



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **PA Unemployment Rate at 5.8% in August**

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate rose slightly to 5.8 percent in August, up one-tenth of a percentage point from July. The commonwealth's rate was three-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 6.1 percent, which declined by one-tenth of a point in August. The state rate was down 1.6 percentage points from the August 2013 rate of 7.4 percent.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – declined by 28,000 to 6,344,000 due to a decline in resident employment (-35,000). Unemployment, despite increasing by 6,000 from July, was down 113,000 from August 2013.

Total nonfarm jobs increased by 100 in August to 5,792,700. This was the fifth monthly increase this year, with jobs up 34,600 thus far in 2014. In August, private sector jobs were down by 1,800 while public sector jobs grew by 1,900. The largest gain from July was in education & health services (+3,900). Construction had the largest decline of the month.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 47,000 (+0.8%). The growth was almost entirely within private industries, with the largest gains in education & health services, trade, transportation & utilities, 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)

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from July 2014		Change from August 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,344	6,372	6,449	-28	-0.4%	-105	-1.6%
Employment	5,976	6,011	5,969	-35	-0.6%	7	0.1%
Unemployment	367	361	480	6	1.7%	-113	-23.5%
<b>Rate</b>	5.8	5.7	7.4	0.1	----	-1.6	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	155,959	156,023	155,435	-64	0.0%	524	0.3%
Employment	146,368	146,352	144,179	16	0.0%	2,189	1.5%
Unemployment	9,591	9,671	11,256	-80	-0.8%	-1,665	-14.8%
<b>Rate</b>	6.1	6.2	7.2	-0.1	----	-1.1	----

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

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from July 2014		Change from August 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,792.7</b>	<b>5,792.6</b>	<b>5,745.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>832.0</b>	<b>836.9</b>	<b>824.7</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Mining & Logging	37.9	38.1	36.0	-0.2	-0.5%	1.9	5.3%
Construction	237.4	240.4	226.6	-3.0	-1.2%	10.8	4.8%
Manufacturing	556.7	558.4	562.1	-1.7	-0.3%	-5.4	-1.0%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>4,960.7</b>	<b>4,955.7</b>	<b>4,921.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,118.5	1,117.6	1,104.7	0.9	0.1%	13.8	1.2%
Information	84.4	84.4	87.5	0.0	0.0%	-3.1	-3.5%
Financial Activities	316.8	316.7	312.6	0.1	0.0%	4.2	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	757.3	759.7	753.9	-2.4	-0.3%	3.4	0.5%
Education & Health Services	1,168.1	1,164.2	1,152.8	3.9	0.3%	15.3	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	540.3	540.5	533.7	-0.2	0.0%	6.6	1.2%
Other Services	255.5	254.7	252.3	0.8	0.3%	3.2	1.3%
Government	719.8	717.9	723.5	1.9	0.3%	-3.7	-0.5%

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: September 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released October 17, 2014.