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### **YORK-HANOVER MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.7% IN NOVEMBER**

**HARRISBURG (JANUARY 3) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the York-Hanover Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in November to 3.7 percent.** The rate fell one-half of a percentage point from last November. The York-Hanover and Harrisburg-Carlisle MSAs tied for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg and State College MSAs tied for the lowest rate at 3.2 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 5.3 percent. The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania increased one-tenth of a percentage point from October to 4.2 percent, while the United States was unchanged at 3.7 percent.

York tied Bucks and Union counties for the ninth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in November. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Adams (3.2%, t-2<sup>nd</sup>); Cumberland (3.4%, t-4<sup>th</sup>); Dauphin (4.0%, t-16<sup>th</sup>); and Lancaster (3.4%, t-4<sup>th</sup>). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.1 percent in Chester County to 6.0 percent in Forest County.

**The York-Hanover MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 600 in November to 190,600, a record high.** November was the seventh consecutive month of a record level. Over the year, jobs increased 1.9 percent (+3,600) in the MSA, while statewide jobs grew 1.3 percent

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the year, eight of the ten supersectors were up, while the other two were unchanged.

**TABLE 1**  
**YORK-HANOVER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
 (York 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/
November 2018	237,100	229,200	8,000	3.4	237,300	228,500	8,800	3.7
October	235,900	227,600	8,300	3.5	236,200	227,300	9,000	3.8
September	235,000	226,600	8,300	3.6	234,900	226,100	8,900	3.8
November 2017	232,600	223,600	9,000	3.9	233,400	223,500	9,800	4.2

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 2

## YORK-HANOVER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(York 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>192,500</b>	190,900	189,600	188,200	1,600	4,300
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>171,800</b>	170,200	169,200	167,500	1,600	4,300
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>43,600</b>	43,500	43,600	42,500	100	1,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	12,400	12,500	11,800	-100	500
Manufacturing	31,300	31,100	31,100	30,700	200	600
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>148,900</b>	147,400	146,000	145,700	1,500	3,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>128,200</b>	126,700	125,600	125,000	1,500	3,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	39,700	39,100	38,900	39,200	600	500
Wholesale Trade	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0
Retail Trade	21,700	21,200	21,100	21,400	500	300
Grocery stores	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
General merchandise stores	5,100	4,800	4,800	5,000	300	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,400	11,300	11,200	11,200	100	200
Information	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Financial Activities	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	100
Professional and Business Services	25,100	24,500	23,900	23,500	600	1,600
Education and Health Services	30,200	29,600	28,800	29,400	600	800
Health care and social assistance	26,700	26,600	26,400	26,400	100	300
Leisure and Hospitality	15,800	16,100	16,600	15,700	-300	100
Other Services	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,400	0	100
<b>Government</b>	<b>20,700</b>	20,700	20,400	20,700	0	0
Federal Government	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
State Government	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,100	0	0
Local Government	15,400	15,400	15,200	15,300	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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