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PA Unemployment Rate in June unchanged at 5.6%; Private Jobs at Record High

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate remained at 5.6 percent, the lowest rate since September 2008. The commonwealth's rate was five-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 6.1 percent, which was down two-tenths of a point from May. The state rate was down 1.9 percentage points from its June 2013 rate of 7.5 percent.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was down 28,000 in June to 6,403,000 due to declines in both employment and unemployment. Resident employment, down 22,000, was down for the second month in a row following eight consecutive gains while unemployment (-6,000) declined for the 11th straight month.

Total nonfarm jobs increased by 1,800 in June to 5,789,700, the highest level since September 2008. The majority of the gain was within the private sector, which added 5,600 jobs to a record high of 5,079,400. Public sector jobs declined by 3,800. The largest gain in June was in trade, transportation & utilities (+5,300), with about half of that gain due to retail trade.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 56,700 (+1.0%). The growth was almost entirely within private industries, with the largest gains in education & health services and construction.

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)

	June 2014	May 2014	June 2013	Change from May 2014		Change from June 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,403	6,431	6,465	-28	-0.4%	-62	-1.0%
Employment	6,046	6,068	5,978	-22	-0.4%	68	1.1%
Unemployment	357	363	486	-6	-1.7%	-129	-26.5%
Rate	5.6	5.6	7.5	0.0	----	-1.9	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,694	155,613	155,822	81	0.1%	-128	-0.1%
Employment	146,221	145,814	144,075	407	0.3%	2,146	1.5%
Unemployment	9,474	9,799	11,747	-325	-3.3%	-2,273	-19.3%
Rate	6.1	6.3	7.5	-0.2	----	-1.4	----

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

	June 2014	May 2014	June 2013	Change from May 2014		Change from June 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,789.7	5,787.9	5,733.0	1.8	0.0%	56.7	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	834.0	832.5	825.4	1.5	0.2%	8.6	1.0%
Mining & Logging	37.9	37.4	35.9	0.5	1.3%	2.0	5.6%
Construction	238.8	236.1	225.8	2.7	1.1%	13.0	5.8%
Manufacturing	557.3	559.0	563.7	-1.7	-0.3%	-6.4	-1.1%
Service Providing Industries	4,955.7	4,955.4	4,907.6	0.3	0.0%	48.1	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,112.4	1,107.1	1,101.6	5.3	0.5%	10.8	1.0%
Information	85.8	85.8	87.6	0.0	0.0%	-1.8	-2.1%
Financial Activities	317.8	315.2	312.6	2.6	0.8%	5.2	1.7%
Professional & Business Services	756.3	761.8	750.8	-5.5	-0.7%	5.5	0.7%
Education & Health Services	1,170.7	1,169.0	1,153.0	1.7	0.1%	17.7	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	544.3	547.0	533.1	-2.7	-0.5%	11.2	2.1%
Other Services	258.1	255.4	252.8	2.7	1.1%	5.3	2.1%
Government	710.3	714.1	716.1	-3.8	-0.5%	-5.8	-0.8%

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: July 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released August 15, 2014.