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CHAMBERSBURG mSA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6.6%

HARRISBURG (JANUARY 31) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg Micropolitan Statistical Area (mSA) remained at 6.6 percent in December. The rate was down 1.3 percentage points over the year and 2.2 percentage points from the post-recession peak of 8.8 percent in December 2009.

Franklin County's unemployment rate of 6.6 percent tied with three other counties for the 11th lowest rate among Pennsylvania's 67 counties in December. Unemployment rates and rankings of adjacent counties were: Fulton (8.9%, t-58th); Huntingdon (9.1%, t-60th); Juniata (6.9%, t-19th); Perry (7.3%, t-27th); Cumberland (6.2%, 6th); and Adams (6.6%, t-11th). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 5.1 percent in Centre County to 11.5 percent in Cameron County.

December's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see table 2)

- **Total nonfarm jobs in the mSA dropped 300 over the month.** This marked the largest December decrease since 2001 (-400).
- Goods-producing had an over-the-month drop of 200. This was partially due to less construction activity as a result of the cooler weather.
- Retail trade showed a seasonal increase of 100 due to the holiday shopping season.
- Leisure & hospitality was unchanged in December, while the five-year average movement was a gain of 500. The lack of growth was mainly due to Whitetail Ski Resort opening later than usual as a result of warmer than normal weather.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin 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/
December 2011	79,000	74,200	4,800	6.1	79,400	74,200	5,200	6.6
November	79,000	74,000	4,900	6.3	79,500	74,200	5,300	6.6
October	79,300	74,500	4,800	6.0	79,800	74,600	5,200	6.5
December 2010	78,700	72,900	5,800	7.4	79,200	72,900	6,200	7.9

SELECTED LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
December 2011

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
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Fulton County LMA	7,700	7,000	700	8.6	7,700	7,000	700	8.9
Gettysburg mSA	53,700	50,400	3,300	6.1	54,200	50,700	3,600	6.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	276,800	258,800	18,000	6.5	279,000	259,700	19,300	6.9
Huntingdon mSA	22,400	20,300	2,100	9.5	22,700	20,600	2,100	9.1
Juniata County LMA	12,000	11,200	800	7.0	12,200	11,300	800	6.9
York-Hanover MSA	223,800	207,900	15,900	7.1	224,500	207,200	17,200	7.7
PENNSYLVANIA	6,322,000	5,865,000	457,000	7.2	6,351,000	5,865,000	485,000	7.6
UNITED STATES	153,373,000	140,681,000	12,692,000	8.3	153,887,000	140,790,000	13,097,000	8.5

ALL DATA ARE ON 2010 BENCHMARK. SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, 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 sub-state level data is developed by the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWA) and not under the auspices of the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

December 2011**NONFARM JOBS**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2011	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Dec 2010	Nov 2011	Dec 2010
Total Nonfarm	57,400	57,700	57,300	56,400	-300	1,000
Total Private	48,500	48,700	48,500	47,500	-200	1,000
Goods-Producing	9,900	10,100	10,100	9,900	-200	0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	-100	-100
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,100	7,900	-100	100
Service-Providing	47,500	47,600	47,200	46,500	-100	1,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,800	13,700	13,600	13,400	100	400
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	300
Trade	8,500	8,400	8,300	8,400	100	100
Wholesale trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Retail Trade	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,900	100	100
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,100	-100	500
Education and Health Services	9,600	9,600	9,500	9,200	0	400
Leisure and Hospitality	4,600	4,600	4,700	5,100	0	-500
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	100
Government	8,900	9,000	8,800	8,900	-100	0
Federal Government	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,600	0	100
State Government	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Local Government	5,100	5,200	5,100	5,200	-100	-100
Data benchmarked to March 2010	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					