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Pennsylvania Jobs Up in October; Unemployment Rate Falls to 8.1%

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania added 7,500 jobs in October, bringing the state's jobs count to a total of 5,752,200, the highest level since November 2008.

In addition, the number of jobs added to the Pennsylvania economy in the private sector since January 2011 increased to 105,700.

The October job growth was concentrated in service-providing industries, which increased by 7,100 to a record high of 4,929,800. Service-providing industries include businesses such as retail stores, banks, hospitals and restaurants. The largest increase in October was a gain of 4,000 education and health services jobs, followed closely by a 3,700 increase in trade, transportation and utilities.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in October, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the September rate of 8.2 percent.

The state's labor force, which includes people with jobs and those actively looking for work, was up 31,000 in October, to a record high level of 6,536,000. This was the second largest single-month increase on record, signaling renewed confidence in the Pennsylvania economy.

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)

	October 2012(p)	September 2012	October 2011	Change from September 2012 volume	Change from September 2012 percent	Change from October 2011 volume	Change from October 2011 percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,536	6,505	6,380	31	0.5%	156	2.4%
Employment	6,009	5,975	5,877	34	0.6%	132	2.2%
Unemployment	528	530	503	-2	-0.4%	25	5.0%
Rate	8.1	8.2	7.9	-0.1	----	0.2	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,641	155,063	154,057	578	0.4%	1,584	1.0%
Employment	143,384	142,974	140,297	410	0.3%	3,087	2.2%
Unemployment	12,258	12,088	13,759	170	1.4%	-1,501	-10.9%
Rate	7.9	7.8	8.9	0.1	----	-1.0	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	October 2012 (p)	September 2012	October 2011	Change from September 2012 volume	Change from September 2012 percent	Change from October 2011 volume	Change from October 2011 percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	**5,752.2**	**5,744.7**	**5,704.1**	**7.5**	**0.1%**	**48.1**	**0.8%**
Goods Producing Industries	**822.4**	**822.0**	**824.8**	**0.4**	**0.0%**	**-2.4**	**-0.3%**
Mining & Logging	38.9	38.9	35.7	0.0	0.0%	3.2	9.0%
Construction	214.3	215.4	224.7	-1.1	-0.5%	-10.4	-4.6%
Manufacturing	569.2	567.7	564.4	1.5	0.3%	4.8	0.9%
Service Providing Industries	**4,929.8**	**4,922.7**	**4,879.3**	**7.1**	**0.1%**	**50.5**	**1.0%**
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,113.9	1,110.2	1,097.0	3.7	0.3%	16.9	1.5%
Information	90.1	89.8	89.6	0.3	0.3%	0.5	0.6%
Financial Activities	313.6	313.7	310.4	-0.1	0.0%	3.2	1.0%
Professional & Business Services	729.8	729.2	710.8	0.6	0.1%	19.0	2.7%
Education & Health Services	1,166.2	1,162.2	1,166.7	4.0	0.3%	-0.5	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	528.5	529.5	513.3	-1.0	-0.2%	15.2	3.0%
Other Services	253.9	253.5	256.4	0.4	0.2%	-2.5	-1.0%
Government	733.8	734.6	735.1	-0.8	-0.1%	-1.3	-0.2%

(p) preliminary

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: November 2012 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released December 21, 2012.