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PA Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.4% in July

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

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in July, unchanged from June. Pennsylvania's rate was one-tenth of a percentage point above the U.S. rate of 5.3 percent, which was also unchanged in July. The commonwealth's rate was down 0.1 percentage points from July 2014 while the national rate declined by 0.9 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force was essentially unchanged from June, up 1,000 to 6,426,000. Resident employment decreased 1,000 while unemployment rose 2,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were up 8,000 in July to 5,856,100. Private sector jobs were up 8,000 while government jobs were flat over the month. Financial activities (+5,000) had the largest gain in July while manufacturing (-2,200) had the largest decline. Education & health services reached a record high for the third month in row.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 66,500 (+1.1%). The growth was concentrated within private industries, with the largest gains in trade, transportation & utilities, education & health services, and leisure & hospitality, which all added over 10,000 jobs from July 2014.

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)

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from June 2015		Change from July 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,426	6,425	6,363	1	0.0%	63	1.0%
Employment	6,077	6,078	6,010	-1	0.0%	67	1.1%
Unemployment	349	347	353	2	0.6%	-4	-1.1%
Rate	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	----	-0.1	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	157,106	157,037	156,048	69	0.0%	1,058	0.7%
Employment	148,840	148,739	146,401	101	0.1%	2,439	1.7%
Unemployment	8,266	8,299	9,648	-33	-0.4%	-1,382	-14.3%
Rate	5.3	5.3	6.2	0.0	----	-0.9	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from June 2015		Change from July 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,856.1	5,848.1	5,789.6	8.0	0.1%	66.5	1.1%
Goods Producing Industries	845.6	849.2	837.4	-3.6	-0.4%	8.2	1.0%
Mining & Logging	36.5	36.3	37.7	0.2	0.6%	-1.2	-3.2%
Construction	241.5	243.1	232.6	-1.6	-0.7%	8.9	3.8%
Manufacturing	567.6	569.8	567.1	-2.2	-0.4%	0.5	0.1%
Service Providing Industries	5,010.5	4,998.9	4,952.2	11.6	0.2%	58.3	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,130.4	1,125.6	1,110.9	4.8	0.4%	19.5	1.8%
Information	84.3	83.9	85.5	0.4	0.5%	-1.2	-1.4%
Financial Activities	321.9	316.9	315.9	5.0	1.6%	6.0	1.9%
Professional & Business Services	768.3	768.9	759.6	-0.6	-0.1%	8.7	1.1%
Education & Health Services	1,196.9	1,194.2	1,180.6	2.7	0.2%	16.3	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	545.1	546.8	534.7	-1.7	-0.3%	10.4	1.9%
Other Services	257.2	256.2	254.4	1.0	0.4%	2.8	1.1%
Government	706.4	706.4	710.6	0.0	0.0%	-4.2	-0.6%

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: August 2015 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released September 18, 2015.