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### **LANCASTER MSA MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 3.6%**

**HARRISBURG (APRIL 26)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was down two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 3.6 percent in March 2022. The statewide and national rates declined to 4.9 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

*Note: Annual revisions to the historical (pre-2022) labor force series (Table 1) have been completed and are reflected in this news release. January and February 2022 data were also subject to revision. 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](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov).*

**Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Lancaster MSA increased 0.2 percent over the month (+600) to 255,200 in March.** Over the year, jobs were up 2.8 percent (+7,000) in the MSA as statewide jobs rose 3.4 percent over that time.

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

Over the month, seven of the ten industry supersectors increased. Mining, logging, & construction, manufacturing, and education and health services all added 300 jobs in March. Over the year, nine of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest increase in trade, transportation & utilities (+2,900).

**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/
March 2022	282,500	272,900	9,600	3.4	284,200	273,900	10,300	3.6
February	280,900	270,500	10,300	3.7	284,100	273,200	10,900	3.8
January	281,700	269,800	11,900	4.2	284,600	272,800	11,700	4.1
March 2021	282,000	267,100	14,900	5.3	285,400	270,000	15,300	5.4

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

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	452,100	431,900	20,200	4.5	449,200	428,000	21,200	4.7
Altoona MSA	59,000	56,400	2,600	4.4	59,000	56,400	2,600	4.5
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	42,700	40,900	1,800	4.2	42,300	40,500	1,800	4.3
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,300	73,600	2,700	3.5	76,700	73,900	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,700	77,700	5,000	6.1	82,100	76,900	5,200	6.3
Erie MSA	126,900	119,800	7,100	5.6	126,200	119,100	7,200	5.7
Gettysburg MSA	54,700	53,100	1,600	3.0	54,800	53,100	1,800	3.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	306,900	295,900	11,100	3.6	305,100	293,200	12,000	3.9
Johnstown MSA	55,500	52,500	3,000	5.4	55,200	52,200	3,100	5.5
Lancaster MSA	282,500	272,900	9,600	3.4	284,200	273,900	10,300	3.6
Lebanon MSA	72,600	69,900	2,700	3.7	72,800	69,900	2,900	3.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,171,100	3,032,400	138,700	4.4	3,154,800	3,004,900	149,900	4.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,171,500	1,117,000	54,500	4.7	1,168,300	1,110,400	57,900	5.0
Reading MSA	209,000	199,200	9,800	4.7	209,100	198,700	10,400	5.0
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	273,300	257,700	15,600	5.7	273,200	257,100	16,100	5.9
State College MSA	77,700	75,100	2,600	3.3	76,800	74,100	2,700	3.5
Williamsport MSA	54,900	52,100	2,800	5.1	54,500	51,700	2,800	5.1
York-Hanover MSA	236,000	227,400	8,600	3.6	235,100	225,500	9,600	4.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,403,000	6,111,000	292,000	4.6	6,387,000	6,074,000	313,000	4.9
UNITED STATES	164,274,000	158,106,000	6,168,000	3.8	164,409,000	158,458,000	5,952,000	3.6

ALL DATA ARE ON 2021 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)

March 2022

## NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Feb 2022	Mar 2021
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>252,500</b>	251,400	246,300	258,800	1,100	6,200
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>232,900</b>	231,900	227,000	238,000	1,000	5,900
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>55,900</b>	55,300	53,900	55,400	600	2,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	18,000	17,700	17,800	18,300	300	200
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>37,900</b>	37,600	36,100	37,100	300	1,800
Durable Goods	20,000	19,900	19,200	19,700	100	800
Non-Durable Goods	17,900	17,700	16,900	17,400	200	1,000
Food mfg.	8,800	8,700	7,900	7,700	100	900
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>196,600</b>	196,100	192,400	203,400	500	4,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>177,000</b>	176,600	173,100	182,600	400	3,900
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>60,200</b>	60,300	57,300	59,900	-100	2,900
Wholesale Trade	13,600	13,400	12,700	15,200	200	900
Retail Trade	29,400	29,600	28,800	29,400	-200	600
General merchandise stores	3,200	3,300	3,200	3,300	-100	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,200	17,300	15,800	15,300	-100	1,400
<b>Information</b>	<b>2,600</b>	2,600	2,500	2,600	0	100
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>9,900</b>	9,900	9,700	9,700	0	200
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>26,300</b>	26,300	26,000	25,500	0	300
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>45,400</b>	45,100	47,200	48,700	300	-1,800
Health care and social assistance	39,500	39,400	40,600	41,100	100	-1,100
Hospitals	8,800	8,800	9,100	8,900	0	-300
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>20,200</b>	20,100	18,600	23,400	100	1,600
Accommodation and food services	16,900	17,100	15,800	19,600	-200	1,100
Food services and drinking places	14,600	14,900	13,500	16,300	-300	1,100
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>12,400</b>	12,300	11,800	12,800	100	600
<b>Government</b>	<b>19,600</b>	19,500	19,300	20,800	100	300
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0
State Government	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,500	0	100
Local Government	15,500	15,400	15,300	16,000	100	200
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**

**March 2022**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Feb 2022	Mar 2021
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,902,300</b>	5,886,500	5,706,400	6,043,800	15,800	195,900
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>383,100</b>	382,100	365,700	379,600	1,000	17,400
Altoona MSA	<b>59,800</b>	59,800	58,300	61,300	0	1,500
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>42,200</b>	42,300	40,900	43,000	-100	1,300
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>59,800</b>	59,900	59,000	61,700	-100	800
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>57,700</b>	57,100	56,000	59,400	600	1,700
Erie MSA	<b>123,000</b>	122,500	118,700	127,500	500	4,300
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,300</b>	34,500	33,400	35,400	-200	900
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>353,200</b>	352,500	338,200	352,300	700	15,000
Johnstown MSA	<b>50,300</b>	50,300	49,400	52,800	0	900
Lancaster MSA	<b>255,200</b>	254,600	248,200	260,600	600	7,000
Lebanon MSA	<b>53,400</b>	53,300	51,900	53,700	100	1,500
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,937,900</b>	2,933,200	2,827,900	2,983,300	4,700	110,000
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,078,700</b>	1,076,400	1,044,700	1,088,900	2,300	34,000
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>948,600</b>	943,300	907,000	986,300	5,300	41,600
Philadelphia City	<b>717,700</b>	714,600	681,500	746,300	3,100	36,200
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,134,800</b>	1,128,700	1,104,900	1,181,500	6,100	29,900
Reading MSA	<b>171,200</b>	171,000	168,600	180,500	200	2,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>255,500</b>	255,800	246,800	263,800	-300	8,700
State College MSA	<b>75,900</b>	75,900	72,500	78,600	0	3,400
Williamsport MSA	<b>50,300</b>	50,300	50,200	52,600	0	100
York-Hanover MSA	<b>185,400</b>	185,100	180,400	187,300	300	5,000
Data benchmarked to March 2021	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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