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## LANCASTER MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6.1 PERCENT

**HARRISBURG (DECEMBER 5) – The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Lancaster Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) fell two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.1 percent.** Over the year, the rate fell six-tenths of a point. The Lancaster MSA had the 3rd lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania's 14 MSAs in October. The State College MSA had the lowest rate at 5.8 percent, while the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA had the highest rate at 9.2 percent. The October seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania decreased one-tenth to 7.5 percent, while the rate for the nation increased one-tenth to 7.3 percent.

**The Lancaster MSA's *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs rose 300 to 234,200 in October (see Table 2A).** Since October 2012, jobs in the MSA were up 1.5 percent (3,400 jobs), well above the statewide gain of 0.5 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted (see below).

- Education & health services and local government each posted large October increases due largely to local schools and universities returning to full employment after the start of the new school year.

- Health care and social assistance, up 200, reached a record high of 36,000.

- Leisure & hospitality fell 500 as local outdoor recreational businesses and eateries laid off seasonal staff.

**TABLE 1**

# LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lancaster County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

| TIME PERIOD | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY-MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-MENT | RATE (%) 3/ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY-MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-MENT | RATE (%) 3/ |
| October 2013 | 268,300 | 253,500 | 14,800 | 5.5 | 269,200 | 252,800 | 16,400 | 6.1 |
| September | 268,900 | 253,700 | 15,200 | 5.7 | 270,600 | 253,600 | 17,000 | 6.3 |
| August | 274,700 | 256,700 | 18,000 | 6.6 | 271,500 | 254,200 | 17,300 | 6.4 |
| October 2012 | 271,100 | 253,900 | 17,200 | 6.3 | 270,100 | 252,000 | 18,200 | 6.7 |

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
October 2013

| AREA NAME | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY-MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-MENT | RATE (%) 3/ | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED 4/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY-MENT 2/ | UNEMPLOY-MENT | RATE (%) 3/ |
| Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA | 432,900 | 401,700 | 31,200 | 7.2 | 437,300 | 403,700 | 33,600 | 7.7 |
| Altoona MSA | 63,700 | 59,800 | 3,900 | 6.1 | 64,200 | 59,900 | 4,300 | 6.7 |
| Erie MSA | 140,900 | 131,500 | 9,400 | 6.7 | 141,200 | 130,900 | 10,400 | 7.4 |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA | 282,000 | 264,500 | 17,500 | 6.2 | 284,200 | 265,500 | 18,700 | 6.6 |
| Johnstown MSA | 67,400 | 62,200 | 5,200 | 7.7 | 67,700 | 61,900 | 5,800 | 8.6 |
| Lancaster MSA | 268,300 | 253,500 | 14,800 | 5.5 | 269,200 | 252,800 | 16,400 | 6.1 |
| Lebanon MSA | 74,000 | 70,000 | 4,000 | 5.5 | 74,200 | 69,800 | 4,400 | 5.9 |
| Philadelphia MSA | 2,984,400 | 2,758,700 | 225,700 | 7.6 | 3,004,600 | 2,768,100 | 236,400 | 7.9 |
| Pittsburgh MSA | 1,249,400 | 1,173,100 | 76,300 | 6.1 | 1,257,000 | 1,172,800 | 84,200 | 6.7 |
| Reading MSA | 204,700 | 190,700 | 14,100 | 6.9 | 206,100 | 190,700 | 15,300 | 7.4 |
| Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA | 279,400 | 255,300 | 24,100 | 8.6 | 281,800 | 256,000 | 25,800 | 9.2 |
| State College MSA | 76,900 | 73,100 | 3,800 | 4.9 | 75,400 | 71,000 | 4,400 | 5.8 |
| Williamsport MSA | 64,300 | 59,800 | 4,500 | 7.0 | 64,400 | 59,500 | 4,900 | 7.6 |
| York-Hanover MSA | 226,500 | 211,600 | 14,800 | 6.5 | 227,600 | 211,700 | 15,900 | 7.0 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 6,442,000 | 5,998,000 | 444,000 | 6.9 | 6,471,000 | 5,987,000 | 485,000 | 7.5 |
| UNITED STATES | 154,917,000 | 144,144,000 | 10,773,000 | 7.0 | 154,840,000 | 143,568,000 | 11,272,000 | 7.3 |

ALL DATA ARE ON 2012 BENCHMARK. SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

FOOTNOTES

1/ Estimate of workers by place of residence. These data are controlled to state Current Population Survey (CPS) data which adjusts for commuting and dual job-holding. Workers are counted where they live only once regardless of the number of jobs they may hold. All in-depth inquiries relative to the estimating methodology should be addressed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. All data are subject to revision during annual benchmarking.

2/ Includes wage and salary workers (including agriculture), self-employed persons, and unpaid family workers (including agriculture), domestic workers, and persons involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.

4/ Seasonally adjusted MSA level data (and their equivalent) is developed by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); seasonal adjustment for all other areas is developed by the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA).

