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LANCASTER MSA JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.9%

HARRISBURG (MARCH 17) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 3.9 percent in January 2022. The statewide and national rates were 5.4 percent and 4.0 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 0.4 percent (+1,000) over the month to 255,400 in January Over the year, jobs were up 3.8 percent (+9,400) in the MSA, matching the statewide percentage growth from last January.

January's Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail

Over the month, numerous supersectors experienced seasonal job decreases. The largest supersector drop from December was in leisure & hospitality (-1,000) with trade, transportation, & utilities (-800) having the only other decline of more than 500. Over the year, eight of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest increase in leisure & hospitality (+3,400).

*NOTE: Because the data included in each month's press release (primarily civilian labor force and nonfarm jobs data) are sample based, the data are subject to revisions. Once each year, estimates are adjusted to new levels based on additional or revised information collected after the initial release of the data (called a benchmark). Additionally, seasonal adjustment factors for historical labor force and nonfarm jobs data are updated each year. Revisions to the nonfarm jobs series through 2021 have been completed and are reflected in the January news release. **Revisions to the historical labor force series have not been completed and are not yet reflected in the January news release.** Historical labor force revisions are expected to be completed by the release of March data in late April 2022. For more information on the benchmarking process and revisions to historical data please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov.*

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/			
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January 2022	282,500	270,700	11,900	4.2	279,200	268,200	11,000	3.9
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
January 2021	274,700	257,500	17,200	6.3	278,400	262,600	15,800	5.7

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
January 2022

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
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Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	450,100	425,600	24,400	5.4	436,500	413,900	22,500	5.2
Altoona MSA	59,400	56,200	3,200	5.4	57,300	54,500	2,800	4.9
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	41,900	39,700	2,200	5.3	42,300	40,600	1,800	4.2
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	77,000	73,700	3,300	4.3	75,900	72,900	3,000	4.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,200	76,400	5,900	7.2	80,000	74,800	5,200	6.5
Erie MSA	126,100	117,500	8,600	6.8	123,600	116,200	7,300	5.9
Gettysburg MSA	54,300	52,200	2,000	3.8	54,900	53,000	1,900	3.5
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	300,800	287,200	13,600	4.5	297,600	285,000	12,600	4.2
Johnstown MSA	54,900	51,200	3,700	6.7	53,100	49,900	3,200	6.0
Lancaster MSA	282,500	270,700	11,900	4.2	279,200	268,200	11,000	3.9
Lebanon MSA	72,100	68,800	3,300	4.6	70,800	67,700	3,100	4.3
Philadelphia MSA	3,159,500	2,992,600	166,900	5.3	3,078,200	2,918,100	160,100	5.2
Pittsburgh MSA	1,162,800	1,095,900	67,000	5.8	1,158,600	1,099,200	59,400	5.1
Reading MSA	208,300	196,300	12,000	5.8	204,000	193,000	11,000	5.4
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	274,100	255,200	18,900	6.9	267,800	251,200	16,600	6.2
State College MSA	76,100	73,000	3,000	4.0	74,900	72,200	2,800	3.7
Williamsport MSA	54,400	50,900	3,500	6.4	54,600	51,700	3,000	5.4
York-Hanover MSA	233,700	223,200	10,500	4.5	230,800	220,900	9,900	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA	6,374,000	6,016,000	358,000	5.6	6,371,000	6,030,000	341,000	5.4
UNITED STATES	162,825,000	155,618,000	7,207,000	4.4	163,687,000	157,174,000	6,513,000	4.0

ALL STATEWIDE AND CURRENT YEAR DATA ARE ON 2021 BENCHMARK; ALL OTHER 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)

January 2022

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2022	Dec 2021	Jan 2021	Jan 2020	Dec 2021	Jan 2021
TOTAL NONFARM	250,100	253,600	241,100	256,400	-3,500	9,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	231,600	234,600	222,500	236,700	-3,000	9,100
GOODS-PRODUCING	55,100	55,200	53,500	55,000	-100	1,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	17,900	18,100	17,700	18,000	-200	200
Manufacturing	37,200	37,100	35,800	37,000	100	1,400
Durable Goods	19,700	19,700	19,000	19,700	0	700
Non-Durable Goods	17,500	17,400	16,800	17,300	100	700
Food mfg.	8,500	8,400	7,800	7,600	100	700
SERVICE-PROVIDING	195,000	198,400	187,600	201,400	-3,400	7,400
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	176,500	179,400	169,000	181,700	-2,900	7,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	60,800	61,600	57,700	60,100	-800	3,100
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,400	12,600	15,200	0	800
Retail Trade	29,900	30,000	28,900	29,400	-100	1,000
General merchandise stores	3,400	3,600	3,300	3,400	-200	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,500	18,200	16,200	15,500	-700	1,300
Information	2,600	2,700	2,400	2,700	-100	200
Financial Activities	9,800	9,900	9,600	9,600	-100	200
Professional and Business Services	26,300	26,700	25,400	25,500	-400	900
Education and Health Services	44,200	44,900	45,600	47,800	-700	-1,400
Health care and social assistance	39,200	39,500	40,300	41,000	-300	-1,100
Hospitals	8,800	8,800	9,000	8,800	0	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	20,200	21,200	16,800	23,300	-1,000	3,400
Accommodation and food services	16,700	17,900	14,500	19,500	-1,200	2,200
Food services and drinking places	14,600	15,700	12,600	16,300	-1,100	2,000
Other Services	12,600	12,400	11,500	12,700	200	1,100
Government	18,500	19,000	18,600	19,700	-500	-100
Federal Government	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,300	-100	0
State Government	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,600	-200	-200
Local Government	15,100	15,300	15,000	15,800	-200	100
Data benchmarked to March 2021	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

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

January 2022

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jan 2022	Dec 2021	Jan 2021	Jan 2020	Dec 2021	Jan 2021
PENNSYLVANIA	5,857,600	5,837,600	5,641,300	6,089,500	20,000	216,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	381,200	380,700	363,000	383,900	500	18,200
Altoona MSA	59,900	60,000	57,900	61,500	-100	2,000
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	41,800	42,100	40,600	43,000	-300	1,200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	59,800	59,500	58,400	62,100	300	1,400
East Stroudsburg MSA	56,400	56,600	55,000	59,600	-200	1,400
Erie MSA	122,100	121,300	117,200	128,600	800	4,900
Gettysburg MSA	34,400	34,400	32,600	35,500	0	1,800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	346,400	345,400	333,800	354,200	1,000	12,600
Johnstown MSA	50,000	50,000	48,900	53,100	0	1,100
Lancaster MSA	255,400	254,400	246,000	261,300	1,000	9,400
Lebanon MSA	53,100	53,000	51,600	53,900	100	1,500
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	2,927,800	2,921,600	2,803,100	3,004,800	6,200	124,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,079,200	1,072,100	1,037,400	1,099,500	7,100	41,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	943,800	942,400	895,300	993,400	1,400	48,500
Philadelphia City	714,700	713,400	671,200	750,400	1,300	43,500
Pittsburgh MSA	1,128,800	1,126,900	1,096,500	1,192,500	1,900	32,300
Reading MSA	170,300	170,700	168,000	181,500	-400	2,300
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	255,600	254,300	244,600	265,600	1,300	11,000
State College MSA	76,900	75,600	71,000	83,300	1,300	5,900
Williamsport MSA	49,700	49,800	49,100	53,200	-100	600
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