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## PA Unemployment Rate at 5.4% in May

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point from April to 5.4 percent. Pennsylvania's rate was one-tenth of a percentage point below the U.S. rate of 5.5 percent, which also increased by one-tenth of a percentage point in May. The commonwealth's rate was down 0.5 percentage points from May 2014 while the national rate declined by 0.8 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force rose 25,000 from April to 6,417,000. Both resident employment and unemployment increased, up 18,000 and 8,000, respectively.

Total nonfarm jobs were up 18,200 in May to a record high of 5,856,900. Both the private and public sectors added jobs in May. Education & health services had the largest gain of any supersector, up 8,900 to a record high of 1,197,400.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 66,800 (+1.2%). The growth was concentrated within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, education & health services, and construction.

Note: The above data are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid month-to-month comparison.

A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

### Current Labor Force Statistics Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from April 2015		Change from May 2014	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
<b>PA</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	6,417	6,392	6,374	25	0.4%	43	0.7%
Employment	6,070	6,052	5,999	18	0.3%	71	1.2%
Unemployment	348	340	374	8	2.4%	-26	-7.0%
<b>Rate</b>	5.4	5.3	5.9	0.1	----	-0.5	----
<b>U.S.</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	157,469	157,072	155,629	397	0.3%	1,840	1.2%
Employment	148,795	148,523	145,868	272	0.2%	2,927	2.0%
Unemployment	8,674	8,549	9,761	125	1.5%	-1,087	-11.1%
<b>Rate</b>	5.5	5.4	6.3	0.1	----	-0.8	----

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

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from April 2015 <i>volume percent</i>		Change from May 2014 <i>volume percent</i>	
<b>Total Nonfarm Jobs</b>	<b>5,856.9</b>	<b>5,838.7</b>	<b>5,790.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	<b>852.7</b>	<b>850.9</b>	<b>835.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Mining & Logging	36.5	37.5	37.2	-1.0	-2.7%	-0.7	-1.9%
Construction	245.3	242.2	231.4	3.1	1.3%	13.9	6.0%
Manufacturing	570.9	571.2	566.7	-0.3	-0.1%	4.2	0.7%
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>	<b>5,004.2</b>	<b>4,987.8</b>	<b>4,954.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,126.3	1,125.2	1,108.2	1.1	0.1%	18.1	1.6%
Information	85.7	83.7	85.3	2.0	2.4%	0.4	0.5%
Financial Activities	317.0	315.1	315.9	1.9	0.6%	1.1	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	763.1	763.1	760.1	0.0	0.0%	3.0	0.4%
Education & Health Services	1,197.4	1,188.5	1,180.3	8.9	0.7%	17.1	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	550.7	549.4	538.1	1.3	0.2%	12.6	2.3%
Other Services	257.6	257.7	254.2	-0.1	0.0%	3.4	1.3%
Government	706.4	705.1	712.7	1.3	0.2%	-6.3	-0.9%

*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: June 2015 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released July 17, 2015.*

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