TABLE 2

# LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lancaster County)

## October 2013
### NONFARM JOBS

| ESTABLISHMENT DATA | Industry Employment | | | | Net Change From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 2013 | Sep 2013 | Aug 2013 | Oct 2012 | Sep 2013 | Oct 2012 |
| **TOTAL NONFARM** | **236,400** | 234,400 | 234,300 | 233,000 | 2,000 | 3,400 |
| **TOTAL PRIVATE** | **215,300** | 214,000 | 216,600 | 211,900 | 1,300 | 3,400 |
| **GOODS-PRODUCING** | **52,100** | 51,900 | 52,300 | 51,200 | 200 | 900 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | **16,200** | 16,100 | 16,200 | 15,100 | 100 | 1,100 |
| **Manufacturing** | **35,900** | 35,800 | 36,100 | 36,100 | 100 | -200 |
| Durable Goods | **18,900** | 18,900 | 19,000 | 18,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Durable Goods | **17,000** | 16,900 | 17,100 | 17,200 | 100 | -200 |
| Food mfg. | **7,500** | 7,400 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 100 | 0 |
| **SERVICE-PROVIDING** | **184,300** | 182,500 | 182,000 | 181,800 | 1,800 | 2,500 |
| **PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING** | **163,200** | 162,100 | 164,300 | 160,700 | 1,100 | 2,500 |
| **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** | **51,200** | 51,000 | 50,800 | 52,000 | 200 | -800 |
| Wholesale Trade | **13,000** | 13,000 | 13,100 | 12,900 | 0 | 100 |
| Retail Trade | **28,500** | 28,400 | 28,600 | 29,300 | 100 | -800 |
| General merchandise stores | **3,600** | 3,500 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 100 | 0 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | **9,700** | 9,600 | 9,100 | 9,800 | 100 | -100 |
| **Information** | **3,000** | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| **Financial Activities** | **8,600** | 8,500 | 8,600 | 8,500 | 100 | 100 |
| **Professional and Business Services** | **24,400** | 24,300 | 25,000 | 22,300 | 100 | 2,100 |
| **Education and Health Services** | **42,200** | 41,100 | 40,400 | 41,500 | 1,100 | 700 |
| Health care and social assistance | **36,000** | 35,800 | 35,900 | 35,300 | 200 | 700 |
| Hospitals | **7,100** | 7,100 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 0 | 0 |
| **Leisure and Hospitality** | **22,700** | 23,200 | 25,300 | 22,400 | -500 | 300 |
| Accommodation and food services | **18,700** | 18,900 | 19,500 | 18,600 | -200 | 100 |
| Food services and drinking places | **15,100** | 15,100 | 15,500 | 15,000 | 0 | 100 |
| **Other Services** | **11,100** | 11,000 | 11,200 | 11,000 | 100 | 100 |
| **Government** | **21,100** | 20,400 | 17,700 | 21,100 | 700 | 0 |
| Federal Government | **1,200** | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | **3,600** | 3,400 | 2,500 | 3,500 | 200 | 100 |
| Local Government | **16,300** | 15,800 | 14,000 | 16,400 | 500 | -100 |

Data benchmarked to March 2012

***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***

**TABLE 2A**

# SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS

## FOR PENNSYLVANIA, MSAs and Select Areas

## October 2013

| AREA | Industry Employment | | | | Net Change From: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 2013 | Sep 2013 | Aug 2013 | Oct 2012 | Sep 2013 | Oct 2012 |
| **PENNSYLVANIA** | **5,763,900** | 5,763,900 | 5,771,300 | 5,734,500 | 0 | 29,400 |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA | **352,900** | 354,900 | 355,600 | 347,300 | -2,000 | 5,600 |
| Altoona MSA | **60,800** | 60,800 | 60,700 | 60,700 | 0 | 100 |
| Erie MSA | **132,100** | 131,900 | 132,000 | 130,300 | 200 | 1,800 |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA | **325,800** | 324,200 | 324,200 | 326,900 | 1,600 | -1,100 |
| Johnstown MSA | **59,500** | 59,200 | 59,600 | 60,100 | 300 | -600 |
| Lancaster MSA | **234,200** | 233,900 | 234,600 | 230,800 | 300 | 3,400 |
| Lebanon MSA | **51,900** | 51,600 | 51,600 | 51,600 | 300 | 300 |
| Philadelphia Metropolitan Division | **1,908,500** | 1,908,100 | 1,911,900 | 1,892,900 | 400 | 15,600 |
| Philadelphia MSA | **2,758,200** | 2,758,200 | 2,760,300 | 2,734,200 | 0 | 24,000 |
| Pittsburgh MSA | **1,179,700** | 1,176,900 | 1,172,400 | 1,159,400 | 2,800 | 20,300 |
| Reading MSA | **172,500** | 172,600 | 172,600 | 170,300 | -100 | 2,200 |
| Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA | **254,300** | 255,600 | 254,500 | 255,700 | -1,300 | -1,400 |
| State College MSA | **74,700** | 74,400 | 74,800 | 74,800 | 300 | -100 |
| Williamsport MSA | **57,500** | 57,400 | 57,400 | 56,500 | 100 | 1,000 |
| York-Hanover MSA | **180,100** | 180,500 | 180,000 | 178,000 | -400 | 2,100 |
| Philadelphia City | **660,000** | 660,100 | 656,300 | 665,600 | -100 | -5,600 |
| Data benchmarked to March 2012 | ***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding*** | | | | | |

Note: Beginning with the release of January 2009 data, seasonally adjusted data are available for all of Pennsylvania's published MSAs, as well as the Philadelphia Metropolitan Division and Philadelphia City. Historical data back to 1999 (and for select areas, to 1997) are available for all areas in this table. For more information, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 877-4WF-DATA or by email at workforceinfo@pa.gov.