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WILLIAMSPORT MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 10.4% IN AUGUST

Note: *The data contained in this news release reflects the effects of COVID-19 and evolving mitigation efforts to contain it.*

HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 29) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Williamsport Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 10.4 percent in August, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points from July. The statewide unemployment rate was 10.3 percent, down 2.2 percentage points over the month and the national rate fell 1.8 points from July to 8.4 percent.

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 Williamsport MSA increased 1.1 percent over the month (+500) to 46,700 in August. Over the year, jobs were down 12.5 percent (-6,700) in the MSA, while statewide jobs declined 8.2 percent.

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

Private service-providing jobs were up over the month while those in goods-producing industries were essentially unchanged. All of the five published supersectors in the local MSA either added jobs or remained essentially unchanged from July.

TABLE 1

WILLIAMSPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lycoming County)

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/
August 2020	52,100	46,900	5,200	10.0	52,100	46,600	5,400	10.4
July	52,600	46,300	6,400	12.1	52,400	46,000	6,400	12.2
June	52,500	46,000	6,500	12.4	52,400	46,000	6,400	12.3
August 2019	57,300	54,500	2,800	4.9	56,900	54,200	2,800	4.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
August 2020

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	436,000	390,300	45,700	10.5	433,900	389,300	44,600	10.3
Altoona MSA	58,100	52,700	5,400	9.2	57,400	52,000	5,400	9.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,100	38,800	3,300	7.8	42,200	38,700	3,500	8.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,700	69,900	6,800	8.8	76,200	69,400	6,800	8.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	79,300	69,100	10,200	12.8	78,600	68,500	10,100	12.8
Erie MSA	122,900	109,200	13,700	11.1	121,900	108,300	13,600	11.2
Gettysburg MSA	54,500	50,600	4,000	7.3	53,700	49,900	3,800	7.1
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	300,700	274,600	26,100	8.7	295,500	270,200	25,200	8.5
Johnstown MSA	55,300	49,500	5,800	10.5	55,200	49,600	5,600	10.1
Lancaster MSA	290,300	267,000	23,300	8.0	285,900	263,400	22,600	7.9
Lebanon MSA	71,200	64,800	6,400	9.0	70,000	63,600	6,400	9.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,106,500	2,769,200	337,300	10.9	3,099,200	2,771,000	328,200	10.6
Pittsburgh MSA	1,173,200	1,046,600	126,600	10.8	1,158,300	1,036,700	121,600	10.5
Reading MSA	221,700	199,100	22,600	10.2	220,800	198,500	22,200	10.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	262,500	231,700	30,800	11.7	262,400	232,100	30,300	11.5
State College MSA	75,600	71,100	4,600	6.1	76,700	72,100	4,600	6.0
Williamsport MSA	52,100	46,900	5,200	10.0	52,100	46,600	5,400	10.4
York-Hanover MSA	231,300	210,700	20,700	8.9	228,900	209,200	19,700	8.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,338,000	5,673,000	665,000	10.5	6,302,000	5,653,000	650,000	10.3
UNITED STATES	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5	160,838,000	147,288,000	13,550,000	8.4

ALL DATA ARE ON 2019 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

WILLIAMSPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lycoming County)

August 2020

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Jun 2020	Aug 2019	Jul 2020	Aug 2019
TOTAL NONFARM	**46,400**	45,700	45,700	53,200	700	-6,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	**39,600**	39,200	38,800	46,500	400	-6,900
GOODS-PRODUCING	**9,000**	9,100	9,000	11,200	-100	-2,200
Manufacturing	**7,300**	7,400	7,400	8,000	-100	-700
SERVICE-PROVIDING	**37,400**	36,600	36,700	42,000	800	-4,600
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	**30,600**	30,100	29,800	35,300	500	-4,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**10,000**	9,800	9,900	9,900	200	100
Retail Trade	**6,400**	6,300	6,300	6,200	100	200
Education and Health Services	**9,400**	9,400	9,400	10,000	0	-600
Leisure and Hospitality	**3,500**	3,500	3,200	4,800	0	-1,300
Government	**6,800**	6,500	6,900	6,700	300	100
Federal Government	**500**	500	400	400	0	100
State Government	**2,900**	2,900	2,800	2,800	0	100
Local Government	**3,400**	3,100	3,700	3,500	300	-100

Data benchmarked to March 2019

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2A

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS

FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS

August 2020

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Jun 2020	Aug 2019	Jul 2020	Aug 2019
PENNSYLVANIA	**5,577,900**	5,518,400	5,428,000	6,077,500	59,500	-499,600
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	**355,100**	352,000	345,600	381,900	3,100	-26,800
Altoona MSA	**57,100**	56,200	55,900	61,000	900	-3,900
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	**42,200**	41,600	41,100	43,100	600	-900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	**59,300**	59,400	57,100	62,300	-100	-3,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	**52,400**	51,600	49,800	59,400	800	-7,000
Erie MSA	**114,600**	114,500	112,300	127,900	100	-13,300
Gettysburg MSA	**34,200**	33,900	33,600	35,200	300	-1,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	**334,500**	332,500	325,600	352,600	2,000	-18,100
Johnstown MSA	**49,700**	49,000	48,200	54,100	700	-4,400
Lancaster MSA	**254,100**	251,200	244,800	259,700	2,900	-5,600
Lebanon MSA	**50,700**	50,500	50,100	54,500	200	-3,800
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	**2,752,200**	2,713,100	2,657,400	2,986,900	39,100	-234,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	**994,900**	981,400	958,200	1,091,900	13,500	-97,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	**919,200**	906,500	898,100	982,100	12,700	-62,900
Philadelphia City	**690,200**	679,900	675,600	739,400	10,300	-49,200
Pittsburgh MSA	**1,097,300**	1,084,200	1,071,400	1,196,500	13,100	-99,200
Reading MSA	**180,900**	180,700	178,700	182,500	200	-1,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	**236,700**	230,900	227,800	263,400	5,800	-26,700
State College MSA	**76,600**	74,700	73,700	80,200	1,900	-3,600
Williamsport MSA	**46,700**	46,200	45,500	53,400	500	-6,700
York-Hanover MSA	**177,400**	176,500	175,900	188,800	900	-11,400

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