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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Down to 4.1 Percent in August *Unemployment rate is commonwealth's lowest in 18 years*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point from July to 4.1 percent, the lowest rate since July 2000. Over the year, the Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by seven-tenths of a percentage point.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 9,000 over the month as the unemployment count declined by 5,000 while employment increased by 14,000. This was the third consecutive month that saw employment rise and unemployment fall. Over the year, the civilian labor force was down 38,000 with the decrease attributable to unemployment which was down 45,000 from last August while employment was up 7,000.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was the second highest nonfarm job level on record, down 4,900 to 6,018,500 in August. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 1.1 percent from August 2017
- Jobs increased in three of the 11 industry supersectors over the month
- Education & health services jobs rose to a record high

Over the year, jobs increased in eight supersectors in the commonwealth with education & health services showing the largest gain. Nationally, jobs were up 1.6 percent during this timeframe.

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)

	August 2018	July 2018	August 2017	Change from July 2018		Change from August 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,380	6,371	6,418	9	0.1%	-38	-0.6%
Employment	6,118	6,104	6,111	14	0.2%	7	0.1%
Unemployment	262	267	307	-5	-1.9%	-45	-14.7%
Rate	4.1	4.2	4.8	-0.1	----	-0.7	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	161,776	162,245	160,598	-469	-0.3%	1,178	0.7%
Employment	155,542	155,965	153,471	-423	-0.3%	2,071	1.3%
Unemployment	6,234	6,280	7,127	-46	-0.7%	-893	-12.5%
Rate	3.9	3.9	4.4	0.0	----	-0.5	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	August 2018	July 2018	August 2017	Change from July 2018		Change from August 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,018.5	6,023.4	5,953.1	-4.9	-0.1%	65.4	1.1%
Goods Producing Industries	844.4	846.6	838.4	-2.2	-0.3%	6.0	0.7%
Mining & Logging	29.1	28.8	27.2	0.3	1.0%	1.9	7.0%
Construction	249.7	251.6	249.7	-1.9	-0.8%	0.0	0.0%
Manufacturing	565.6	566.2	561.5	-0.6	-0.1%	4.1	0.7%
Service Providing Industries	5,174.1	5,176.8	5,114.7	-2.7	-0.1%	59.4	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,131.9	1,128.3	1,126.5	3.6	0.3%	5.4	0.5%
Information	80.4	81.2	83.2	-0.8	-1.0%	-2.8	-3.4%
Financial Activities	324.0	325.5	321.5	-1.5	-0.5%	2.5	0.8%
Professional & Business Services	811.1	813.7	801.5	-2.6	-0.3%	9.6	1.2%
Education & Health Services	1,279.2	1,276.2	1,246.5	3.0	0.2%	32.7	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	579.5	580.9	566.9	-1.4	-0.2%	12.6	2.2%
Other Services	264.7	266.0	261.1	-1.3	-0.5%	3.6	1.4%
Government	703.3	705.0	707.5	-1.7	-0.2%	-4.2	-0.6%

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 October 19, 2018.