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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Down to 4.1% in January *Employed Residents Rises to Record High*

Harrisburg, PA – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) released its employment situation report for January 2019.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was down one-tenth of a percentage point from December to 4.1 percent. The national rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0 percent. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by one-half of a percentage point from January 2018.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 10,000 over the month. The number of employed Pennsylvanians rose by 14,000 to a record high of 6,194,000. The number of unemployed residents was down 5,000 from December to its lowest level since it was matched in April 2007. Unemployment has not been lower since December 2000.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was down 500 from December's record high to 6,030,200 in January. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Total nonfarm jobs increased from December in six of the 11 industry supersectors.
- The largest movement was a decline in education & health services, down from a record high.
- Leisure & hospitality jobs rose to a record high level.

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased 0.8 percent in the commonwealth with gains in seven of the 11 supersectors. Education & health services had the largest volume 12-month gain. Nationally, jobs were up 1.9 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.

Because the data included in each month's press release (primarily civilian labor force and nonfarm jobs data) are sample based, the data are subject to revisions. Once each year, estimates are adjusted to new levels based on additional or revised information collected after the initial release of the data (called a benchmark). Additionally, seasonal adjustment factors for historical labor force and nonfarm jobs data are updated each year. Revisions to the civilian labor force and nonfarm jobs series through 2018 have been completed and are reflected in this January news release. For a complete set of benchmarked data, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.workstats.dli.pa.gov.

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Editor's Note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	Change from December 2018		Change from January 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,460	6,450	6,403	10	0.2%	57	0.9%
Employment	6,194	6,180	6,108	14	0.2%	86	1.4%
Unemployment	266	271	295	-5	-1.8%	-29	-9.8%
Rate	4.1	4.2	4.6	-0.1	----	-0.5	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	163,229	163,240	161,123	-11	0.0%	2,106	1.3%
Employment	156,694	156,945	154,482	-251	-0.2%	2,212	1.4%
Unemployment	6,535	6,294	6,641	241	3.8%	-106	-1.6%
Rate	4.0	3.9	4.1	0.1	----	-0.1	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	Change from December 2018		Change from January 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,030.2	6,030.7	5,984.7	-0.5	0.0%	45.5	0.8%
Goods Producing Industries	861.2	860.2	847.5	1.0	0.1%	13.7	1.6%
Mining & Logging	29.1	29.3	27.9	-0.2	-0.7%	1.2	4.3%
Construction	261.9	260.1	253.2	1.8	0.7%	8.7	3.4%
Manufacturing	570.2	570.8	566.4	-0.6	-0.1%	3.8	0.7%
Service Providing Industries	5,169.0	5,170.5	5,137.2	-1.5	0.0%	31.8	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,123.1	1,123.9	1,124.9	-0.8	-0.1%	-1.8	-0.2%
Information	84.8	84.5	85.2	0.3	0.4%	-0.4	-0.5%
Financial Activities	328.2	327.7	323.1	0.5	0.2%	5.1	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	804.1	803.9	805.3	0.2	0.0%	-1.2	-0.1%
Education & Health Services	1,289.6	1,292.7	1,261.7	-3.1	-0.2%	27.9	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	577.1	576.1	574.4	1.0	0.2%	2.7	0.5%
Other Services	261.1	260.3	259.9	0.8	0.3%	1.2	0.5%
Government	701.0	701.4	702.7	-0.4	-0.1%	-1.7	-0.2%

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: February 2019 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released March 22, 2019.