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### **STATE COLLEGE MSA NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.2%**

**HARRISBURG (JANUARY 3) – The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State College Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.2 percent.** The State College and Gettysburg MSAs had the lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs; the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest rate at 5.3 percent. 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 four-tenths of a percentage point.

Centre tied Adams County for the second-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. 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 State College MSA were essentially unchanged at 78,700.** Over the year, jobs were up 0.5 percent (+400) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent.

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

The only published supersectors to add jobs were trade, transportation, & utilities, and government, which both had seasonal gains of 400. Leisure & hospitality jobs fell 200 due to seasonality and was the only published supersector showing a decline.

**TABLE 1**  
**STATE COLLEGE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Centre County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

| TIME PERIOD   | CIVILIAN<br>LABOR<br>FORCE | EMPLOY-<br>MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-<br>MENT | RATE<br>(%) 3/ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/ |                    |                   |                |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|               |                            |                    |                   |                | LABOR<br>FORCE         | EMPLOY-<br>MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-<br>MENT | RATE<br>(%) 3/ |
| November 2018 | 80,800                     | 78,600             | 2,200             | 2.8            | 78,600                 | 76,100             | 2,500             | 3.2            |
| October       | 80,500                     | 78,100             | 2,400             | 3.0            | 78,500                 | 75,800             | 2,700             | 3.4            |
| September     | 78,700                     | 76,300             | 2,400             | 3.1            | 78,000                 | 75,500             | 2,500             | 3.3            |
| November 2017 | 80,300                     | 77,700             | 2,600             | 3.2            | 78,600                 | 75,800             | 2,800             | 3.6            |

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
November 2018

| AREA NAME                       | CIVILIAN<br>LABOR<br>FORCE | EMPLOY-<br>MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-<br>MENT | RATE<br>(%) 3/ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/ |                    |                   |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                 |                            |                    |                   |                | LABOR<br>FORCE         | EMPLOY-<br>MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-<br>MENT | RATE<br>(%) 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 2

## STATE COLLEGE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Centre County)

**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 |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>                        | <b>82,100</b>                                    | 81,600   | 79,200   | 81,700   | 500              | 400      |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                        | <b>48,500</b>                                    | 48,400   | 48,200   | 47,900   | 100              | 600      |
| <b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>                      | <b>7,200</b>                                     | 7,300    | 7,400    | 7,200    | -100             | 0        |
| Manufacturing                               | 4,000  | 4,000    | 4,000    | 4,000    | 0                | 0        |
| <b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>                    | <b>74,900</b>                                    | 74,300   | 71,800   | 74,500   | 600              | 400      |
| <b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>            | <b>41,300</b>                                    | 41,100   | 40,800   | 40,700   | 200              | 600      |
| <b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b> | <b>10,600</b>                                    | 10,200   | 10,100   | 10,300   | 400              | 300      |
| Retail Trade                                | 7,900  | 7,600    | 7,600    | 7,900    | 300              | 0        |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>   | <b>7,000</b>                                     | 7,000    | 7,000    | 6,800    | 0                | 200      |
| <b>Education and Health Services</b>        | <b>10,300</b>                                    | 10,300   | 10,100   | 10,100   | 0                | 200      |
| <b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>              | <b>7,500</b>                                     | 7,700    | 7,700    | 7,400    | -200             | 100      |
| <b>Government</b>                           | <b>33,600</b>                                    | 33,200   | 31,000   | 33,800   | 400              | -200     |
| Federal Government                          | 500  | 500      | 500      | 500      | 0                | 0        |
| State Government                            | 28,500   | 28,100   | 25,900   | 28,600   | 400              | -100     |
| Local Government                            | 4,600  | 4,600    | 4,600    | 4,700    | 0                | -100     |
| 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 |
| <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>                     | <b>6,055,500</b>                                 | 6,060,900 | 6,044,900 | 5,976,800 | -5,400           | 78,700   |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA          | <b>376,800</b>                                   | 377,500   | 375,700   | 372,900   | -700             | 3,900    |
| Altoona MSA                             | <b>62,100</b>                                    | 61,800    | 61,700    | 61,300    | 300              | 800      |
| Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA                  | <b>42,700</b>                                    | 42,600    | 42,700    | 42,500    | 100              | 200      |
| Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA             | <b>61,900</b>                                    | 61,600    | 61,600    | 60,900    | 300              | 1,000    |
| East Stroudsburg MSA                    | <b>58,800</b>                                    | 58,800    | 58,600    | 58,300    | 0                | 500      |
| Erie MSA                                | <b>127,300</b>                                   | 127,700   | 127,800   | 127,600   | -400             | -300     |
| Gettysburg MSA                          | <b>36,400</b>                                    | 36,200    | 36,200    | 35,500    | 200              | 900      |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA                 | <b>349,500</b>                                   | 348,500   | 348,000   | 343,100   | 1,000            | 6,400    |
| Johnstown MSA                           | <b>55,300</b>                                    | 55,600    | 55,500    | 55,200    | -300             | 100      |
| Lancaster MSA                           | <b>258,700</b>                                   | 258,600   | 257,700   | 253,800   | 100              | 4,900    |
| Lebanon MSA                             | <b>52,600</b>                                    | 52,700    | 52,600    | 52,400    | -100             | 200      |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA      | <b>2,966,900</b>                                 | 2,969,400 | 2,968,200 | 2,924,700 | -2,500           | 42,200   |
| Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division | <b>1,080,000</b>                                 | 1,079,900 | 1,078,000 | 1,067,200 | 100              | 12,800   |
| Philadelphia Metro Division             | <b>969,700</b>                                   | 969,700   | 969,200   | 949,600   | 0                | 20,100   |
| Philadelphia City                       | <b>732,000</b>                                   | 731,800   | 732,000   | 713,200   | 200              | 18,800   |
| Pittsburgh MSA                          | <b>1,193,800</b>                                 | 1,193,500 | 1,191,100 | 1,183,700 | 300              | 10,100   |
| Reading MSA                             | <b>181,300</b>                                   | 181,300   | 181,200   | 178,000   | 0                | 3,300    |
| Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA      | <b>269,000</b>                                   | 268,100   | 268,200   | 265,600   | 900              | 3,400    |
| State College MSA                       | <b>78,700</b>                                    | 78,800    | 78,400    | 78,300    | -100             | 400      |
| Williamsport MSA                        | <b>52,200</b>                                    | 52,500    | 52,700    | 53,100    | -300             | -900     |
| York-Hanover MSA                        | <b>190,600</b>                                   | 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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