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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 5.0 Percent in July

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its [employment situation report](#) for July 2017.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged in July at 5.0 percent. This was the second consecutive month with no change. The commonwealth's rate remained above that of the United States, which was down one-tenth of a percentage point from June to 4.3 percent. Over the year, the Pennsylvania rate declined by one-half of a percentage point.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was down 18,000 over the month to 6,456,000. Resident employment decreased by 16,000, while the unemployment count was down 1,000.

Pennsylvania's nonfarm jobs count was up 29,000 to a record high of 5,953,800 in July. Eight of the eleven supersectors added jobs with the largest movement in manufacturing (up 8,300). For a second consecutive month, both professional & business services and leisure & hospitality rose to new record high levels.

Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.0 percent from July 2016, while jobs in the United States were up 1.5 percent. Six supersectors in the commonwealth added jobs over the year, with three adding more than 20,000. The largest increase over the past 12 months was in education and health services (up 27,600), while the largest decline was in government (down 13,500).

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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)

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from June 2017		Change from July 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,456	6,474	6,446	-18	-0.3%	10	0.2%
Employment	6,132	6,148	6,089	-16	-0.3%	43	0.7%
Unemployment	324	325	357	-1	-0.3%	-33	-9.2%
Rate	5.0	5.0	5.5	0.0	----	-0.5	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	160,494	160,145	159,295	349	0.2%	1,199	0.8%
Employment	153,513	153,168	151,546	345	0.2%	1,967	1.3%
Unemployment	6,981	6,977	7,749	4	0.1%	-768	-9.9%
Rate	4.3	4.4	4.9	-0.1	----	-0.6	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from June 2017		Change from July 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,953.8	5,924.8	5,892.2	29.0	0.5%	61.6	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	819.3	814.0	820.4	5.3	0.7%	-1.1	-0.1%
Mining & Logging	23.9	24.0	24.3	-0.1	-0.4%	-0.4	-1.6%
Construction	240.4	243.3	238.4	-2.9	-1.2%	2.0	0.8%
Manufacturing	555.0	546.7	557.7	8.3	1.5%	-2.7	-0.5%
Service Providing Industries	5,134.5	5,110.8	5,071.8	23.7	0.5%	62.7	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,128.3	1,127.4	1,129.4	0.9	0.1%	-1.1	-0.1%
Information	85.1	84.4	85.1	0.7	0.8%	0.0	0.0%
Financial Activities	317.1	317.9	316.6	-0.8	-0.3%	0.5	0.2%
Professional & Business Services	816.1	810.1	794.3	6.0	0.7%	21.8	2.7%
Education & Health Services	1,248.2	1,240.5	1,220.6	7.7	0.6%	27.6	2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	580.6	574.3	557.2	6.3	1.1%	23.4	4.2%
Other Services	261.7	261.3	257.7	0.4	0.2%	4.0	1.6%
Government	697.4	694.9	710.9	2.5	0.4%	-13.5	-1.9%

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.

Note: August 2017 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released September 15, 2017.