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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate at Record Low 3.8 Percent *Unemployment Rate Lowest Since 1976, Total Nonfarm Jobs Hit Record High*

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to a record low 3.8 percent in April – the lowest rate since 1976. The national rate was down two-tenths of a percentage point from March to 3.6 percent. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by one-half of a percentage point from April 2018.

The civilian labor force, the estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, declined for the first time in 2019. This was attributable to a large drop in the number of unemployed residents, which reached its lowest level in 18 years. Unemployment rested at 248,000 in April – only 4,000 above its record low. The number of employed Pennsylvanians rose by 3,000 to a record high of 6,222,000.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was up 9,400 from March to a record high of 6,056,100. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Fifth consecutive gain as well as fifth consecutive record high.
- Total nonfarm jobs increased over the month in eight of the 11 industry supersectors.
- The largest volume change was in professional & business services, up 4,700.
- Professional & business services, education & health services and leisure & hospitality all rose to record high job levels.

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased by 58,300 in the commonwealth with gains in nine of the 11 supersectors. Education & health services had the largest volume 12-month gain.

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)

	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Change from March 2019		Change from April 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,471	6,475	6,404	-4	-0.1%	67	1.0%
Employment	6,222	6,219	6,126	3	0.0%	96	1.6%
Unemployment	248	256	277	-8	-3.1%	-29	-10.5%
Rate	3.8	3.9	4.3	-0.1	----	-0.5	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	162,470	162,960	161,551	-490	-0.3%	919	0.6%
Employment	156,645	156,748	155,216	-103	-0.1%	1,429	0.9%
Unemployment	5,824	6,211	6,335	-387	-6.2%	-511	-8.1%
Rate	3.6	3.8	3.9	-0.2	----	-0.3	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Change from March 2019		Change from April 2018	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6,056.1	6,046.7	5,997.8	9.4	0.2%	58.3	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	856.8	857.3	850.7	-0.5	-0.1%	6.1	0.7%
Mining & Logging	29.4	29.3	28.5	0.1	0.3%	0.9	3.2%
Construction	261.0	262.3	254.5	-1.3	-0.5%	6.5	2.6%
Manufacturing	566.4	565.7	567.7	0.7	0.1%	-1.3	-0.2%
Service Providing Industries	5,199.3	5,189.4	5,147.1	9.9	0.2%	52.2	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,127.5	1,126.6	1,126.8	0.9	0.1%	0.7	0.1%
Information	85.4	85.1	86.7	0.3	0.4%	-1.3	-1.5%
Financial Activities	327.4	328.0	324.4	-0.6	-0.2%	3.0	0.9%
Professional & Business Services	812.7	808.0	805.7	4.7	0.6%	7.0	0.9%
Education & Health Services	1,295.4	1,293.4	1,268.5	2.0	0.2%	26.9	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	584.7	583.2	571.0	1.5	0.3%	13.7	2.4%
Other Services	262.7	261.6	261.3	1.1	0.4%	1.4	0.5%
Government	703.5	703.5	702.7	0.0	0.0%	0.8	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.

Note: May 2019 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released June 21, 2019.