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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.7%

HARRISBURG (MAY 29) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.7 percent in April, the lowest the rate has been since it was 3.7 percent in April 2008. The rate fell eight-tenths of a percentage point from last April. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s unemployment rate was tied with the Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA for the fourth-lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The Gettysburg MSA had the lowest rate at 3.3 percent, while the East Stroudsburg MSA had the highest at 5.5 percent. The April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was down one-tenth of a percentage point from March to 4.7 percent, while the nation fell two-tenths to 3.9 percent.

Franklin County tied Union County for the eighth-lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in April. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (4.8%, t-31st); Huntingdon (5.6%, t-61st); Juniata (4.2%, t-19th); Perry (3.9%, t-12th); Cumberland (3.5%, t-5th); and Adams (3.3%, t-1st). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.3 percent in Adams and Chester counties to 7.2 percent in Forest County.

The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were essentially unchanged in April at 61,200. Over the year, jobs were up 2.2 percent (+1,300), while statewide jobs grew 1.4 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), leisure & hospitality had the largest over-the-month movement, down 500, as March 25 marked the end of the ski season. Over the year, the seven published supersectors either increased or were essentially unchanged. Trade, transportation, & utilities added 400 jobs for the largest gain.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN 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/
April 2018	74,800	72,300	2,600	3.4	75,600	72,800	2,800	3.7
March	75,700	72,700	3,000	4.0	76,200	73,300	2,900	3.8
February	76,700	73,200	3,500	4.5	76,900	73,700	3,100	4.1
April 2017	76,600	73,500	3,100	4.1	77,600	74,200	3,500	4.5

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
April 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	430,500	412,300	18,200	4.2	432,600	412,800	19,800	4.6
Altoona MSA	58,800	56,600	2,300	3.8	59,100	56,600	2,500	4.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,300	40,600	1,700	4.1	42,300	40,400	2,000	4.6
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	74,800	72,300	2,600	3.4	75,600	72,800	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	80,000	75,900	4,100	5.1	81,000	76,500	4,500	5.5
Erie MSA	127,400	121,500	5,900	4.6	128,100	121,700	6,400	5.0
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,200	1,600	2.9	55,200	53,400	1,800	3.3
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	290,200	280,400	9,800	3.4	292,200	281,200	10,900	3.7
Johnstown MSA	58,600	55,900	2,700	4.6	58,600	55,500	3,100	5.3
Lancaster MSA	275,100	266,700	8,400	3.0	276,900	267,500	9,400	3.4
Lebanon MSA	68,900	66,600	2,400	3.5	69,400	66,700	2,600	3.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,068,600	2,947,700	121,000	3.9	3,073,700	2,938,600	135,000	4.4
Pittsburgh MSA	1,188,400	1,141,400	47,000	4.0	1,196,200	1,142,700	53,500	4.5
Reading MSA	209,000	201,000	8,000	3.8	209,400	200,700	8,700	4.2
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	275,200	262,500	12,800	4.6	276,500	262,500	14,000	5.1
State College MSA	79,200	76,900	2,300	2.9	78,200	75,600	2,700	3.4
Williamsport MSA	55,600	53,000	2,600	4.7	56,000	53,100	2,900	5.1
York-Hanover MSA	230,100	222,100	8,000	3.5	231,000	222,100	8,900	3.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,323,000	6,071,000	252,000	4.0	6,378,000	6,081,000	297,000	4.7
UNITED STATES	161,280,000	155,348,000	5,932,000	3.7	161,527,000	155,181,000	6,346,000	3.9

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

CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

April 2018

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2017
TOTAL NONFARM	61,100	61,300	61,000	60,100	-200	1,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	53,300	53,400	53,300	52,200	-100	1,100
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,200	11,000	10,900	10,900	200	300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,200	200	100
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,800	8,700	0	200
SERVICE-PROVIDING	49,900	50,300	50,100	49,200	-400	700
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42,100	42,400	42,400	41,300	-300	800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,700	15,600	15,500	15,300	100	400
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
Retail Trade	7,500	7,400	7,300	7,200	100	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0
Professional and Business Services	6,000	5,800	5,800	5,700	200	300
Education and Health Services	10,700	10,600	10,500	10,400	100	300
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,800	5,900	5,200	-500	100
Government	7,800	7,900	7,700	7,900	-100	-100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
State Government	900	1,000	900	1,000	-100	-100
Local Government	4,600	4,600	4,500	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**

April 2018

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:		
	Apr 2018	Mar 2018	Feb 2018	Apr 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2017	
PENNSYLVANIA	6,015,300	6,006,200	6,001,900	5,931,700	9,100	83,600	
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	374,100	373,100	372,800	369,100	1,000	5,000	
Altoona MSA	61,800	61,600	61,400	61,800	200	0	
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,800	42,700	42,700	42,800	100	0	
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,200	61,300	61,000	59,900	-100	1,300	
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,900	58,800	58,300	58,700	100	200	
Erie MSA	128,100	128,000	128,200	127,700	100	400	
Gettysburg MSA	35,800	35,800	35,800	35,000	0	800	
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	344,300	344,200	343,700	342,200	100	2,100	
Johnstown MSA	55,600	55,300	55,500	55,200	300	400	
Lancaster MSA	255,800	256,100	256,000	253,000	-300	2,800	
Lebanon MSA	52,400	52,400	52,300	52,000	0	400	
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,939,200	2,935,200	2,928,400	2,901,600	4,000	37,600	
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,076,300	1,077,800	1,073,000	1,063,500	-1,500	12,800	
Philadelphia Metro Division	955,200	951,600	950,000	940,700	3,600	14,500	
Philadelphia City	716,700	713,700	713,200	703,500	3,000	13,200	
Pittsburgh MSA	1,186,000	1,186,300	1,187,600	1,171,500	-300	14,500	
Reading MSA	179,800	179,400	178,900	176,800	400	3,000	
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	266,300	265,600	265,400	261,100	700	5,200	
State College MSA	78,700	78,700	78,300	78,400	0	300	
Williamsport MSA	52,600	52,800	52,900	53,400	-200	-800	
York-Hanover MSA	186,800	187,000	186,900	185,500	-200	1,300	
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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