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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.0%

HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 31) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) declined one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 3.0 percent in September. The state unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.4 percent in September, while the national rate was unchanged from August at 3.8 percent. Over the year, the local MSA’s rate declined by eight-tenths of a percentage point, the Pennsylvania rate declined by nine-tenths and the national rate increased by three-tenths of a point.

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 Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA were down 300 over the month to 62,800 in September. Over the year, jobs were up 1.3 percent (+800) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 2.5 percent.

September Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

The largest over-the-month movement among the seven published supersectors in September was a seasonal decline of 300 jobs in leisure & hospitality as summer activities wound down. Trade, transportation & utilities rose 200, also seasonal in nature. The remaining published supersectors were essentially unchanged over the month. Over the year job movements among supersectors were small with the largest change in government (-300).

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
September 2023	77,500	75,500	2,000	2.6	77,800	75,500	2,300	3.0
August	79,300	76,300	3,000	3.7	77,800	75,400	2,400	3.1
July	78,500	76,000	2,500	3.2	77,600	75,200	2,300	3.0
September 2022	77,200	75,100	2,100	2.7	78,200	75,200	3,000	3.8

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
September 2023

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	455,400	439,800	15,700	3.4	454,600	437,000	17,600	3.9
Altoona MSA	58,600	56,900	1,700	2.8	58,700	56,600	2,100	3.6
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,200	42,000	1,200	2.8	43,300	41,700	1,500	3.6
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,500	75,500	2,000	2.6	77,800	75,500	2,300	3.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	81,900	78,600	3,200	3.9	81,900	78,100	3,800	4.7
Erie MSA	124,900	121,000	3,800	3.1	124,600	119,500	5,100	4.1
Gettysburg MSA	54,800	53,600	1,200	2.2	54,800	53,300	1,500	2.7
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	311,400	302,900	8,500	2.7	310,900	301,200	9,700	3.1
Johnstown MSA	54,300	52,400	1,900	3.4	54,900	52,500	2,400	4.4
Lancaster MSA	294,600	287,500	7,100	2.4	292,000	283,900	8,100	2.8
Lebanon MSA	75,200	73,200	2,000	2.6	74,900	72,600	2,300	3.1
Philadelphia MSA	3,258,100	3,143,500	114,700	3.5	3,266,900	3,146,100	120,900	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,400	1,135,300	35,100	3.0	1,175,400	1,133,800	41,600	3.5
Reading MSA	213,600	206,700	6,900	3.2	214,200	206,200	8,000	3.7
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	277,600	267,800	9,800	3.5	278,700	267,100	11,600	4.2
State College MSA	79,500	77,700	1,800	2.3	78,500	76,300	2,200	2.8
Williamsport MSA	55,000	53,400	1,600	3.0	54,900	52,900	2,100	3.8
York-Hanover MSA	239,000	232,600	6,400	2.7	238,700	231,500	7,300	3.0
PENNSYLVANIA	6,499,000	6,301,000	199,000	3.1	6,497,000	6,275,000	222,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	167,718,000	161,669,000	6,049,000	3.6	167,929,000	161,570,000	6,360,000	3.8

ALL DATA ARE ON 2022 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 2023 NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022
TOTAL NONFARM	62,600	62,900	62,400	62,000	-300	600
TOTAL PRIVATE	55,300	55,600	55,500	54,400	-300	900
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,800	11,900	11,900	11,600	-100	200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,700	-100	100
Manufacturing	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,900	0	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	50,800	51,000	50,500	50,400	-200	400
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	43,500	43,700	43,600	42,800	-200	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16,800	16,600	16,700	16,800	200	0
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Retail Trade	7,600	7,700	7,700	7,500	-100	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,800	7,500	7,600	7,900	300	-100
Professional and Business Services	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Education and Health Services	9,700	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	200
Leisure and Hospitality	5,000	5,300	5,300	4,900	-300	100
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	7,600	0	-300
Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	-100
State Government	800	800	800	800	0	0
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,000	4,600	0	-200
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

September 2023

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2022
PENNSYLVANIA	6,171,600	6,163,300	6,148,700	6,022,900	8,300	148,700
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	395,900	394,500	392,700	387,600	1,400	8,300
Altoona MSA	61,400	61,400	61,300	60,000	0	1,400
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,800	44,300	44,000	43,300	-500	500
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	62,800	63,100	62,900	62,000	-300	800
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,800	58,700	58,300	57,700	100	1,100
Erie MSA	125,100	124,200	123,600	122,100	900	3,000
Gettysburg MSA	34,400	34,300	34,400	33,700	100	700
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	369,400	368,000	366,100	355,600	1,400	13,800
Johnstown MSA	51,300	51,800	51,900	50,800	-500	500
Lancaster MSA	268,900	267,400	265,800	261,900	1,500	7,000
Lebanon MSA	56,600	56,700	56,400	54,500	-100	2,100
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,127,900	3,118,000	3,111,800	3,040,200	9,900	87,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,146,000	1,142,200	1,140,000	1,112,800	3,800	33,200
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,021,700	1,019,700	1,016,300	990,400	2,000	31,300
Philadelphia City	774,200	772,800	770,800	749,900	1,400	24,300
Pittsburgh MSA	1,170,000	1,172,500	1,174,700	1,151,800	-2,500	18,200
Reading MSA	179,700	180,600	179,900	178,200	-900	1,500
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	270,300	270,300	269,700	262,200	0	8,100
State College MSA	79,300	78,800	78,500	77,700	500	1,600
Williamsport MSA	52,100	52,000	52,000	51,400	100	700
York-Hanover MSA	194,000	193,800	193,000	190,700	200	3,300
Data benchmarked to March 2022	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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