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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Drops to 7.9 percent in March

Harrisburg, Pa. – The state's unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.9 percent in March according to employment statistics released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

Unemployment decreased 20,000 over the month to 512,000. This was the largest decrease in 30 years. Only July 1983 had a larger decrease.

Total nonfarm jobs declined by 5,900 in March to 5,742,300. Five supersectors showed gains in March, including an increase of 6,100 jobs in leisure and hospitality and 1,900 jobs in educational services.

Pennsylvania has added 112,800 private sector jobs to the economy since January 2011 with a current total of 5,024,500.

"Pennsylvania continues to see positive signs for our economy as we cautiously but steadily grow out of this recession," said Julia Hearthway, Secretary of the Department of Labor & Industry.

Note: The above data are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid month-to-month comparison.

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

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Current Labor Force Statistics
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	March 2013 (p)	February 2013	March 2012	Change from February 2013		Change from March 2012	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,508	6,541	6,461	-33	-0.5%	47	0.7%
Employment	5,995	6,009	5,968	-14	-0.2%	27	0.5%
Unemployment	512	532	493	-20	-3.8%	19	3.9%
Rate	7.9	8.1	7.6	-0.2	----	0.3	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,028	155,524	154,707	-496	-0.3%	321	0.2%
Employment	143,286	143,492	142,020	-206	-0.1%	1,266	0.9%
Unemployment	11,742	12,032	12,686	-290	-2.4%	-944	-7.4%
Rate	7.6	7.7	8.2	-0.1	----	-0.6	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	March 2013 (p)	February 2013	March 2012	Change from February 2013		Change from March 2012	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,742.3	5,748.2	5,748.1	-5.9	-0.1%	-5.8	-0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	833.4	837.0	837.0	-3.6	-0.4%	-3.6	-0.4%
Mining & Logging	37.1	37.9	38.5	-0.8	-2.1%	-1.4	-3.6%
Construction	227.3	228.0	229.7	-0.7	-0.3%	-2.4	-1.0%
Manufacturing	569.0	571.1	568.8	-2.1	-0.4%	0.2	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	4,908.9	4,911.2	4,911.1	-2.3	0.0%	-2.2	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,098.9	1,108.5	1,105.1	-9.6	-0.9%	-6.2	-0.6%
Information	90.0	90.7	91.0	-0.7	-0.8%	-1.0	-1.1%
Financial Activities Professional & Business Services	308.4	307.4	309.1	1.0	0.3%	-0.7	-0.2%
Education & Health Services	736.2	739.0	732.3	-2.8	-0.4%	3.9	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,175.1	1,173.2	1,167.9	1.9	0.2%	7.2	0.6%
Other Services	524.5	518.4	525.8	6.1	1.2%	-1.3	-0.2%
Government	258.0	256.8	255.3	1.2	0.5%	2.7	1.1%
	717.8	717.2	724.6	0.6	0.1%	-6.8	-0.9%

(p) – preliminary

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.paworkstats.pa.gov

Note: April 2013 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released May 17, 2013.