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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.8 Percent in January

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for January 2018.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged from December at 4.8 percent. The commonwealth's rate remained above the United States' rate of 4.1 percent, also unchanged in January. Over the year, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was down 4,000 over the month to 6,414,000 following four months without any change. The decline was due to a drop of 5,000 in employment. Unemployment remained steady at 310,000. Over the year, employment and unemployment were down by 4,000 and 28,000, respectively.

Pennsylvania's nonfarm jobs count decreased 6,300 from a record high in December to 5,987,300 in January. This was the first decline following nine consecutive monthly gains. Jobs were down in six of the 11 supersectors. The largest supersector movement over the month was a decline of 4,600 in education & health services while the largest gain was in leisure & hospitality, up 2,800 to a record high.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.1 percent. Eight supersectors in the commonwealth added jobs from January 2017. The largest volume increase over the past 12 months was in education & health services, up 31,200 due entirely to gains in health care & social assistance. The largest drop over the year was government, down 2,700.

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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)

	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	Change from December 2017		Change from January 2017	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,414	6,418	6,440	-4	-0.1%	-26	-0.4%
Employment	6,103	6,108	6,107	-5	-0.1%	-4	-0.1%
Unemployment	310	310	333	0	0.0%	-23	-6.9%
Rate	4.8	4.8	5.2	0.0	----	-0.4	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	161,115	160,597	159,718	518	0.3%	1,397	0.9%
Employment	154,430	154,021	152,076	409	0.3%	2,354	1.5%
Unemployment	6,684	6,576	7,642	108	1.6%	-958	-12.5%
Rate	4.1	4.1	4.8	0.0	----	-0.7	----

Note: February 2018 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released March 23, 2018.

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

			Change from		Change from		
	January	December	January	December 2017	January 2017		
	2018	2017	2017	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,987.3	5,993.6	5,923.1	-6.3	-0.1%	64.2	1.1%
Goods Producing Industries	842.5	846.7	828.2	-4.2	-0.5%	14.3	1.7%
Mining & Logging	27.3	27.9	24.7	-0.6	-2.2%	2.6	10.5%
Construction	251.9	256.2	243.7	-4.3	-1.7%	8.2	3.4%
Manufacturing	563.3	562.6	559.8	0.7	0.1%	3.5	0.6%
Service Providing Industries	5,144.8	5,146.9	5,094.9	-2.1	0.0%	49.9	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,130.0	1,128.2	1,131.0	1.8	0.2%	-1.0	-0.1%
Information	81.6	81.4	84.1	0.2	0.2%	-2.5	-3.0%
Financial Activities	322.7	322.5	318.7	0.2	0.1%	4.0	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	808.5	809.5	799.8	-1.0	-0.1%	8.7	1.1%
Education & Health Services	1,265.4	1,270.0	1,234.2	-4.6	-0.4%	31.2	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	575.7	572.9	564.0	2.8	0.5%	11.7	2.1%
Other Services	261.7	262.7	261.2	-1.0	-0.4%	0.5	0.2%
Government	699.2	699.7	701.9	-0.5	-0.1%	-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.workstats.dli.pa.gov.

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