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PITTSBURGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED IN OCTOBER

HARRISBURG (DECEMBER 5) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) fell one-tenth of a percentage point in October to 6.7 percent. With this drop, Pittsburgh's unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate for 84 consecutive months. This is the longest the MSA has been below the nation on records reaching back to 1976. The statewide rate declined one-tenth to 7.5 percent in October compared to the national rate which rose by one-tenth to 7.3 percent.

Of the 14 MSAs in Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh MSA's unemployment rate tied with Altoona's as the fifth lowest while State College MSA held the lowest rate (5.8%) and Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA had the highest (9.2%). Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County had the lowest rate at 6.1 percent while Fayette County held the highest of the seven counties at 8.3 percent. Unemployment rates for Pennsylvania's 67 counties ranged from 5.4 percent in Montour County to 11.1 percent in Cameron County.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA rose to 1,179,700 in October, up 2,800 jobs over the month. Jobs in the MSA have increased in ten of the past twelve months with 20,300 jobs added in the past year. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted (see below).

- Educational services added 4,200 jobs over the month as schools and universities continued to recall staff for the school year.
- Leisure and hospitality jobs declined by 700 as seasonal businesses released their summer employees.
- With classes resumed at public schools, local government educational services rose by 2,600 jobs in October.

TABLE 1

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington & Westmoreland Counties)

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	1,249,400	1,173,100	76,300	6.1	1,257,000	1,172,800	84,200	6.7
September	1,262,700	1,184,800	78,000	6.2	1,264,000	1,178,400	85,500	6.8
August	1,271,200	1,180,100	91,100	7.2	1,265,700	1,179,400	86,200	6.8
October 2012	1,263,700	1,178,600	85,100	6.7	1,260,800	1,168,900	91,900	7.3

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.

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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/
ALLEGHENY COUNTY								
October 2013	658,800	619,400	39,300	6.0	657,200	615,500	41,700	6.3
September	666,200	625,600	40,600	6.1	664,600	622,100	42,500	6.4
August	670,400	623,200	47,200	7.0	662,800	618,100	44,700	6.7
October 2012	665,900	622,300	43,500	6.5	664,500	618,600	45,900	6.9
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
October 2013	33,600	31,400	2,200	6.6	33,800	31,200	2,700	7.9
September	33,900	31,700	2,200	6.6	34,200	31,500	2,700	7.8
August	34,400	31,600	2,800	8.2	34,200	31,300	2,900	8.5
October 2012	34,200	31,500	2,600	7.7	34,400	31,300	3,100	8.9
BEAVER COUNTY								
October 2013	91,000	84,700	6,300	6.9	90,900	84,100	6,800	7.4
September	91,900	85,500	6,300	6.9	91,800	85,000	6,800	7.4
August	92,300	85,200	7,100	7.7	91,100	84,400	6,700	7.4
October 2012	91,600	85,100	6,500	7.0	91,400	84,500	6,900	7.6
BUTLER COUNTY								
October 2013	101,200	95,800	5,400	5.3	101,400	95,200	6,200	6.1
September	102,200	96,800	5,500	5.3	102,400	96,200	6,200	6.1
August	103,200	96,400	6,900	6.7	102,200	95,600	6,600	6.5
October 2012	102,200	96,200	5,900	5.8	102,400	95,700	6,700	6.5
FAYETTE COUNTY								
October 2013	63,700	59,100	4,700	7.3	64,000	58,700	5,300	8.3
September	64,300	59,700	4,600	7.2	64,700	59,300	5,400	8.3
August	64,900	59,400	5,400	8.4	64,400	58,900	5,500	8.5
October 2012	65,100	59,300	5,700	8.8	65,300	59,000	6,400	9.7
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
October 2013	108,600	102,000	6,700	6.2	108,700	101,400	7,400	6.8
September	109,700	103,000	6,700	6.1	109,900	102,400	7,400	6.8
August	110,100	102,600	7,600	6.9	109,400	101,800	7,700	7.0
October 2012	110,000	102,400	7,600	6.9	110,200	101,900	8,300	7.5
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
October 2013	192,400	180,700	11,700	6.1	192,800	179,600	13,200	6.8
September	194,500	182,500	11,900	6.1	194,900	181,500	13,400	6.9
August	195,800	181,800	14,000	7.2	193,500	180,300	13,300	6.9
October 2012	194,800	181,600	13,200	6.8	195,200	180,500	14,700	7.5
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
October 2013	155,300	145,200	10,100	6.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	157,100	146,600	10,500	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
August	158,600	146,100	12,500	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October 2012	157,100	145,900	11,200	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)

