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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Down to 4.8 Percent in September

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for September 2017.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point from August to 4.8 percent. The commonwealth's rate remained above that of the United States, which declined by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent. Over the year, the Pennsylvania and national unemployment rates each declined by seven-tenths of a percentage point.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was down 15,000 over the month to 6,414,000. Resident employment and unemployment both declined over the month. Employment was up 8,000 from last September and unemployment shrank by 48,000.

Pennsylvania's nonfarm jobs count was up 10,300 to a record high of 5,970,400 in September. Jobs were up in seven of the 11 supersectors with the largest gain in trade, transportation & utilities (up 7,300). The largest decrease was in professional & business services, which fell 2,700 from a record high in August.

Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.1 percent from September 2016, while jobs in the United States were up 1.2 percent. Seven supersectors in the commonwealth added jobs over the year. The largest increase over the past 12 months was in leisure and hospitality (up 26,100), while the largest decline was in government (down 5,300).

Additional information is available on the L&I website at www.dli.pa.gov or by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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)

	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Change from August 2017		Change from September 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,414	6,429	6,454	-15	-0.2%	-40	-0.6%
Employment	6,105	6,111	6,097	-6	-0.1%	8	0.1%
Unemployment	309	318	357	-9	-2.8%	-48	-13.4%
Rate	4.8	4.9	5.5	-0.1	----	-0.7	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	161,146	160,571	159,830	575	0.4%	1,316	0.8%
Employment	154,345	153,439	151,926	906	0.6%	2,419	1.6%
Unemployment	6,801	7,132	7,904	-331	-4.6%	-1,103	-14.0%
Rate	4.2	4.4	4.9	-0.2	----	-0.7	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Change from August 2017		Change from September 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,970.4	5,960.1	5,903.8	10.3	0.2%	66.6	1.1%
Goods Producing Industries	822.8	819.5	817.3	3.3	0.4%	5.5	0.7%
Mining & Logging	24.0	23.8	24.0	0.2	0.8%	0.0	0.0%
Construction	246.3	242.3	237.6	4.0	1.7%	8.7	3.7%
Manufacturing	552.5	553.4	555.7	-0.9	-0.2%	-3.2	-0.6%
Service Providing Industries	5,147.6	5,140.6	5,086.5	7.0	0.1%	61.1	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,135.0	1,127.7	1,130.9	7.3	0.6%	4.1	0.4%
Information	82.1	83.4	84.8	-1.3	-1.6%	-2.7	-3.2%
Financial Activities	319.1	316.2	317.3	2.9	0.9%	1.8	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	814.6	817.3	798.3	-2.7	-0.3%	16.3	2.0%
Education & Health Services	1,247.3	1,246.8	1,226.9	0.5	0.0%	20.4	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	584.3	583.3	558.2	1.0	0.2%	26.1	4.7%
Other Services	258.8	260.1	258.4	-1.3	-0.5%	0.4	0.2%
Government	706.4	705.8	711.7	0.6	0.1%	-5.3	-0.7%

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: October 2017 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released November 17, 2017.