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CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 5.1%

HARRISBURG (SEPTEMBER 29) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged at 5.1% in August. The rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point from last August. The Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA unemployment rate was tied with the Pittsburgh and Reading MSAs for the seventh lowest rate among the state’s 18 MSAs. The State College MSA had the lowest rate at 3.7 percent, while the Johnstown MSA had the highest at 6.8 percent. The August seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania remained at 5.4 percent, while the national rate dropped two-tenths to 5.1 percent.

Franklin County tied with four other counties for the 22nd lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in August. Unemployment rates and rankings of neighboring counties were: Fulton (6.0%, t-45th); Huntingdon (6.6%, t-61st); Juniata (4.8%, t-16th); Perry (4.2%, 7th); Cumberland (3.8%, 3rd); and Adams (4.1%, 6th). Unemployment rates across Pennsylvania ranged from 3.6 percent in Chester County to 7.3 percent in Cameron County.

In August, *not seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs fell by 500 to 57,700. Over the year, jobs were down 300. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data is currently not available for the Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA.

Private service-providing jobs declined by 400 in August.

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			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
August 2015	75,600	71,800	3,900	5.1	75,400	71,500	3,900	5.1
July	77,200	73,000	4,200	5.4	76,200	72,300	3,900	5.1
June	77,200	73,300	3,900	5.1	76,400	72,700	3,700	4.9
August 2014	76,400	72,200	4,200	5.5	75,800	71,800	4,000	5.2

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
August 2015

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	428,900	405,200	23,700	5.5	427,900	404,600	23,300	5.4
Altoona MSA	61,000	57,700	3,200	5.3	60,500	57,200	3,300	5.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,000	40,700	2,300	5.3	43,300	41,100	2,200	5.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,600	71,800	3,900	5.1	75,400	71,500	3,900	5.1
East Stroudsburg MSA	79,500	74,300	5,200	6.5	78,900	73,800	5,200	6.6
Erie MSA	135,500	128,000	7,500	5.6	134,200	126,900	7,400	5.5
Gettysburg MSA	54,700	52,400	2,400	4.3	54,700	52,400	2,200	4.1
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	297,600	284,100	13,400	4.5	293,000	280,100	12,900	4.4
Johnstown MSA	62,600	58,300	4,300	6.9	62,500	58,300	4,200	6.8
Lancaster MSA	276,200	264,000	12,200	4.4	272,800	261,000	11,800	4.3
Lebanon MSA	69,700	66,400	3,300	4.8	69,200	65,900	3,300	4.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,036,000	2,863,700	172,300	5.7	3,034,000	2,867,700	166,400	5.5
Pittsburgh MSA	1,235,700	1,168,300	67,400	5.5	1,222,600	1,159,900	62,700	5.1
Reading MSA	212,500	201,600	10,900	5.1	212,100	201,300	10,800	5.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	283,600	265,600	17,900	6.3	283,500	265,600	17,800	6.3
State College MSA	76,800	73,500	3,300	4.3	77,900	75,000	2,900	3.7
Williamsport MSA	60,600	57,000	3,600	6.0	60,400	56,700	3,800	6.2
York-Hanover MSA	231,700	220,200	11,500	5.0	229,900	218,800	11,100	4.8
PENNSYLVANIA	6,444,000	6,089,000	355,000	5.5	6,415,000	6,071,000	344,000	5.4
UNITED STATES	157,390,000	149,228,000	8,162,000	5.2	157,065,000	149,036,000	8,029,000	5.1

ALL DATA ARE ON 2014 BENCHMARKS.

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 MSA level data (and their equivalent) is developed by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); seasonal adjustment for all other areas is developed by the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA).

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

August 2015

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Jun 2015	Aug 2014	Jul 2015	Aug 2014
TOTAL NONFARM	57,700	58,200	59,700	58,000	-500	-300
TOTAL PRIVATE	50,700	51,200	51,800	50,600	-500	100
GOODS-PRODUCING	11,500	11,600	12,300	12,100	-100	-600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,100	0	-200
Manufacturing	9,600	9,700	10,300	10,000	-100	-400
SERVICE-PROVIDING	46,200	46,600	47,400	45,900	-400	300
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	39,200	39,600	39,500	38,500	-400	700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,800	14,800	15,000	14,000	0	800
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Retail Trade	7,200	7,200	7,300	7,000	0	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,900	5,900	6,000	5,300	0	600
Professional and Business Services	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Education and Health Services	9,800	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Government	7,000	7,000	7,900	7,400	0	-400
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	-100
State Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Local Government	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,200	0	-400
Data benchmarked to March 2014	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					