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	**1,188,800**	1,181,100	1,169,400	1,168,600	7,700	20,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	**1,068,600**	1,063,100	1,060,000	1,046,400	5,500	22,200
GOODS-PRODUCING	**159,300**	158,400	159,400	157,600	900	1,700
Mining and Logging	**11,100**	11,200	11,300	10,000	-100	1,100
Construction	**59,100**	58,000	58,400	57,300	1,100	1,800
Specialty trade contractors	**37,500**	37,300	36,800	33,100	200	4,400
Manufacturing	**89,100**	89,200	89,700	90,300	-100	-1,200
Durable Goods	**65,400**	65,600	66,100	66,700	-200	-1,300
Primary metal mfg.	**12,800**	12,800	12,900	13,000	0	-200
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	**6,900**	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	-200
Non-Durable Goods	**23,700**	23,600	23,600	23,600	100	100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	**1,029,500**	1,022,700	1,010,000	1,011,000	6,800	18,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	**909,300**	904,700	900,600	888,800	4,600	20,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**217,900**	217,100	212,500	217,500	800	400
Wholesale Trade	**47,300**	47,400	46,900	45,800	-100	1,500
Retail Trade	**125,100**	124,500	125,300	127,800	600	-2,700
Building material and supplies dealers	**7,700**	7,700	7,900	7,600	0	100
Food and beverage stores	**26,600**	26,600	26,900	26,800	0	-200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	**11,100**	11,000	11,400	12,500	100	-1,400
General merchandise stores	**23,900**	23,200	23,500	23,700	700	200
Department stores	**11,600**	11,200	11,300	11,700	400	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	**45,500**	45,200	40,300	43,900	300	1,600
Utilities	**5,700**	5,700	5,800	5,900	0	-200
Transportation and Warehousing	**39,800**	39,500	34,500	38,000	300	1,800
Trucking, couriers & messengers, and warehousing	**21,500**	21,500	21,900	20,900	0	600
Information	**17,900**	17,900	18,200	18,500	0	-600
Financial Activities	**73,500**	74,200	76,300	71,900	-700	1,600
Finance and insurance	**58,300**	58,800	59,500	58,000	-500	300
Credit intermediation and related activities	**29,100**	29,600	29,900	29,600	-500	-500
Depository credit intermediation	**25,200**	25,400	25,600	25,500	-200	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	**22,300**	22,300	22,300	21,800	0	500
Professional and Business Services	**178,200**	178,200	178,700	170,500	0	7,700
Professional and technical services	**78,900**	79,100	80,400	73,600	-200	5,300
Architectural and engineering services	**19,400**	19,400	19,600	18,500	0	900
Scientific research and development services	**6,600**	6,500	6,600	6,500	100	100
Management of companies and enterprises	**38,200**	38,200	38,500	37,900	0	300
Administrative and waste services	**61,100**	60,900	59,800	59,000	200	2,100
Administrative and support services	**58,200**	58,000	56,700	55,200	200	3,000
Employment services	**19,700**	19,200	18,700	18,800	500	900
Education and Health Services	**253,300**	247,800	240,600	244,700	5,500	8,600
Educational services	**60,100**	55,900	48,000	56,700	4,200	3,400
Colleges and universities	**42,300**	39,800	32,400	41,300	2,500	1,000
Health care and social assistance	**193,200**	191,900	192,600	188,000	1,300	5,200
Ambulatory health care services	**69,100**	68,700	68,700	65,300	400	3,800
Offices of physicians	**25,900**	25,600	25,600	25,300	300	600
Hospitals	**55,800**	55,500	55,700	55,800	300	0
General medical and surgical hospitals	**50,400**	50,100	50,300	50,600	300	-200
Nursing and residential care facilities	**36,600**	36,300	36,600	36,200	300	400
Social assistance	**31,700**	31,400	31,600	30,700	300	1,000

Data benchmarked to March 2012

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2

PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,
Washington, and Westmoreland counties)

October 2013

NONFARM JOBS

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Oct 2013	Sep 2013	Aug 2013	Oct 2012	Sep 2013	Oct 2012
Leisure and Hospitality	**114,600**	115,300	120,700	112,800	-700	1,800
Accommodation and food services	**90,900**	91,800	93,500	92,400	-900	-1,500
Food services and drinking places	**83,000**	83,500	85,100	84,100	-500	-1,100
Full-service restaurants	**41,900**	42,400	42,800	42,600	-500	-700
Limited-service eating places	**29,600**	29,900	30,900	29,200	-300	400
Other Services	**53,900**	54,200	53,600	52,900	-300	1,000
Government	**120,200**	118,000	109,400	122,200	2,200	-2,000
Federal Government	**17,200**	17,200	17,300	17,900	0	-700
State Government	**15,400**	15,300	13,600	15,800	100	-400
Local Government	**87,600**	85,500	78,500	88,500	2,100	-900
Local government educational services	**53,000**	50,400	42,400	53,600	2,600	-600
Local government excluding educational services	**34,600**	35,100	36,100	34,900	-500	-300

Data benchmarked to March 2012

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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.