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## **Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Down to 4.6 Percent in November**

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point in November to 4.6 percent, the lowest rate since September 2007. This was the fourth consecutive monthly decline of one-tenth of a percentage point. The commonwealth's rate remained above that of the United States, which was unchanged from October at 4.1 percent. Over the year, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by nine-tenths of a percentage point.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was down 2,000 over the month to 6,397,000. The decline was due entirely to a drop in unemployment while resident employment stayed at its October level. Over the year, employment was down 1,000 while unemployment shrank by 58,000.

Pennsylvania's nonfarm jobs count increased 2,300 to 5,976,000 in November. Jobs were up in six of the 11 supersectors. The largest supersector movement from October was a decrease of 4,500 leisure & hospitality jobs, while the largest gain was an increase of 3,400 construction jobs. Both professional & business services and education & health services reached new record high levels for the second consecutive month.

Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.1 percent from November 2016, while jobs in the United States were up 1.4 percent. Seven supersectors in the commonwealth added jobs over the year. The largest increase over the past 12 months was in professional & business services (up 22,800). Four supersectors added at least 11,000 jobs over the year.

Additional information is available on the L&I website at [www.dli.pa.gov](http://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)

	November 2017	October 2017	November 2016	Change from October 2017		Change from November 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,397	6,399	6,455	-2	0.0%	-58	-0.9%
Employment	6,101	6,101	6,102	0	0.0%	-1	0.0%
Unemployment	296	298	356	-2	-0.7%	-60	-16.9%
<b>Rate</b>	4.6	4.7	5.5	-0.1	----	-0.9	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	160,529	160,381	159,456	148	0.1%	1,073	0.7%
Employment	153,918	153,861	152,048	57	0.0%	1,870	1.2%
Unemployment	6,610	6,520	7,409	90	1.4%	-799	-10.8%
<b>Rate</b>	4.1	4.1	4.6	0.0	----	-0.5	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted  
(in thousands)

	November 2017	October 2017	November 2016	Change from October 2017		Change from November 2016	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,976.0</b>	<b>5,973.7</b>	<b>5,913.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>824.9</b>	<b>822.3</b>	<b>815.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Mining & Logging	23.6	23.8	23.5	-0.2	-0.8%	0.1	0.4%
Construction	249.5	246.1	238.5	3.4	1.4%	11.0	4.6%
Manufacturing	551.8	552.4	553.6	-0.6	-0.1%	-1.8	-0.3%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>5,151.1</b>	<b>5,151.4</b>	<b>5,097.8</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,131.8	1,131.3	1,129.2	0.5	0.0%	2.6	0.2%
Information	81.4	82.5	85.1	-1.1	-1.3%	-3.7	-4.3%
Financial Activities	318.9	317.7	316.9	1.2	0.4%	2.0	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	821.8	820.6	799.0	1.2	0.1%	22.8	2.9%
Education & Health Services	1,260.2	1,257.2	1,240.0	3.0	0.2%	20.2	1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	579.9	584.4	565.5	-4.5	-0.8%	14.4	2.5%
Other Services	256.9	258.1	258.5	-1.2	-0.5%	-1.6	-0.6%
Government	700.2	699.6	703.6	0.6	0.1%	-3.4	-0.5%

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).

Note: December 2017 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released January 19, 2018.