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**Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate Drops to 7.6 percent in April**

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – The state's unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.6 percent in April according to employment statistics released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

Unemployment decreased 17,000 to 496,000. This was the third largest decrease on record, behind only March 2013 and July 1983.

Employment was up 13,000 to 6,008,000. This increase tied September 2012 for the second largest employment increase in the past twelve months.

Private sector jobs were up 8,300 to the highest level since September 2008. The largest gains were in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality and educational and health services, which all reached record-high job levels in April.

"April was a tremendous month for job growth and the state's employment situation," said Julia Hearthway, Secretary of the Department of Labor & Industry. "Pennsylvania has added 125,700 private sector jobs to the economy since Governor Corbett took office."

*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)

	April 2013 (p)	March 2013	April 2012	Change from March 2013		Change from April 2012	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,505	6,508	6,473	-3	0.0%	32	0.5%
Employment	6,008	5,995	5,969	13	0.2%	39	0.7%
Unemployment	496	513	504	-17	-3.3%	-8	-1.6%
<b>Rate</b>	7.6	7.9	7.8	-0.3	----	-0.2	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	155,238	155,028	154,451	210	0.1%	787	0.5%
Employment	143,579	143,286	141,934	293	0.2%	1,645	1.2%
Unemployment	11,659	11,742	12,518	-83	-0.7%	-859	-6.9%
<b>Rate</b>	7.5	7.6	8.1	-0.1	----	-0.6	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

### Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	April 2013 (p)	March 2013	April 2012	Change from March 2013		Change from April 2012	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,753.0</b>	<b>5,746.3</b>	<b>5,731.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>829.6</b>	<b>834.6</b>	<b>832.8</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
Mining & Logging	36.4	37.2	37.8	-0.8	-2.2%	-1.4	-3.7%
Construction	225.0	228.2	226.2	-3.2	-1.4%	-1.2	-0.5%
Manufacturing	568.2	569.2	568.8	-1.0	-0.2%	-0.6	-0.1%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>4,923.4</b>	<b>4,911.7</b>	<b>4,898.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,101.4	1,100.3	1,102.5	1.1	0.1%	-1.1	-0.1%
Information	90.2	90.1	90.2	0.1	0.1%	0.0	0.0%
Financial Activities	309.7	309.5	309.0	0.2	0.1%	0.7	0.2%
Professional & Business Services	741.7	735.5	730.4	6.2	0.8%	11.3	1.5%
Education & Health Services	1,177.8	1,176.5	1,165.3	1.3	0.1%	12.5	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	527.6	524.4	521.9	3.2	0.6%	5.7	1.1%
Other Services	259.4	258.2	255.1	1.2	0.5%	4.3	1.7%
Government	715.6	717.2	724.0	-1.6	-0.2%	-8.4	-1.2%

(p) – preliminary data

*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](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov)*

*Note: May 2013 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released June 21, 2013.*