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PA Unemployment rate down to 7.3 percent, jobs up in November

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point in November to 7.3 percent. November marked the third consecutive monthly decline in the rate and the eighth decline in the past twelve months. The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania was down by eight-tenths of a percentage point from November 2012.

Pennsylvania’s civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was down 14,000 in November to 6,458,000. Resident employment was up 1,000 to 5,988,000, and the number of unemployed residents fell 15,000 to 470,000. Pennsylvania’s labor force was down by 73,000 since last November due to declines in both employment (-17,000) and unemployment (-56,000).

Total nonfarm jobs were up by 9,700 in November to 5,771,500. Gains were seen in both the private and public sectors. Private service-providing jobs reached a record high of 4,232,600. The largest gain in November was an increase of 8,200 jobs in trade, transportation & utilities, due to gains in retail trade (+6,100) and transportation, warehousing & utilities (+2,600). Professional & business services, up 1,600 in November to 748,600, set a record high for the third time in the past four months.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania have risen by 33,300 (+0.6%). The growth was primarily within private service-providing industries, with professional & business services (+15,400), education & health services (+11,800) and leisure & hospitality (+10,400) showing the strongest gains.

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)

	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	Change from October 2013		Change from November 2012		
				volume	percent	volume	percent	
PA								
Civilian Labor Force	6,458	6,472	6,531	-14	-0.2%	-73	-1.1%	
Employment	5,988	5,987	6,005	1	0.0%	-17	-0.3%	
Unemployment	470	485	526	-15	-3.1%	-56	-10.6%	
Rate	7.3	7.5	8.1	-0.2	----	-0.8	----	
U.S.								
Civilian Labor Force	155,294	154,839	155,319	455	0.3%	-25	0.0%	
Employment	144,386	143,568	143,277	818	0.6%	1,109	0.8%	
Unemployment	10,907	11,272	12,042	-365	-3.2%	-1,135	-9.4%	
Rate	7.0	7.3	7.8	-0.3	----	-0.8	----	

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	November 2013	October 2013	November 2012	Change from October 2013		Change from November 2012	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,771.5	5,761.8	5,738.2	9.7	0.2%	33.3	0.6%
Goods Producing Industries	828.1	830.5	828.2	-2.4	-0.3%	-0.1	0.0%
Mining & Logging	35.6	35.3	36.1	0.3	0.8%	-0.5	-1.4%
Construction	226.9	228.7	225.3	-1.8	-0.8%	1.6	0.7%
Manufacturing	565.6	566.5	566.8	-0.9	-0.2%	-1.2	-0.2%
Service Providing Industries	4,943.4	4,931.3	4,910.0	12.1	0.2%	33.4	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,107.3	1,099.1	1,104.7	8.2	0.7%	2.6	0.2%
Information	88.5	87.9	90.2	0.6	0.7%	-1.7	-1.9%
Financial Activities	310.9	313.0	310.6	-2.1	-0.7%	0.3	0.1%
Professional & Business Services	748.6	747.0	733.2	1.6	0.2%	15.4	2.1%
Education & Health Services	1,185.5	1,183.5	1,173.7	2.0	0.2%	11.8	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	532.4	533.0	522.0	-0.6	-0.1%	10.4	2.0%
Other Services	259.4	258.3	256.8	1.1	0.4%	2.6	1.0%
Government	710.8	709.5	718.8	1.3	0.2%	-8.0	-1.1%

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.paworkstats.pa.gov

Note: December 2013 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released January 24, 2014.