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PA Unemployment Rate Declines to Six-Year Low 5.4% in October

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate declined by three-tenths of a percentage point from September to 5.4 percent -- a six-year low. The commonwealth's rate was four-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 5.8 percent. The commonwealth's rate was down by 1.7 percentage points from last October while the national rate declined by 1.4.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force increased by 15,000 in October. Resident employment was up 32,000 while unemployment was down 15,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were up by 12,600 to 5,802,300, the highest level since August 2008. The gain was mainly due to the private sector, which was up 15,200 to a record high of 5,085,400. Government jobs were down by 2,600. The largest movement in October was an increase of 5,500 jobs in trade, transportation & utilities.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 48,200 (+0.8%). The growth was almost entirely within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, other services, and education & health 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)

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from September 2014		Change from October 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,363	6,348	6,430	15	0.2%	-67	-1.0%
Employment	6,019	5,987	5,976	32	0.5%	43	0.7%
Unemployment	345	360	454	-15	-4.2%	-109	-24.0%
Rate	5.4	5.7	7.1	-0.3	----	-1.7	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	156,278	155,862	154,625	416	0.3%	1,653	1.1%
Employment	147,283	146,600	143,485	683	0.5%	3,798	2.6%
Unemployment	8,995	9,262	11,140	-267	-2.9%	-2,145	-19.3%
Rate	5.8	5.9	7.2	-0.1	----	-1.4	----

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

	October 2014	September 2014	October 2013	Change from September 2014		Change from October 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,802.3	5,789.7	5,754.1	12.6	0.2%	48.2	0.8%
Goods Producing Industries	833.1	830.4	828.0	2.7	0.3%	5.1	0.6%
Mining & Logging	37.5	38.3	35.4	-0.8	-2.1%	2.1	5.9%
Construction	233.5	232.7	228.9	0.8	0.3%	4.6	2.0%
Manufacturing	562.1	559.4	563.7	2.7	0.5%	-1.6	-0.3%
Service Providing Industries	4,969.2	4,959.3	4,926.1	9.9	0.2%	43.1	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,119.4	1,113.9	1,101.5	5.5	0.5%	17.9	1.6%
Information	85.8	85.2	87.8	0.6	0.7%	-2.0	-2.3%
Financial Activities	314.6	316.7	312.4	-2.1	-0.7%	2.2	0.7%
Professional & Business Services	759.7	757.7	756.0	2.0	0.3%	3.7	0.5%
Education & Health Services	1,169.6	1,171.0	1,162.0	-1.4	-0.1%	7.6	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	542.3	537.1	536.4	5.2	1.0%	5.9	1.1%
Other Services	260.9	258.2	252.8	2.7	1.0%	8.1	3.2%
Government	716.9	719.5	717.2	-2.6	-0.4%	-0.3	0.0%