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### **LANCASTER MSA DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.7%**

**HARRISBURG (FEBRUARY 1) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased was unchanged over the month at 3.7 percent in December.** Both the statewide and national unemployment rates were down 0.3 percentage points to 5.4 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively.

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 0.5 percent (+1,300) over the month to 251,000 in December.** Over the year, jobs were up 3.0 percent (+7,300) in the MSA, while statewide jobs increased 3.6 percent.

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

Over the month, trade, transportation, & utilities had a seasonal increase of 1,900, while government had a decrease of 1,000 due primarily to state universities being on winter break.

**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/
December 2021	272,700	264,500	8,200	3.0	276,100	266,000	10,100	3.7
November	275,900	266,800	9,100	3.3	275,900	265,600	10,300	3.7
October	279,000	268,300	10,700	3.8	276,600	264,800	11,800	4.3
December 2020	277,200	262,900	14,300	5.2	280,000	266,300	13,700	4.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
December 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	430,300	413,000	17,200	4.0	435,300	412,500	22,800	5.2
Altoona MSA	55,800	53,600	2,200	3.9	56,600	54,100	2,500	4.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	41,800	40,300	1,500	3.5	42,400	40,700	1,800	4.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,100	72,800	2,300	3.0	75,600	72,500	3,100	4.1
East Stroudsburg MSA	78,500	74,500	4,100	5.2	79,400	74,300	5,100	6.5
Erie MSA	120,500	114,700	5,800	4.8	122,700	115,400	7,300	5.9
Gettysburg MSA	54,200	52,800	1,400	2.6	54,900	52,900	2,000	3.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	291,000	281,600	9,400	3.2	294,500	282,800	11,700	4.0
Johnstown MSA	51,700	49,200	2,500	4.8	52,800	49,500	3,300	6.3
Lancaster MSA	272,700	264,500	8,200	3.0	276,100	266,000	10,100	3.7
Lebanon MSA	69,200	67,000	2,300	3.3	70,100	67,100	3,000	4.3
Philadelphia MSA	3,036,500	2,908,700	127,700	4.2	3,053,900	2,891,000	162,900	5.3
Pittsburgh MSA	1,132,300	1,087,300	45,000	4.0	1,157,400	1,096,000	61,400	5.3
Reading MSA	199,800	191,600	8,300	4.1	201,800	191,600	10,200	5.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	263,700	251,000	12,700	4.8	266,400	249,300	17,100	6.4
State College MSA	74,500	72,300	2,200	2.9	74,100	71,400	2,700	3.7
Williamsport MSA	53,800	51,500	2,300	4.3	54,800	51,800	3,000	5.4
York-Hanover MSA	226,800	219,500	7,300	3.2	229,800	219,800	10,000	4.4
PENNSYLVANIA	6,142,000	5,897,000	245,000	4.0	6,241,000	5,903,000	337,000	5.4
UNITED STATES	161,696,000	155,732,000	5,964,000	3.7	162,294,000	155,975,000	6,319,000	3.9

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)

December 2021

## NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Nov 2021	Dec 2020
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>252,000</b>	251,400	244,300	263,600	600	7,700
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>232,400</b>	230,800	225,200	243,600	1,600	7,200
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>55,800</b>	55,500	53,800	55,600	300	2,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,000	19,100	18,400	18,400	-100	600
Manufacturing	36,800	36,400	35,400	37,200	400	1,400
Durable Goods	19,300	19,300	18,700	19,600	0	600
Non-Durable Goods	17,500	17,100	16,700	17,600	400	800
Food mfg.	7,800	7,600	7,800	7,900	200	0
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>196,200</b>	195,900	190,500	208,000	300	5,700
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>176,600</b>	175,300	171,400	188,000	1,300	5,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,100	59,200	59,500	63,000	1,900	1,600
Wholesale Trade	14,200	14,100	13,900	15,900	100	300
Retail Trade	29,700	28,600	29,100	31,000	1,100	600
General merchandise stores	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,700	100	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,200	16,500	16,500	16,100	700	700
Information	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	0
Financial Activities	9,700	9,600	9,400	9,500	100	300
Professional and Business Services	26,400	26,300	24,800	26,700	100	1,600
Education and Health Services	44,500	44,800	45,400	48,600	-300	-900
Health care and social assistance	40,000	39,800	40,000	41,300	200	0
Hospitals	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,800	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	20,300	20,900	18,200	24,600	-600	2,100
Accommodation and food services	16,400	16,700	15,900	20,400	-300	500
Food services and drinking places	13,500	13,300	13,300	16,900	200	200
Other Services	12,200	12,100	11,700	12,900	100	500
Government	19,600	20,600	19,100	20,000	-1,000	500
Federal Government	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	100	100
State Government	2,200	3,100	2,700	2,700	-900	-500
Local Government	16,100	16,300	15,200	16,000	-200	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**

**December 2021**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Nov 2021	Dec 2020
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,804,600</b>	5,790,300	5,602,400	6,082,900	14,300	202,200
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>373,300</b>	371,900	361,400	383,100	1,400	11,900
Altoona MSA	<b>58,500</b>	58,500	58,200	61,500	0	300
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>43,400</b>	43,200	41,000	43,000	200	2,400
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>60,000</b>	59,900	58,400	62,200	100	1,600
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>56,800</b>	56,600	54,100	59,700	200	2,700
Erie MSA	<b>120,500</b>	120,100	117,700	127,900	400	2,800
Gettysburg MSA	<b>35,400</b>	35,200	33,200	35,400	200	2,200
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>344,400</b>	344,000	332,600	354,300	400	11,800
Johnstown MSA	<b>48,300</b>	48,300	48,900	53,400	0	-600
Lancaster MSA	<b>251,000</b>	249,700	243,700	262,000	1,300	7,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>51,700</b>	51,300	50,200	54,000	400	1,500
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,892,300</b>	2,880,200	2,761,200	2,998,200	12,100	131,100
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,060,800</b>	1,055,500	1,015,400	1,095,000	5,300	45,400
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>921,200</b>	916,500	887,500	991,200	4,700	33,700
Philadelphia City	<b>692,700</b>	688,800	662,300	747,700	3,900	30,400
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,131,700</b>	1,129,600	1,091,500	1,194,000	2,100	40,200
Reading MSA	<b>167,500</b>	166,000	166,000	181,200	1,500	1,500
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>253,200</b>	251,000	245,600	264,200	2,200	7,600
State College MSA	<b>74,200</b>	73,100	70,900	80,300	1,100	3,300
Williamsport MSA	<b>51,200</b>	50,900	49,500	53,000	300	1,700
York-Hanover MSA	<b>183,300</b>	183,200	179,000	188,700	100	4,300
Data benchmarked to March 2020	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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