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

**HARRISBURG (APRIL 5)** – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was down two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 3.7 percent in February 2022. The statewide and national rates declined to 5.1 percent and 3.8 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 have not been completed and are not reflected in this 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](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov).*

**Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Lancaster MSA were essentially unchanged over the month at 254,400 in February.** Over the year, jobs were up 3.0 percent (+7,300) in the MSA as statewide jobs rose 4.0 percent over that time.

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

Over the month, eight of the ten industry supersectors had movements of less than 200 jobs. The only two supersectors with larger movements were education & health services (+1,200) and government (+800) which both added jobs as winter break ended at local educational institutions. Over the year, nine of the ten supersectors added jobs with the largest increase in trade, transportation & utilities (+3,200).

**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	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/
February 2022	280,400	270,000	10,300	3.7	280,200	269,900	10,300	3.7
January	281,700	269,800	11,900	4.2	279,000	268,000	11,000	3.9
December 2021	272,700	264,500	8,200	3.0	276,100	266,000	10,100	3.7
February 2021	278,400	261,200	17,200	6.2	279,400	263,200	16,200	5.8

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT 2/	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) 3/
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	450,200	428,600	21,600	4.8	438,900	417,600	21,400	4.9
Altoona MSA	58,800	55,900	2,900	4.9	57,600	54,900	2,600	4.6
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	41,800	39,900	1,900	4.5	42,200	40,500	1,700	4.0
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	76,400	73,400	2,900	3.9	76,100	73,200	2,800	3.7
East Stroudsburg MSA	82,200	76,900	5,400	6.5	80,500	75,500	5,000	6.3
Erie MSA	125,700	118,100	7,600	6.1	124,000	117,000	7,100	5.7
Gettysburg MSA	54,400	52,600	1,700	3.2	54,900	53,100	1,800	3.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	302,700	290,900	11,800	3.9	299,900	288,000	11,900	4.0
Johnstown MSA	55,300	52,000	3,200	5.9	53,500	50,500	3,000	5.7
Lancaster MSA	280,400	270,000	10,300	3.7	280,200	269,900	10,300	3.7
Lebanon MSA	72,000	69,100	2,900	4.0	71,300	68,400	2,900	4.0
Philadelphia MSA	3,150,600	3,002,300	148,400	4.7	3,095,100	2,942,600	152,600	4.9
Pittsburgh MSA	1,158,400	1,099,000	59,400	5.1	1,158,600	1,102,100	56,500	4.9
Reading MSA	207,400	196,800	10,600	5.1	204,600	194,200	10,400	5.1
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	272,400	255,700	16,700	6.1	268,900	253,000	15,900	5.9
State College MSA	77,100	74,500	2,600	3.4	75,400	72,800	2,600	3.4
Williamsport MSA	54,700	51,600	3,100	5.6	54,600	51,800	2,800	5.1
York-Hanover MSA	233,400	224,200	9,200	3.9	231,700	222,300	9,400	4.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,353,000	6,037,000	316,000	5.0	6,370,000	6,042,000	328,000	5.1
UNITED STATES	163,725,000	156,942,000	6,782,000	4.1	163,991,000	157,722,000	6,270,000	3.8

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)

February 2022

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2022	Jan 2022	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2022	Feb 2021
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>251,100</b>	248,900	243,400	258,300	2,200	7,700
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>231,800</b>	230,400	224,200	237,500	1,400	7,600
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>55,200</b>	55,100	53,200	54,800	100	2,000
<b>Mining, Logging, and Construction</b>	<b>17,700</b>	17,800	17,400	17,900	-100	300
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>37,500</b>	37,300	35,800	36,900	200	1,700
Durable Goods	<b>19,900</b>	19,700	19,000	19,600	200	900
Non-Durable Goods	<b>17,600</b>	17,600	16,800	17,300	0	800
Food mfg.	<b>8,600</b>	8,500	7,800	7,600	100	800
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>195,900</b>	193,800	190,200	203,500	2,100	5,700
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>176,600</b>	175,300	171,000	182,700	1,300	5,600
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>60,400</b>	60,400	57,200	59,600	0	3,200
Wholesale Trade	<b>13,500</b>	13,400	12,600	15,200	100	900
Retail Trade	<b>29,600</b>	29,600	28,700	29,200	0	900
General merchandise stores	<b>3,300</b>	3,400	3,200	3,200	-100	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>17,300</b>	17,400	15,900	15,200	-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	9,600	9,700	0	300
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>26,300</b>	26,300	25,900	25,800	0	400
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>45,000</b>	43,800	46,600	48,800	1,200	-1,600
Health care and social assistance	<b>39,300</b>	39,200	40,400	41,000	100	-1,100
Hospitals	<b>8,800</b>	8,800	9,000	8,800	0	-200
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>20,100</b>	20,100	17,600	23,400	0	2,500
Accommodation and food services	<b>16,900</b>	16,900	15,100	19,700	0	1,800
Food services and drinking places	<b>14,600</b>	14,700	13,000	16,400	-100	1,600
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>12,300</b>	12,200	11,600	12,800	100	700
<b>Government</b>	<b>19,300</b>	18,500	19,200	20,800	800	100
Federal Government	<b>1,200</b>	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0
State Government	<b>2,700</b>	2,200	2,800	3,500	500	-100
Local Government	<b>15,400</b>	15,100	15,200	16,000	300	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**

**February 2022**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Feb 2022	Jan 2022	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2022	Feb 2021
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,890,800</b>	5,856,400	5,666,700	6,095,700	34,400	224,100
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>384,200</b>	380,100	365,100	384,300	4,100	19,100
Altoona MSA	<b>59,900</b>	59,900	58,300	61,500	0	1,600
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>41,800</b>	42,000	40,600	43,300	-200	1,200
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>60,100</b>	59,900	58,700	62,100	200	1,400
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>57,000</b>	56,800	55,400	59,600	200	1,600
Erie MSA	<b>122,200</b>	122,000	118,000	128,700	200	4,200
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,400</b>	34,500	32,600	35,800	-100	1,800
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>351,200</b>	347,700	336,000	353,800	3,500	15,200
Johnstown MSA	<b>50,200</b>	50,200	49,300	53,200	0	900
Lancaster MSA	<b>254,400</b>	254,300	247,100	262,000	100	7,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>53,100</b>	53,100	51,400	54,100	0	1,700
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>2,933,700</b>	2,924,300	2,814,700	3,013,800	9,400	119,000
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,075,600</b>	1,076,000	1,040,900	1,102,000	-400	34,700
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>943,400</b>	943,100	898,500	996,700	300	44,900
Philadelphia City	<b>714,700</b>	713,400	673,700	753,100	1,300	41,000
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,129,900</b>	1,128,600	1,100,900	1,195,300	1,300	29,000
Reading MSA	<b>170,800</b>	170,200	168,000	181,700	600	2,800
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>255,900</b>	255,300	245,200	265,600	600	10,700
State College MSA	<b>75,800</b>	76,900	72,100	81,200	-1,100	3,700
Williamsport MSA	<b>50,400</b>	49,900	49,600	53,000	500	800
York-Hanover MSA	<b>184,500</b>	183,800	179,800	188,700	700	4,700
Data benchmarked to March 2021	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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