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### **LANCASTER MSA SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 4.2%**

**HARRISBURG (NOVEMBER 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) fell 0.6 percentage points over the month to 4.2 percent in September. The statewide unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage points to 6.2 percent, while the national rate dropped 0.4 percentage points to 4.8 percent.**

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 Lancaster MSA were up 0.2 percent (+600) over the month to 248,400 in September. Over the year, jobs were up 2.1 percent (+5,100) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 2.3 percent.**

#### **September's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail**

Over the month, government had an increase of 2,300 and education & health services 600 due to public & private schools and colleges beginning their new school year. Leisure & hospitality had a seasonal decrease of 1,900.

**Please note that due to demand for pre-recession data, tables 2 and 2A have been temporarily modified to exclude 2-months ago data in order to include 24-months ago data. This change will be in place through the remainder of 2021 data production.**

**TABLE 1**  
**LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**  
(Lancaster 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 2021	278,200	266,400	11,800	4.2	275,600	263,900	11,700	4.2
August	282,100	267,200	15,000	5.3	276,900	263,600	13,400	4.8
July	284,100	268,500	15,600	5.5	276,500	263,500	13,100	4.7
September 2020	281,500	266,200	15,300	5.5	281,600	265,800	15,900	5.6

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
September 2021

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	432,400	408,600	23,800	5.5	433,300	406,200	27,100	6.3
Altoona MSA	57,100	54,200	2,900	5.1	57,100	54,100	3,000	5.3
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,600	40,700	1,900	4.5	42,600	40,300	2,300	5.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,500	72,300	3,200	4.3	75,000	71,600	3,400	4.5
East Stroudsburg MSA	79,400	74,000	5,500	6.9	78,700	73,300	5,400	6.9
Erie MSA	123,900	116,500	7,400	6.0	123,700	115,100	8,600	7.0
Gettysburg MSA	54,900	53,000	1,900	3.5	54,400	52,100	2,300	4.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	295,300	281,800	13,500	4.6	293,700	280,100	13,600	4.6
Johnstown MSA	52,900	49,700	3,200	6.0	53,500	49,600	3,800	7.2
Lancaster MSA	278,200	266,400	11,800	4.2	275,600	263,900	11,700	4.2
Lebanon MSA	70,400	67,100	3,300	4.6	69,800	66,500	3,300	4.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,050,100	2,876,900	173,300	5.7	3,051,700	2,867,000	184,600	6.0
Pittsburgh MSA	1,162,200	1,099,800	62,500	5.4	1,164,700	1,093,800	70,900	6.1
Reading MSA	202,800	191,200	11,600	5.7	202,400	190,600	11,700	5.8
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	266,000	249,000	17,100	6.4	267,300	247,900	19,500	7.3
State College MSA	74,700	71,800	2,900	3.8	73,800	70,800	3,000	4.0
Williamsport MSA	55,300	52,300	3,100	5.5	55,300	51,800	3,600	6.5
York-Hanover MSA	230,400	219,900	10,500	4.6	229,500	219,100	10,400	4.5
PENNSYLVANIA	6,263,000	5,924,000	339,000	5.4	6,277,000	5,886,000	390,000	6.2
UNITED STATES	161,392,000	154,026,000	7,366,000	4.6	161,354,000	153,680,000	7,674,000	4.8

ALL DATA ARE ON 2020 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

## LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lancaster County)

September 2021

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2021	Sep 2020
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>249,400</b>	248,900	244,300	261,500	500	5,100
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>229,300</b>	231,100	224,500	240,800	-1,800	4,800
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>55,600</b>	55,500	53,200	55,800	100	2,400
<b>Mining, Logging, and Construction</b>	<b>19,000</b>	19,200	18,200	18,600	-200	800
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>36,600</b>	36,300	35,000	37,200	300	1,600
Durable Goods	<b>19,500</b>	19,500	18,400	19,700	0	1,100
Non-Durable Goods	<b>17,100</b>	16,800	16,600	17,500	300	500
Food mfg.	<b>7,800</b>	7,800	7,700	7,700	0	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>193,800</b>	193,400	191,100	205,700	400	2,700
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>173,700</b>	175,600	171,300	185,000	-1,900	2,400
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>58,300</b>	58,300	57,600	60,200	0	700
Wholesale Trade	<b>14,100</b>	14,200	13,900	16,100	-100	200
Retail Trade	<b>28,300</b>	28,500	28,300	29,400	-200	0
General merchandise stores	<b>3,200</b>	3,200	3,100	3,300	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>15,900</b>	15,600	15,400	14,700	300	500
<b>Information</b>	<b>2,300</b>	2,400	2,400	2,600	-100	-100
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>9,700</b>	9,800	9,400	9,300	-100	300
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>25,300</b>	25,600	24,500	26,400	-300	800
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>44,900</b>	44,300	45,900	47,900	600	-1,000
Health care and social assistance	<b>39,700</b>	39,800	39,800	40,500	-100	-100
Hospitals	<b>9,000</b>	9,000	8,900	8,500	0	100
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>21,100</b>	23,000	19,900	25,900	-1,900	1,200
Accommodation and food services	<b>16,700</b>	17,800	16,500	21,000	-1,100	200
Food services and drinking places	<b>13,900</b>	14,400	13,800	17,200	-500	100
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>12,100</b>	12,200	11,600	12,700	-100	500
<b>Government</b>	<b>20,100</b>	17,800	19,800	20,700	2,300	300
Federal Government	<b>1,200</b>	1,200	1,500	1,300	0	-300
State Government	<b>2,800</b>	2,000	3,100	3,400	800	-300
Local Government	<b>16,100</b>	14,600	15,200	16,000	1,500	900
Data benchmarked to March 2020	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

**September 2021**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Sep 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2020	Sep 2019	Aug 2021	Sep 2020
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,733,700</b>	5,741,600	5,602,700	6,075,800	-7,900	131,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>367,100</b>	363,600	353,200	381,100	3,500	13,900
Altoona MSA	<b>57,800</b>	57,800	58,100	61,300	0	-300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>42,500</b>	42,800	40,800	42,900	-300	1,700
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>59,800</b>	59,500	58,300	62,200	300	1,500
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>55,200</b>	54,900	55,100	59,600	300	100
Erie MSA	<b>119,300</b>	118,700	117,200	128,000	600	2,100
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,500</b>	34,300	32,700	35,200	200	1,800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>339,500</b>	338,900	331,800	351,900	600	7,700
Johnstown MSA	<b>48,200</b>	47,400	49,900	53,700	800	-1,700
Lancaster MSA	<b>248,400</b>	247,800	243,300	260,600	600	5,100
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,300</b>	51,400	50,700	54,000	-100	600
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,845,100</b>	2,841,100	2,759,300	2,990,200	4,000	85,800
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,045,500</b>	1,043,900	1,016,500	1,092,700	1,600	29,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>909,400</b>	907,800	887,800	985,900	1,600	21,600
Philadelphia City	<b>681,100</b>	679,300	666,200	743,800	1,800	14,900
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,122,400</b>	1,126,900	1,092,700	1,194,400	-4,500	29,700
Reading MSA	<b>165,200</b>	165,500	165,600	181,700	-300	-400
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>247,700</b>	247,600	243,100	263,000	100	4,600
State College MSA	<b>72,600</b>	73,900	72,600	80,100	-1,300	0
Williamsport MSA	<b>50,800</b>	50,700	49,700	53,300	100	1,100
York-Hanover MSA	<b>181,800</b>	181,600	176,200	188,000	200	5,600
Data benchmarked to March 2020	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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