.6	278,700	264,600	14,000	5.0
April 2022	273,300	259,300	14,000	5.1	276,400	262,800	13,700	4.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
April 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	449,600	434,800	14,800	3.3	454,800	437,200	17,700	3.9
Altoona MSA	58,200	56,400	1,800	3.0	58,900	56,700	2,200	3.8
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,200	41,800	1,300	3.1	43,400	41,600	1,800	4.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,900	74,900	2,000	2.6	77,800	75,100	2,700	3.4
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,500	77,900	3,600	4.4	82,700	78,200	4,500	5.4
Erie MSA	124,200	119,800	4,300	3.5	126,100	120,300	5,700	4.6
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,500	1,300	2.3	55,100	53,400	1,600	2.9
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	306,500	298,300	8,200	2.7	309,600	299,400	10,100	3.3
Johnstown MSA	54,500	52,500	2,000	3.6	55,200	52,600	2,600	4.8
Lancaster MSA	288,700	281,700	7,000	2.4	291,100	282,100	9,000	3.1
Lebanon MSA	74,100	72,100	2,000	2.6	74,300	72,000	2,300	3.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,242,700	3,140,700	102,000	3.1	3,239,800	3,118,400	121,400	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,700	1,133,300	37,400	3.2	1,180,300	1,131,000	49,300	4.2
Reading MSA	212,200	205,400	6,800	3.2	214,000	205,900	8,200	3.8
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,900	265,400	10,600	3.8	278,700	265,500	13,200	4.7
State College MSA	79,500	77,700	1,900	2.4	79,100	76,500	2,600	3.3
Williamsport MSA	54,700	53,000	1,800	3.2	55,200	53,000	2,300	4.1
York-Hanover MSA	236,400	230,100	6,400	2.7	239,000	230,700	8,300	3.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,447,000	6,242,000	204,000	3.2	6,509,000	6,242,000	268,000	4.1
UNITED STATES	166,221,000	161,075,000	5,146,000	3.1	166,688,000	161,031,000	5,657,000	3.4

ALL DATA ARE ON 2022 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.
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TABLE 1A
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(Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Counties)

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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY								
April 2023	104,800	101,100	3,700	3.5	105,300	101,300	4,000	3.8
March	105,600	101,100	4,500	4.3	105,400	101,300	4,100	3.9
February	106,000	100,600	5,400	5.1	106,300	101,300	5,000	4.7
April 2022	103,600	98,800	4,800	4.6	104,100	99,000	5,200	5.0
LUZERNE COUNTY								
April 2023	157,700	151,300	6,400	4.1	158,900	151,800	7,100	4.5
March	159,300	151,200	8,100	5.1	159,700	152,000	7,700	4.8
February	160,000	150,500	9,500	6.0	160,500	151,800	8,700	5.4
April 2022	156,400	147,800	8,600	5.5	157,600	148,300	9,300	5.9
WYOMING COUNTY								
April 2023	13,400	13,000	500	3.5	13,600	13,100	500	3.7
March	13,500	12,900	600	4.6	13,500	13,000	500	3.8
February	13,600	12,800	800	5.5	13,500	12,900	600	4.6
April 2022	13,300	12,700	600	4.5	13,400	12,800	600	4.7

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TABLE 2

SCRANTON-WILKES-BARRE-HAZLETON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming counties)

April 2023

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Apr 2022	Mar 2023	Apr 2022
TOTAL NONFARM	267,400	265,100	264,600	260,900	2,300	6,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	238,700	236,500	236,100	232,900	2,200	5,800
GOODS-PRODUCING	40,900	40,200	40,000	40,200	700	700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,000	10,500	10,300	10,800	500	200
Manufacturing	29,900	29,700	29,700	29,400	200	500
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,700	13,200	100	600
Non-Durable Goods	16,100	16,000	16,000	16,200	100	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	226,500	224,900	224,600	220,700	1,600	5,800
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	197,800	196,300	196,100	192,700	1,500	5,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,300	68,600	68,900	68,000	-300	300
Wholesale Trade	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,100	0	200
Retail Trade	28,400	28,400	28,400	28,300	0	100
Grocery and convenience retailers	6,300	6,400	6,400	6,200	-100	100
General merchandise retailers	5,300	5,400	5,300	5,300	-100	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	29,600	29,900	30,200	29,600	-300	0
Information	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
Financial Activities	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,000	0	400
Professional and Business Services	29,600	28,600	28,700	28,600	1,000	1,000
Education and Health Services	53,100	53,100	52,900	51,700	0	1,400
Educational services	10,600	10,600	10,400	10,100	0	500
Health care and social assistance	42,500	42,500	42,500	41,600	0	900
Hospitals	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	22,900	22,100	21,800	21,500	800	1,400
Accommodation and food services	19,800	19,400	19,300	19,000	400	800
Food services and drinking places	17,500	17,200	17,000	16,700	300	800
Other Services	8,500	8,500	8,400	8,000	0	500
Government	28,700	28,600	28,500	28,000	100	700
Federal Government	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	100
State Government	5,400	5,400	5,500	5,600	0	-200
Local Government	18,900	18,800	18,600	18,100	100	800
Local government educational services	11,600	11,600	11,400	10,900	0	700
Local government excluding educational services	7,300	7,200	7,200	7,200	100	100
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**

April 2023

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Apr 2022	Mar 2023	Apr 2022
PENNSYLVANIA	6,117,100	6,106,100	6,096,400	5,960,800	11,000	156,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	391,500	391,600	391,300	384,300	-100	7,200
Altoona MSA	61,100	61,000	61,100	59,900	100	1,200
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,700	43,800	43,700	42,800	-100	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,300	62,000	62,100	61,500	300	800
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,600	58,200	58,000	57,400	400	1,200
Erie MSA	124,900	125,100	124,700	123,200	-200	1,700
Gettysburg MSA	34,500	34,400	34,500	33,500	100	1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	361,600	361,700	362,200	351,200	-100	10,400
Johnstown MSA	51,300	51,300	51,500	50,800	0	500
Lancaster MSA	265,800	266,300	265,800	259,500	-500	6,300
Lebanon MSA	56,000	55,900	55,700	53,700	100	2,300
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,083,900	3,078,200	3,073,400	2,998,800	5,700	85,100
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,132,000	1,129,300	1,128,200	1,098,300	2,700	33,700
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,009,700	1,007,200	1,003,000	973,300	2,500	36,400
Philadelphia City	765,200	764,100	761,400	736,500	1,100	28,700
Pittsburgh MSA	1,167,900	1,167,800	1,167,500	1,144,000	100	23,900
Reading MSA	179,600	179,600	179,900	176,500	0	3,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	267,700	267,800	267,500	260,300	-100	7,400
State College MSA	79,300	79,100	78,900	76,100	200	3,200
Williamsport MSA	52,100	51,800	52,000	50,900	300	1,200
York-Hanover MSA	192,400	192,500	192,500	189,400	-100	3,000
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