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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.8 Percent in February *Commonwealth Jobs Surpass 6 Million Mark for First Time*

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) released its employment situation report for February 2018.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate has been 4.8 percent for nine consecutive months. The commonwealth's rate stayed above the U.S. rate of 4.1 percent, which was also unchanged in February. Since February 2017, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by three-tenths of a percentage point.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was down 3,000 over the month to 6,411,000. Resident unemployment held steady at 310,000. In the past twelve months, employment and unemployment were down by 11,000 and 21,000, respectively.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was up 10,400 from January to a record high of 6,005,900. February marked the first time that jobs in the commonwealth rose above 6 million. Jobs were up in seven of the 11 industry supersectors, with the education & health services supersector experiencing the largest gain of 4,100 jobs. It was also the only supersector to reach a new record high last month.

Since February 2017, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.4 percent. During this same timeframe, nine supersectors in the commonwealth added jobs. The largest volume increase over the past 12 months came from education & health services, up 34,800, while the largest drop of 3,400 was in government.

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)

	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017	Change from January 2018		Change from February 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,411	6,414	6,443	-3	0.0%	-32	-0.5%
Employment	6,101	6,104	6,112	-3	0.0%	-11	-0.2%
Unemployment	310	310	331	0	0.0%	-21	-6.3%
Rate	4.8	4.8	5.1	0.0	----	-0.3	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	161,921	161,115	159,997	806	0.5%	1,924	1.2%
Employment	155,215	154,430	152,511	785	0.5%	2,704	1.8%
Unemployment	6,706	6,684	7,486	22	0.3%	-780	-10.4%
Rate	4.1	4.1	4.7	0.0	----	-0.6	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017	Change from January 2018		Change from February 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,005.9	5,995.5	5,924.5	10.4	0.2%	81.4	1.4%
Goods Producing Industries	850.2	844.7	831.1	5.5	0.7%	19.1	2.3%
Mining & Logging	27.7	27.4	25.2	0.3	1.1%	2.5	9.9%
Construction	256.5	252.7	245.7	3.8	1.5%	10.8	4.4%
Manufacturing	566.0	564.6	560.2	1.4	0.2%	5.8	1.0%
Service Providing Industries	5,155.7	5,150.8	5,093.4	4.9	0.1%	62.3	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,131.4	1,130.5	1,128.7	0.9	0.1%	2.7	0.2%
Information	81.5	81.5	84.4	0.0	0.0%	-2.9	-3.4%
Financial Activities	324.5	322.6	319.7	1.9	0.6%	4.8	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	809.9	810.6	798.0	-0.7	-0.1%	11.9	1.5%
Education & Health Services	1,270.1	1,266.0	1,235.3	4.1	0.3%	34.8	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	576.9	577.0	564.0	-0.1	0.0%	12.9	2.3%
Other Services	262.2	262.1	260.7	0.1	0.0%	1.5	0.6%
Government	699.2	700.5	702.6	-1.3	-0.2%	-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.

Note: March 2018 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released April 20, 2018.