



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **PA Unemployment Rate remains at 5.3% in April**

**Harrisburg** – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for April 2015.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged from March at 5.3 percent. Pennsylvania's rate was one-tenth of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 5.4 percent, which was down one-tenth of a percentage point in April. The commonwealth's rate was down by 0.7 percentage points from April 2014 while the national rate declined by 0.8 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force increased by 19,000 to 6,393,000 in April. Resident employment was up 14,000 while unemployment was up 4,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were up 27,000 in April to a record high of 5,845,800. Both the private and public sectors added jobs. Nine of the eleven supersectors were up from March, with the largest increase in construction, up 10,000.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 64,400 (+1.1%). The growth was concentrated within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, leisure & hospitality, and construction. Only two of the eleven supersectors declined from a year ago – 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)

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from March 2015		Change from April 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,393	6,374	6,379	19	0.3%	14	0.2%
Employment	6,053	6,039	5,995	14	0.2%	58	1.0%
Unemployment	340	336	384	4	1.2%	-44	-11.5%
<b>Rate</b>	5.3	5.3	6.0	0.0	----	-0.7	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	157,072	156,906	155,420	166	0.1%	1,652	1.1%
Employment	148,523	148,331	145,724	192	0.1%	2,799	1.9%
Unemployment	8,549	8,575	9,696	-26	-0.3%	-1,147	-11.8%
<b>Rate</b>	5.4	5.5	6.2	-0.1	----	-0.8	----

## Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

### Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Change from March 2015		Change from April 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,845.8</b>	<b>5,818.8</b>	<b>5,781.4</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>851.7</b>	<b>840.3</b>	<b>834.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Mining & Logging	37.4	37.8	37.1	-0.4	-1.1%	0.3	0.8%
Construction	243.2	233.2	230.2	10.0	4.3%	13.0	5.6%
Manufacturing	571.1	569.3	566.7	1.8	0.3%	4.4	0.8%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>4,994.1</b>	<b>4,978.5</b>	<b>4,947.4</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,127.8	1,123.7	1,106.5	4.1	0.4%	21.3	1.9%
Information	84.0	85.0	86.5	-1.0	-1.2%	-2.5	-2.9%
Financial Activities	315.8	315.4	315.1	0.4	0.1%	0.7	0.2%
Professional & Business Services	763.9	761.0	757.6	2.9	0.4%	6.3	0.8%
Education & Health Services	1,189.2	1,184.4	1,178.5	4.8	0.4%	10.7	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	550.5	549.4	536.8	1.1	0.2%	13.7	2.6%
Other Services	257.9	255.3	253.8	2.6	1.0%	4.1	1.6%
Government	705.0	704.3	712.6	0.7	0.1%	-7.6	-1.1%

*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: May 2015 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released June 19, 2015.*