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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Down to 4.2 Percent in July *Commonwealth Jobs Set Record High for 16th Consecutive Month*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point from June to 4.2 percent, the lowest rate since it was matched in May 2007. Over the year, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of a percentage point.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 7,000 in July as a 15,000 gain in employment outweighed a decline of 8,000 from the ranks of the unemployed. This was the second consecutive month in which employment rose while unemployment fell. Over the year, the civilian labor force was down by 50,000 with the majority of the movement due to a decrease in unemployment.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was up 2,100 from June to a record high of 6,020,500. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- 16th consecutive month jobs established a record high level
- Jobs were up in seven of the 11 industry supersectors over the month
- Three supersectors - professional & business services, leisure & hospitality, and other services - set record highs

Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.2 percent (+71,900) from July 2017. During this timeframe, jobs increased in nine supersectors in the commonwealth with three adding over 10,000 each. Nationally, jobs were up 1.6 percent over the year.

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)

	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	Change from June 2018		Change from July 2017	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,370	6,363	6,420	7	0.1%	-50	-0.8%
Employment	6,103	6,088	6,113	15	0.2%	-10	-0.2%
Unemployment	267	275	307	-8	-2.9%	-40	-13.0%
Rate	4.2	4.3	4.8	-0.1	----	-0.6	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	162,245	162,140	160,467	105	0.1%	1,778	1.1%
Employment	155,965	155,576	153,511	389	0.3%	2,454	1.6%
Unemployment	6,280	6,564	6,956	-284	-4.3%	-676	-9.7%
Rate	3.9	4.0	4.3	-0.1	----	-0.4	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	July 2018	June 2018	July 2017	Change from June 2018		Change from July 2017	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,020.5	6,018.4	5,948.6	2.1	0.0%	71.9	1.2%
Goods Producing Industries	846.5	849.6	837.8	-3.1	-0.4%	8.7	1.0%
Mining & Logging	28.8	28.7	27.0	0.1	0.3%	1.8	6.7%
Construction	251.9	253.5	249.4	-1.6	-0.6%	2.5	1.0%
Manufacturing	565.8	567.4	561.4	-1.6	-0.3%	4.4	0.8%
Service Providing Industries	5,174.0	5,168.8	5,110.8	5.2	0.1%	63.2	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,127.4	1,131.4	1,125.7	-4.0	-0.4%	1.7	0.2%
Information	81.2	81.2	83.2	0.0	0.0%	-2.0	-2.4%
Financial Activities	326.2	325.4	321.5	0.8	0.2%	4.7	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	816.4	813.7	799.9	2.7	0.3%	16.5	2.1%
Education & Health Services	1,275.5	1,272.8	1,245.5	2.7	0.2%	30.0	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	579.6	577.8	565.9	1.8	0.3%	13.7	2.4%
Other Services	265.9	265.2	261.1	0.7	0.3%	4.8	1.8%
Government	701.8	701.3	708.0	0.5	0.1%	-6.2	-0.9%

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 2018 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released September 21, 2018.