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### **CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.6%**

**HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 29)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point in September to 3.6 percent. Over the year, the unemployment rate for the MSA was unchanged. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA tied the Lebanon and York-Hanover MSAs for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The State College MSA had the lowest rate at 2.9 percent, while the East Stroudsburg and Johnstown MSAs had the highest at 5.0 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania rose one-tenth of a percentage point from August to 4.0 percent, while the United States declined two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.5 percent.

Franklin County’s unemployment rate tied four other counties for the eighth-lowest rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in September. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (3.8%, t-13<sup>th</sup>); Huntingdon (5.8%, t-65<sup>th</sup>); Juniata (4.3%, t-24<sup>th</sup>); Perry (3.6%, t-8<sup>th</sup>); Cumberland (3.3%, t-5<sup>th</sup>); and Adams (3.0%, 2<sup>nd</sup>). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 2.9 percent in Centre County to 6.1 percent in Forest County.

**The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA’s *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs were up 200 from August to 63,200, a record high.** Over the year, jobs were up 1.6 percent (+1,000), while statewide jobs grew 0.5 percent.

Looking at industry detail (not seasonally adjusted), over the month, government (+500) and trade, transportation, & utilities (+300) led all supersectors due to the start of public schools academic year and school bus transportation companies, respectively. Over the year, four of the seven published supersectors were up and one was unchanged.

**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/
September 2019	79,100	76,400	2,600	3.3	78,900	76,100	2,800	3.6
August	79,700	76,600	3,100	3.9	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5
July	79,900	76,700	3,300	4.1	78,500	75,900	2,600	3.3
September 2018	77,300	74,700	2,600	3.4	77,600	74,800	2,800	3.6

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
September 2019

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	443,000	425,500	17,600	4.0	440,400	422,200	18,100	4.1
Altoona MSA	60,300	57,900	2,400	4.0	60,600	58,000	2,600	4.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,800	42,200	1,600	3.7	43,200	41,400	1,800	4.1
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	79,100	76,400	2,600	3.3	78,900	76,100	2,800	3.6
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,900	78,900	4,000	4.9	82,900	78,800	4,200	5.0
Erie MSA	131,100	126,100	5,000	3.8	130,100	124,700	5,400	4.2
Gettysburg MSA	56,100	54,400	1,600	2.9	55,700	54,000	1,700	3.0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	298,800	288,300	10,500	3.5	298,300	287,800	10,600	3.5
Johnstown MSA	58,600	56,000	2,600	4.4	58,800	55,800	2,900	5.0
Lancaster MSA	287,700	278,800	8,900	3.1	285,600	276,300	9,300	3.3
Lebanon MSA	73,000	70,400	2,600	3.5	72,600	70,000	2,600	3.6
Philadelphia MSA	3,138,800	3,017,900	120,800	3.8	3,129,200	3,009,500	119,700	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,210,500	1,164,600	45,900	3.8	1,206,600	1,158,700	47,800	4.0
Reading MSA	216,900	208,400	8,500	3.9	215,800	207,000	8,800	4.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	276,400	263,600	12,800	4.6	276,700	263,300	13,500	4.9
State College MSA	83,200	80,700	2,500	3.0	81,900	79,500	2,400	2.9
Williamsport MSA	57,400	55,000	2,400	4.2	57,200	54,600	2,500	4.5
York-Hanover MSA	235,800	227,500	8,200	3.5	235,100	226,700	8,400	3.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,517,000	6,262,000	255,000	3.9	6,492,000	6,231,000	260,000	4.0
UNITED STATES	163,943,000	158,478,000	5,465,000	3.3	164,039,000	158,269,000	5,769,000	3.5

ALL DATA ARE ON 2018 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)

September 2019

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Jul 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2018
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>63,100</b>	62,500	62,100	62,200	600	900
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>55,000</b>	54,900	54,700	54,200	100	800
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>11,100</b>	11,100	11,000	11,600	0	-500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,400	-100	0
Manufacturing	8,700	8,600	8,500	9,200	100	-500
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>52,000</b>	51,400	51,100	50,600	600	1,400
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>43,900</b>	43,800	43,700	42,600	100	1,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	15,800	15,500	15,300	15,500	300	300
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Retail Trade	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,100	0	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,200	6,900	6,700	6,800	300	400
Professional and Business Services	6,600	6,500	6,500	6,500	100	100
Education and Health Services	10,800	10,700	10,600	10,700	100	100
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	5,400	5,500	5,200	-300	-100
<b>Government</b>	<b>8,100</b>	7,600	7,400	8,000	500	100
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
State Government	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local Government	4,700	4,200	4,000	4,700	500	0
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS  
FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS**

**September 2019**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2019	Aug 2019	Jul 2019	Sep 2018	Aug 2019	Sep 2018
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,044,500</b>	6,049,500	6,035,200	6,014,300	-5,000	30,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>378,600</b>	377,100	375,500	374,100	1,500	4,500
Altoona MSA	<b>61,800</b>	61,800	61,900	61,200	0	600
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>43,700</b>	43,600	43,300	42,500	100	1,200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>63,200</b>	63,000	62,900	62,200	200	1,000
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>59,200</b>	59,300	59,400	58,900	-100	300
Erie MSA	<b>128,800</b>	129,000	128,600	128,500	-200	300
Gettysburg MSA	<b>35,400</b>	35,500	35,500	35,100	-100	300
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>345,400</b>	346,700	345,400	348,000	-1,300	-2,600
Johnstown MSA	<b>54,900</b>	54,400	54,100	54,400	500	500
Lancaster MSA	<b>259,800</b>	258,900	259,200	257,500	900	2,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>54,400</b>	54,300	54,100	53,300	100	1,100
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,981,000</b>	2,974,700	2,965,100	2,948,100	6,300	32,900
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,087,700</b>	1,081,700	1,077,600	1,075,500	6,000	12,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>984,400</b>	983,900	980,000	968,500	500	15,900
Philadelphia City	<b>742,300</b>	743,300	739,000	728,700	-1,000	13,600
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,189,200</b>	1,191,700	1,187,700	1,186,800	-2,500	2,400
Reading MSA	<b>182,100</b>	182,100	181,800	179,500	0	2,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>261,800</b>	262,000	261,000	263,100	-200	-1,300
State College MSA	<b>82,700</b>	82,200	81,700	80,400	500	2,300
Williamsport MSA	<b>53,500</b>	53,900	53,800	53,100	-400	400
York-Hanover MSA	<b>187,200</b>	186,800	187,000	186,400	400	800
Data benchmarked to March 2018	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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