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WILLIAMSPORT MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 8.1% IN MARCH

HARRISBURG, PA (APRIL 30) — The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Williamsport Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to 8.1 percent in March. Pennsylvania's rate decreased two-tenths of a point to 7.9 percent, while the United States' rate was at 7.6 percent, down one-tenth. Among the 14 Pennsylvania MSA's, Williamsport's rate was the 10th lowest; rates ranged from 5.9 percent in the State College MSA to 9.6 percent in the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA. Over the past year, the rate increased eight-tenths of a point locally, Pennsylvania's rate rose three-tenths, and the U.S. rate fell six-tenths.

The Williamsport MSA's count of *seasonally adjusted* total nonfarm jobs in March stood at 56,900, unchanged both over the month and over the year (see Table 2A). Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted (see below).

All industry sectors showed little or no change over the month, in line with historical and seasonal patterns. Most industry sectors showed minor changes over the year.

NOTE: Benchmark revisions to the labor force series have been completed and are reflected in the March news release. In addition, some changes to historical seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs data were also made prior to the release of the March data. Updated historical labor force and jobs statistics can be found at www.paworkstats.pa.gov or by contacting the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA.

TABLE 1

WILLIAMSPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lycoming 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/
March 2013	63,800	58,500	5,200	8.2	64,300	59,100	5,200	8.1
February	64,200	58,500	5,700	8.9	64,600	59,300	5,400	8.3
January	65,000	58,700	6,200	9.6	64,700	59,300	5,400	8.3
March 2012	63,700	58,800	4,900	7.7	63,800	59,100	4,700	7.3

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
March 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	433,000	397,900	35,100	8.1	437,400	401,200	36,200	8.3
Altoona MSA	63,700	59,200	4,600	7.2	65,200	60,500	4,700	7.2
Erie MSA	139,100	128,200	10,800	7.8	141,100	130,300	10,800	7.7
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	285,100	265,500	19,600	6.9	289,300	268,700	20,600	7.1
Johnstown MSA	67,800	61,700	6,100	9.0	68,800	62,400	6,300	9.2
Lancaster MSA	264,200	247,400	16,800	6.4	268,300	250,800	17,600	6.5
Lebanon MSA	74,000	69,400	4,700	6.3	74,900	70,100	4,900	6.5
Philadelphia MSA	2,994,400	2,749,200	245,200	8.2	3,023,700	2,769,000	254,700	8.4
Pittsburgh MSA	1,238,400	1,150,300	88,100	7.1	1,257,900	1,166,500	91,300	7.3
Reading MSA	204,800	189,000	15,800	7.7	207,200	190,900	16,300	7.9
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA	281,300	254,600	26,800	9.5	286,200	258,600	27,600	9.6
State College MSA	76,200	71,800	4,300	5.7	76,300	71,800	4,500	5.9
Williamsport MSA	63,800	58,500	5,200	8.2	64,300	59,100	5,200	8.1
York-Hanover MSA	226,200	209,400	16,800	7.4	229,000	211,500	17,500	7.6
PENNSYLVANIA	6,416,000	5,919,000	497,000	7.7	6,508,000	5,995,000	512,000	7.9
UNITED STATES	154,513,000	142,698,000	11,815,000	7.6	155,028,000	143,286,000	11,742,000	7.6

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

WILLIAMSPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Lycoming County)

March 2013
NONFARM JOBS

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2012
TOTAL NONFARM	**56,600**	56,400	56,300	56,700	200	-100
TOTAL PRIVATE	**48,900**	48,700	48,700	48,800	200	100
GOODS-PRODUCING	**14,100**	13,900	14,000	14,100	200	0
Manufacturing	**8,300**	8,300	8,300	8,600	0	-300
SERVICE-PROVIDING	**42,500**	42,500	42,300	42,600	0	-100
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	**34,800**	34,800	34,700	34,700	0	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**11,500**	11,600	11,600	11,200	-100	300
Retail Trade	**6,600**	6,600	6,700	6,700	0	-100
Education and Health Services	**9,500**	9,500	9,300	9,300	0	200
Leisure and Hospitality	**4,200**	4,100	4,200	4,500	100	-300
Government	**7,700**	7,700	7,600	7,900	0	-200
Federal Government	**400**	400	400	400	0	0
State Government	**3,100**	3,100	3,000	3,200	0	-100
Local Government	**4,200**	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-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

March 2013

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2012
PENNSYLVANIA	**5,742,300**	5,748,200	5,746,500	5,748,100	-5,900	-5,800
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	**350,700**	350,000	346,000	345,500	700	5,200
Altoona MSA	**60,900**	61,100	60,600	60,500	-200	400
Erie MSA	**130,700**	130,400	131,100	131,300	300	-600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	**328,100**	326,100	327,300	325,000	2,000	3,100
Johnstown MSA	**59,300**	59,500	59,800	59,900	-200	-600
Lancaster MSA	**231,800**	231,700	230,400	229,700	100	2,100
Lebanon MSA	**52,200**	52,000	51,300	51,600	200	600
Philadelphia Metropolitan Division	**1,897,700**	1,896,800	1,898,700	1,889,200	900	8,500
Philadelphia MSA	**2,742,200**	2,745,400	2,746,100	2,729,400	-3,200	12,800
Pittsburgh MSA	**1,165,600**	1,164,200	1,160,000	1,164,000	1,400	1,600
Reading MSA	**172,700**	172,800	172,100	169,500	-100	3,200
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA	**254,900**	256,500	256,300	255,700	-1,600	-800
State College MSA	**75,100**	75,300	75,400	75,200	-200	-100
Williamsport MSA	**56,900**	56,900	57,200	56,900	0	0
York-Hanover MSA	**179,300**	179,300	179,100	178,400	0	900
Philadelphia City	**663,000**	662,900	663,600	663,600	100	-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.