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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate at 4.2% in December *Total Nonfarm Jobs Reaches New Record High*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 4.2 percent. The national rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in December. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of a percentage point from December 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 16,000 to a record high of 6,188,000. The number of unemployed residents was up 5,000 from November, but down 36,000 from last December.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was up 13,200 from November to a record high of 6,068,400. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Total nonfarm jobs increased 11 times in 2018
- Among the 11 industry supersectors, six showed jobs increases from November
- The two largest supersector movements - education & health services (+8,800) and leisure & hospitality (+6,900) - both resulted in record high levels

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased 1.2 percent in the commonwealth with gains in 10 of the 11 supersectors. Education & health services had the largest volume 12-month gain. Nationally, jobs were up 1.8 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)

	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	Change from November 2018		Change from December 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,462	6,441	6,418	21	0.3%	44	0.7%
Employment	6,188	6,172	6,108	16	0.3%	80	1.3%
Unemployment	274	269	310	5	1.9%	-36	-11.6%
Rate	4.2	4.2	4.8	0.0	----	-0.6	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	163,240	162,821	160,636	419	0.3%	2,604	1.6%
Employment	156,945	156,803	154,065	142	0.1%	2,880	1.9%
Unemployment	6,294	6,018	6,572	276	4.6%	-278	-4.2%
Rate	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	----	-0.2	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	Change from November 2018		Change from December 2017	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,068.4	6,055.2	5,993.6	13.2	0.2%	74.8	1.2%
Goods Producing Industries	854.0	853.1	846.7	0.9	0.1%	7.3	0.9%
Mining & Logging	30.7	30.3	27.9	0.4	1.3%	2.8	10.0%
Construction	257.1	258.3	256.2	-1.2	-0.5%	0.9	0.4%
Manufacturing	566.2	564.5	562.6	1.7	0.3%	3.6	0.6%
Service Providing Industries	5,214.4	5,202.1	5,146.9	12.3	0.2%	67.5	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,129.6	1,132.9	1,128.2	-3.3	-0.3%	1.4	0.1%
Information	78.9	79.1	81.4	-0.2	-0.3%	-2.5	-3.1%
Financial Activities	327.2	327.7	322.5	-0.5	-0.2%	4.7	1.5%
Professional & Business Services	829.2	829.8	809.5	-0.6	-0.1%	19.7	2.4%
Education & Health Services	1,295.2	1,288.3	1,270.0	6.9	0.5%	25.2	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	589.4	580.6	572.9	8.8	1.5%	16.5	2.9%
Other Services	263.1	263.0	262.7	0.1	0.0%	0.4	0.2%
Government	701.8	700.7	699.7	1.1	0.2%	2.1	0.3%

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: January 2019 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released March 8, 2019.