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PA Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.7% in September

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.7 percent in September. The commonwealth's rate was two-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 5.9 percent. Since September 2013, the state rate was down by 1.6 percentage points while the national rate declined by 1.3.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was essentially unchanged in September. Employment rose by 11,000 persons while unemployment was down 8,000.

Total nonfarm jobs decreased by 9,600 in September to 5,782,600. This was the third consecutive monthly decline and was due to drops in both the private and public sectors. The largest movement in September was a decline of 6,700 trade, transportation & utilities jobs.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 35,400 (+0.6%). The growth was almost entirely within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, education & health services, and professional & business services.

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)

	September 2014	August 2014	September 2013	Change from August 2014		Change from September 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,347	6,344	6,440	3	0.0%	-93	-1.4%
Employment	5,987	5,976	5,971	11	0.2%	16	0.3%
Unemployment	360	368	469	-8	-2.2%	-109	-23.2%
Rate	5.7	5.8	7.3	-0.1	----	-1.6	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,862	155,959	155,473	-97	-0.1%	389	0.3%
Employment	146,600	146,368	144,270	232	0.2%	2,330	1.6%
Unemployment	9,262	9,591	11,203	-329	-3.4%	-1,941	-17.3%
Rate	5.9	6.1	7.2	-0.2	----	-1.3	----

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

	September 2014	August 2014	September 2013	Change from August 2014		Change from September 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,782.6	5,792.2	5,747.2	-9.6	-0.2%	35.4	0.6%
Goods Producing Industries	830.9	832.8	824.8	-1.9	-0.2%	6.1	0.7%
Mining & Logging	38.5	38.1	36.0	0.4	1.0%	2.5	6.9%
Construction	232.4	237.4	226.7	-5.0	-2.1%	5.7	2.5%
Manufacturing	560.0	557.3	562.1	2.7	0.5%	-2.1	-0.4%
Service Providing Industries	4,951.7	4,959.4	4,922.4	-7.7	-0.2%	29.3	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,111.9	1,118.6	1,103.2	-6.7	-0.6%	8.7	0.8%
Information	84.2	85.2	87.4	-1.0	-1.2%	-3.2	-3.7%
Financial Activities	314.8	316.7	312.5	-1.9	-0.6%	2.3	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	759.4	757.5	751.9	1.9	0.3%	7.5	1.0%
Education & Health Services	1,169.6	1,166.7	1,161.0	2.9	0.2%	8.6	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	534.5	538.3	535.0	-3.8	-0.7%	-0.5	-0.1%
Other Services	258.2	254.7	252.5	3.5	1.4%	5.7	2.3%
Government	719.1	721.7	718.9	-2.6	-0.4%	0.2	0.0%

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: October 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released November 21, 2014.