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PA Unemployment Rate 5.3% in April

Harrisburg – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for April 2016.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was up four-tenths of a percentage point from March to 5.3 percent. Pennsylvania's rate rose above that of the United States, which was unchanged at 5.0 percent. The commonwealth's rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point since April 2015 while the national rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was up 24,000 in April to 6,526,000. Resident employment declined by 3,000 while the unemployment count increased by 27,000.

Total nonfarm jobs decreased 16,900 to 5,877,700. Eight of the eleven supersectors declined, with four down by at least 3,500 jobs in April. The largest drop was in leisure & hospitality (-5,700), while the strongest gain was in education & health services (+5,600).

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 55,000 (+0.9%). All seven private service-providing supersectors added jobs from April 2015, while government and two of the three goods-producing supersectors declined. The largest increase from last year was in education & health services (+24,300), while the largest decline was in mining & logging (-9,000).

Note: The above data are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid month-to-month comparison.

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Editor's Note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from March 2016		Change from April 2015	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,526	6,502	6,418	24	0.4%	108	1.7%
Employment	6,182	6,185	6,081	-3	0.0%	101	1.7%
Unemployment	344	317	337	27	8.5%	7	2.1%
Rate	5.3	4.9	5.2	0.4	----	0.1	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	158,924	159,286	157,032	-362	-0.2%	1,892	1.2%
Employment	151,004	151,320	148,509	-316	-0.2%	2,495	1.7%
Unemployment	7,920	7,966	8,523	-46	-0.6%	-603	-7.1%
Rate	5.0	5.0	5.4	0.0	----	-0.4	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	Change from March 2016		Change from April 2015	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,877.7	5,894.6	5,822.7	-16.9	-0.3%	55.0	0.9%
Goods Producing Industries	826.5	828.0	837.9	-1.5	-0.2%	-11.4	-1.4%
Mining & Logging	26.7	27.6	35.7	-0.9	-3.3%	-9.0	-25.2%
Construction	234.6	234.1	232.8	0.5	0.2%	1.8	0.8%
Manufacturing	565.2	566.3	569.4	-1.1	-0.2%	-4.2	-0.7%
Service Providing Industries	5,051.2	5,066.6	4,984.8	-15.4	-0.3%	66.4	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,134.4	1,137.9	1,119.0	-3.5	-0.3%	15.4	1.4%
Information	86.0	85.9	84.8	0.1	0.1%	1.2	1.4%
Financial Activities	318.2	320.5	316.0	-2.3	-0.7%	2.2	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	783.2	786.8	772.5	-3.6	-0.5%	10.7	1.4%
Education & Health Services	1,214.4	1,208.8	1,190.1	5.6	0.5%	24.3	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	555.6	561.3	542.6	-5.7	-1.0%	13.0	2.4%
Other Services	257.5	259.8	255.2	-2.3	-0.9%	2.3	0.9%
Government	701.9	705.6	704.6	-3.7	-0.5%	-2.7	-0.4%

For a more detailed breakdown of seasonally adjusted jobs data at the sector level, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov

Note: May 2016 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released June 17, 2016.