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Pennsylvania's Employment Situation for July 2012

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9 percent in July, up three-tenths of a percentage point from the revised June rate of 7.6 percent. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was below the U.S. rate of 8.3 percent, and has been below the U.S. rate for 51 consecutive months, and at or below the U.S. rate for 69 consecutive months.

The state unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage points from July 2011.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was up 10,000 in July to 6,478,000. Resident employment was down 10,000 to 5,969,000, and the number of unemployed residents was up 21,000 to 509,000. Pennsylvania's labor force was 110,000 above its July 2011 level.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were down 3,100 in July to 5,709,200. Following a downward revision to the June jobs count, this was the fourth consecutive monthly decline. Since March, jobs were down 19,100, but this followed a two-month increase of 27,400 in February and March. Both goods producers and service providers declined from June. The largest drops were in education & health services and leisure & hospitality, which were each down 3,900 jobs. Mining & logging and professional & business services reached record high levels in July.

Pennsylvania's job count was up 20,000 (0.4 percent) over the year while the national total nonfarm jobs were up 1,838,000 (1.4 percent) over the past 12 months.

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Editor's Note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	July 2012	June 2012	July 2011	Change from June 2012 volume	Change from June 2012 percent	Change from July 2011 volume	Change from July 2011 percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,478	6,468	6,368	10	0.2%	110	1.7%
Employment	5,969	5,979	5,853	-10	-0.2%	116	2.0%
Unemployment	509	488	515	21	4.3%	-6	-1.2%
Rate	7.9	7.6	8.1	0.3	----	-0.2	----

U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,013	155,163	153,358	-150	-0.1%	1,655	1.1%
Employment	142,220	142,415	139,450	-195	-0.1%	2,770	2.0%
Unemployment	12,794	12,749	13,908	45	0.4%	-1,114	-8.0%
Rate	8.3	8.2	9.1	0.1	----	-0.8	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	July 2012	June 2012	July 2011	Change from June 2012 volume	Change from June 2012 percent	Change from July 2011 volume	Change from July 2011 percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	**5,709.2**	**5,712.3**	**5,689.2**	**-3.1**	**-0.1%**	**20.0**	**0.4%**
Goods Producing Industries	**825.8**	**826.7**	**819.8**	**-0.9**	**-0.1%**	**6.0**	**0.7%**
Mining & Logging	39.6	39.2	33.5	0.4	1.0%	6.1	18.2%
Construction	217.5	218.5	222.2	-1.0	-0.5%	-4.7	-2.1%
Manufacturing	568.7	569.0	564.1	-0.3	-0.1%	4.6	0.8%
Service Providing Industries	**4,883.4**	**4,885.6**	**4,869.4**	**-2.2**	**0.0%**	**14.0**	**0.3%**
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,103.6	1,099.9	1,092.2	3.7	0.3%	11.4	1.0%
Information	89.5	89.1	90.2	0.4	0.4%	-0.7	-0.8%
Financial Activities	312.5	313.2	309.5	-0.7	-0.2%	3.0	1.0%
Professional & Business Services	722.5	718.9	708.0	3.6	0.5%	14.5	2.0%
Education & Health Services	1,148.9	1,152.8	1,159.6	-3.9	-0.3%	-10.7	-0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	522.0	525.9	508.7	-3.9	-0.7%	13.3	2.6%
Other Services	257.0	255.2	254.2	1.8	0.7%	2.8	1.1%
Government	727.4	730.6	747.0	-3.2	-0.4%	-19.6	-2.6%

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.state.pa.us

Note: August 2012 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released September 20, 2012.

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