



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **PA Unemployment Rate Falls to 5.1% in November, Lowest Rate in More Than Six Years**

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate declined by three-tenths of a percentage point in November to 5.1 percent, the commonwealth's lowest rate in more than six years. The rate was seven-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 5.8 percent. The commonwealth's rate was down by 1.8 percentage points from last November while the national rate declined by 1.2 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – expanded by 5,000 in November. Resident employment was up 27,000 while unemployment was down 22,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were up by 200 to 5,798,300, the highest level since September 2008. Private sector jobs were essentially unchanged (-100). Among industries, the largest movement in November was an increase of 2,600 in construction. Financial activities had the largest decline.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 33,200 (+0.6%). The growth was almost entirely within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, construction, and other services. Only two supersectors declined from last November – information and government.

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)

	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	Change from October 2014		Change from November 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,368	6,363	6,427	5	0.1%	-59	-0.9%
Employment	6,045	6,018	5,982	27	0.4%	63	1.1%
Unemployment	323	345	445	-22	-6.4%	-122	-27.4%
<b>Rate</b>	5.1	5.4	6.9	-0.3	----	-1.8	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	156,397	156,278	155,284	119	0.1%	1,113	0.7%
Employment	147,287	147,283	144,443	4	0.0%	2,844	2.0%
Unemployment	9,110	8,995	10,841	115	1.3%	-1,731	-16.0%
<b>Rate</b>	5.8	5.8	7.0	0.0	----	-1.2	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

### Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	Change from October 2014		Change from November 2013	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,798.3</b>	<b>5,798.1</b>	<b>5,765.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>836.9</b>	<b>832.1</b>	<b>827.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Mining & Logging	38.0	37.9	36.0	0.1	0.3%	2.0	5.6%
Construction	235.8	233.2	228.5	2.6	1.1%	7.3	3.2%
Manufacturing	563.1	561.0	563.0	2.1	0.4%	0.1	0.0%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>4,961.4</b>	<b>4,966.0</b>	<b>4,937.6</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,120.0	1,119.5	1,105.9	0.5	0.0%	14.1	1.3%
Information	86.1	84.9	88.7	1.2	1.4%	-2.6	-2.9%
Financial Activities	313.2	315.7	312.6	-2.5	-0.8%	0.6	0.2%
Professional & Business Services	758.1	758.7	756.2	-0.6	-0.1%	1.9	0.3%
Education & Health Services	1,166.9	1,168.8	1,163.0	-1.9	-0.2%	3.9	0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	543.4	542.8	539.9	0.6	0.1%	3.5	0.6%
Other Services	259.1	261.3	254.1	-2.2	-0.8%	5.0	2.0%
Government	714.6	714.3	717.2	0.3	0.0%	-2.6	-0.4%

*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: December 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released January 23, 2015.*