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## **Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate at 4.2 Percent in November** *Number of employed Pennsylvanians reaches new record high*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point from October to 4.2 percent. This was the first over-the-month increase in the unemployment rate since July 2016. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of a percentage point from November 2017.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 21,000 over the month. The number of employed Pennsylvanians rose by 17,000 to a record high of 6,172,000. The number of unemployed residents was up 3,000 from October, but down 40,000 from last November.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was down 5,400 in November to 6,055,500. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Among the 11 industry supersectors, five showed gains over the month
- Construction had the largest monthly gain, reaching its highest level since May 2008
- The largest percentage gain was in mining & logging (+1.0 percent), which added jobs for the fifth straight month

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased 1.3 percent in the commonwealth with gains in 10 of the 11 supersectors. Professional & business services had the largest volume 12-month gain. Nationally, jobs were up 1.7 percent during this timeframe.

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 2018	October 2018	November 2017	Change from October 2018		Change from November 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,441	6,420	6,418	21	0.3%	23	0.4%
Employment	6,172	6,155	6,109	17	0.3%	63	1.0%
Unemployment	269	266	309	3	1.1%	-40	-12.9%
<b>Rate</b>	4.2	4.1	4.8	0.1	----	-0.6	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	162,770	162,637	160,533	133	0.1%	2,237	1.4%
Employment	156,795	156,562	153,917	233	0.1%	2,878	1.9%
Unemployment	5,975	6,075	6,616	-100	-1.6%	-641	-9.7%
<b>Rate</b>	3.7	3.7	4.1	0.0	----	-0.4	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted  
(in thousands)

	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	Change from October 2018		Change from November 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>6,055.5</b>	<b>6,060.9</b>	<b>5,976.8</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>852.9</b>	<b>854.0</b>	<b>841.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Mining & Logging	30.3	30.0	27.6	0.3	1.0%	2.7	9.8%
Construction	258.3	256.4	253.4	1.9	0.7%	4.9	1.9%
Manufacturing	564.3	567.6	560.8	-3.3	-0.6%	3.5	0.6%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>5,202.6</b>	<b>5,206.9</b>	<b>5,135.0</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,132.3	1,131.7	1,127.1	0.6	0.1%	5.2	0.5%
Information	79.5	80.0	80.4	-0.5	-0.6%	-0.9	-1.1%
Financial Activities	328.4	328.0	322.2	0.4	0.1%	6.2	1.9%
Professional & Business Services	831.8	831.9	809.4	-0.1	0.0%	22.4	2.8%
Education & Health Services	1,287.2	1,292.0	1,265.7	-4.8	-0.4%	21.5	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	578.5	578.6	568.0	-0.1	0.0%	10.5	1.8%
Other Services	263.4	263.2	260.9	0.2	0.1%	2.5	1.0%
Government	701.5	701.5	701.3	0.0	0.0%	0.2	0.0%

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 2018 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released January 18, 2019.