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## **Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Dropped to 4 Percent in February** *Six of the eleven supersectors added jobs over the month*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate decreased to 4 percent in February, down one-tenth of a percentage point from January and matching the lowest rate on record. The national rate was 3.8 percent in February, down two-tenths of a percentage point. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by one-half of a percentage point from February 2018.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 8,000 over the month. The number of employed Pennsylvanians rose by 15,000 to a record high of 6,209,000. The number of unemployed residents was down 5,000 from January to its lowest level since October 2010.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was down 200 from January's record high to 6,037,800 in February. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Total nonfarm jobs increased from January in six of the 11 industry supersectors.
- Service providing industries rose to a record high level.
- The largest volume gain was trade, transportation & utilities.
- Leisure & hospitality jobs rose to a record high level.

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased 0.7 percent in the commonwealth with gains in eight of the 11 supersectors. Education & health 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)

	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	Change from January 2019		Change from February 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,469	6,461	6,401	8	0.1%	68	1.1%
Employment	6,209	6,194	6,112	15	0.2%	97	1.6%
Unemployment	261	266	289	-5	-1.9%	-28	-9.7%
<b>Rate</b>	4.0	4.1	4.5	-0.1	----	-0.5	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	163,184	163,229	161,900	-45	0.0%	1,284	0.8%
Employment	156,949	156,694	155,213	255	0.2%	1,736	1.1%
Unemployment	6,235	6,535	6,687	-300	-4.6%	-452	-6.8%
<b>Rate</b>	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	----	-0.3	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted  
(in thousands)

	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	Change from January 2019		Change from February 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>6,037.8</b>	<b>6,038.0</b>	<b>5,994.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>861.4</b>	<b>862.8</b>	<b>852.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Mining & Logging	29.0	29.1	28.0	-0.1	-0.3%	1.0	3.6%
Construction	265.2	263.9	257.0	1.3	0.5%	8.2	3.2%
Manufacturing	567.2	569.8	567.2	-2.6	-0.5%	0.0	0.0%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>5,176.4</b>	<b>5,175.2</b>	<b>5,142.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,128.8	1,126.7	1,127.8	2.1	0.2%	1.0	0.1%
Information	84.9	84.6	86.0	0.3	0.4%	-1.1	-1.3%
Financial Activities	327.5	328.0	323.6	-0.5	-0.2%	3.9	1.2%
Professional & Business Services	802.8	803.7	805.8	-0.9	-0.1%	-3.0	-0.4%
Education & Health Services	1,286.4	1,288.4	1,265.0	-2.0	-0.2%	21.4	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	581.6	579.9	572.2	1.7	0.3%	9.4	1.6%
Other Services	261.7	261.3	259.9	0.4	0.2%	1.8	0.7%
Government	702.7	702.6	702.0	0.1	0.0%	0.7	0.1%

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: March 2019 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released April 19, 2019.