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## **Pennsylvania Unemployment Rate at 5.0% in May**

**Harrisburg** – Today the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for May 2017.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point from April to 5.0 percent. This was the second monthly increase following four consecutive declines. The commonwealth's rate remained above that of the United States (4.3%), which decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in May. Over the year, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by one-half of a percentage point, while nationally the rate declined by four-tenths from last May.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was up 11,000 over the month to 6,475,000. Resident employment increased by 2,000 while the unemployment count expanded by 8,000.

Pennsylvania's nonfarm jobs count was down 4,000 to 5,921,700 in May. Six of the eleven supersectors declined from April, with the largest drop in construction (-4,300). The largest gain was in leisure & hospitality, up 3,100 jobs. Professional & business services set a record high level in May while manufacturing declined to its lowest level since current records begin (January 1990).

Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 0.9 percent from May 2016 while nationally jobs were up 1.6 percent. Seven supersectors added jobs over the year. The largest increase over the past 12 months was in education & health services (+32,700), while the largest decline was in manufacturing (-11,500).

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)

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from April 2017		Change from May 2016	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,475	6,464	6,441	11	0.2%	34	0.5%
Employment	6,152	6,150	6,086	2	0.0%	66	1.1%
Unemployment	323	315	354	8	2.5%	-31	-8.8%
<b>Rate</b>	5.0	4.9	5.5	0.1	----	-0.5	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	159,784	160,213	158,509	-429	-0.3%	1,275	0.8%
Employment	152,923	153,156	151,058	-233	-0.2%	1,865	1.2%
Unemployment	6,861	7,056	7,451	-195	-2.8%	-590	-7.9%
<b>Rate</b>	4.3	4.4	4.7	-0.1	----	-0.4	----

*Note: June 2017 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released July 21, 2017.*

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted  
(in thousands)

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from April 2017		Change from May 2016	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,921.7</b>	<b>5,925.7</b>	<b>5,867.7</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>812.2</b>	<b>819.2</b>	<b>822.6</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
Mining & Logging	23.6	23.5	25.1	0.1	0.4%	-1.5	-6.0%
Construction	240.8	245.1	238.2	-4.3	-1.8%	2.6	1.1%
Manufacturing	547.8	550.6	559.3	-2.8	-0.5%	-11.5	-2.1%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>5,109.5</b>	<b>5,106.5</b>	<b>5,045.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,127.1	1,129.0	1,127.1	-1.9	-0.2%	0.0	0.0%
Information	82.8	83.1	81.0	-0.3	-0.4%	1.8	2.2%
Financial Activities	316.0	317.3	316.2	-1.3	-0.4%	-0.2	-0.1%
Professional & Business Services	806.4	805.3	792.0	1.1	0.1%	14.4	1.8%
Education & Health Services	1,248.4	1,245.9	1,215.7	2.5	0.2%	32.7	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	569.4	566.3	555.2	3.1	0.5%	14.2	2.6%
Other Services	258.3	259.5	257.2	-1.2	-0.5%	1.1	0.4%
Government	701.1	700.1	700.7	1.0	0.1%	0.4	0.1%

*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.workstats.dli.pa.gov](http://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov)*

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