



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **PA Unemployment Rate Dips to 6.0% in March**

**Harrisburg** – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for March 2014.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by two-tenths of a percentage point in March to 6.0 percent, the lowest rate since October 2008. The commonwealth's rate was seven-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate, which was unchanged from February at 6.7 percent. The state rate was down 1.7 percentage points from its March 2013 rate of 7.7 percent.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – increased by 12,000 in March to 6,442,000. Resident employment was up 19,000, the third consecutive gain exceeding 10,000. The number of unemployed residents, which trended downward for the eighth consecutive month, was down by 8,000 in March to 390,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were down by 8,400 in March to 5,758,900. The decline was concentrated in the private sector, as government jobs remained at their February level. The largest drop was in professional & business services (-5,000), which fell below the record high level set in February. Leisure & hospitality, financial activities (-2,200), and education & health services (-2,000) also each had declines of 2,000 or more jobs. Trade, transportation & utilities (+1,700) and other services (+1,200) showed significant growth in March. Manufacturing, up 1,300, added jobs following four consecutive monthly declines.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 17,200 (+0.3%). The growth was primarily within private service-providing industries. The largest gains were in leisure & hospitality (+14,300) and professional & business services (+5,700).

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)

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from February 2014		Change from March 2013		
				volume	percent	volume	percent	
<b>PA</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	6,442	6,430	6,488	12	0.2%	-46	-0.7%	
Employment	6,052	6,033	5,991	19	0.3%	61	1.0%	
Unemployment	390	398	496	-8	-2.0%	-106	-21.4%	
<b>Rate</b>	6.0	6.2	7.7	-0.2	----	-1.7	----	
<b>U.S.</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	156,227	155,724	155,099	503	0.3%	1,128	0.7%	
Employment	145,742	145,266	143,393	476	0.3%	2,349	1.6%	
Unemployment	10,486	10,459	11,706	27	0.3%	-1,220	-10.4%	
<b>Rate</b>	6.7	6.7	7.5	0.0	----	-0.8	----	

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

### Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from February 2014		Change from March 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,758.9</b>	<b>5,767.3</b>	<b>5,741.7</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>826.6</b>	<b>826.2</b>	<b>826.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Mining & Logging	36.4	36.8	35.9	-0.4	-1.1%	0.5	1.4%
Construction	229.5	230.0	226.0	-0.5	-0.2%	3.5	1.5%
Manufacturing	560.7	559.4	564.8	1.3	0.2%	-4.1	-0.7%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>4,932.3</b>	<b>4,941.1</b>	<b>4,915.0</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,105.6	1,103.9	1,102.2	1.7	0.2%	3.4	0.3%
Information	87.1	87.0	88.9	0.1	0.1%	-1.8	-2.0%
Financial Activities	313.6	315.8	311.7	-2.2	-0.7%	1.9	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	752.1	757.1	746.4	-5.0	-0.7%	5.7	0.8%
Education & Health Services	1,160.0	1,162.0	1,158.2	-2.0	-0.2%	1.8	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	547.2	549.8	532.9	-2.6	-0.5%	14.3	2.7%
Other Services	253.5	252.3	251.9	1.2	0.5%	1.6	0.6%
Government	713.2	713.2	722.8	0.0	0.0%	-9.6	-1.3%

*For a more detailed breakdown of seasonally adjusted jobs data at the sector level, please visit the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at [www.paworkstats.pa.gov](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov)*

*Note: April 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released May 16, 2014.*