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PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED TO 3.4% IN JULY

HARRISBURG (AUGUST 27) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to **3.4 percent in July 2024**. Since June, the statewide rate was unchanged at 3.4 percent and the national rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent. Over the year, the local area’s rate was unchanged while Pennsylvania’s rate was two-tenths of a percentage point higher than July 2023. The national rate increased eight-tenths of a percentage point since July of last year.

For a list of county and MSA rankings by unemployment rate, please see the [Civilian Labor Force](#) packet.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA increased by 4,100 over the month to 1,182,100 in July. Jobs in the local area rose by 1.8 percent (+21,100) over the year while statewide jobs were up by 1.7 percent since last July.

July Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)

The largest supersector movements from June were seasonal in nature with the largest drops in government (-3,900) and education & health services (-1,300) due to summer break at local schools and colleges, and the largest gain in construction (+900). Leisure & hospitality and financial activities both set record high levels for the second consecutive month in July. Over the year, eight of the eleven supersectors increased, two decreased and one was unchanged. The largest supersector gain was in education & health services, which added 11,800 (+4.9%), while the largest decline was in construction, down 1,200 (-2.0%).

TABLE 1
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 (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington & Westmoreland Counties)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
July 2024	1,212,800	1,164,800	48,000	4.0	1,194,900	1,154,700	40,300	3.4
June	1,200,800	1,155,800	45,000	3.7	1,193,600	1,153,900	39,700	3.3
May	1,198,300	1,160,200	38,100	3.2	1,192,900	1,153,800	39,100	3.3
July 2023	1,190,600	1,146,900	43,700	3.7	1,177,400	1,138,000	39,400	3.4

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
 July 2024

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁴			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT ²	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE (%) ³
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	468,500	449,200	19,400	4.1	464,400	447,800	16,600	3.6
Altoona MSA	60,700	58,300	2,400	3.9	59,700	57,800	1,900	3.2
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,300	42,600	1,700	3.9	44,300	42,800	1,500	3.4
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	78,700	76,000	2,700	3.5	77,500	75,300	2,200	2.9
East Stroudsburg MSA	83,800	80,000	3,800	4.5	83,000	79,700	3,400	4.1
Erie MSA	128,100	123,000	5,100	4.0	127,500	123,100	4,400	3.5
Gettysburg MSA	56,000	54,200	1,800	3.3	55,300	53,800	1,400	2.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	317,800	306,200	11,500	3.6	313,300	303,800	9,500	3.0
Johnstown MSA	56,400	53,700	2,800	4.9	56,000	53,700	2,200	4.0
Lancaster MSA	297,800	287,900	9,900	3.3	292,600	284,800	7,800	2.7
Lebanon MSA	77,400	74,800	2,600	3.4	76,300	74,200	2,100	2.8
Philadelphia MSA	3,316,200	3,170,000	146,200	4.4	3,290,900	3,167,600	123,300	3.7
Pittsburgh MSA	1,212,800	1,164,800	48,000	4.0	1,194,900	1,154,700	40,300	3.4
Reading MSA	219,100	210,200	8,900	4.0	216,400	208,900	7,500	3.5
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	284,900	272,000	12,900	4.5	283,500	272,300	11,100	3.9
State College MSA	78,000	75,500	2,500	3.2	81,600	79,500	2,100	2.6
Williamsport MSA	56,000	53,900	2,200	3.9	56,100	54,100	1,900	3.5
York-Hanover MSA	244,900	235,400	9,500	3.9	243,000	235,400	7,500	3.1
PENNSYLVANIA	6,657,000	6,392,000	265,000	4.0	6,602,000	6,378,000	224,000	3.4
UNITED STATES	169,723,000	162,038,000	7,685,000	4.5	168,429,000	161,266,000	7,163,000	4.3

ALL DATA ARE ON 2023 BENCHMARK.

SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

FOOTNOTES

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BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE¹

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								
July 2024	650,800	625,600	25,200	3.9	642,700	622,100	20,600	3.2
June	644,500	621,000	23,500	3.6	640,200	619,600	20,600	3.2
May	643,900	623,400	20,400	3.2	642,400	621,000	21,400	3.3
July 2023	638,300	615,700	22,600	3.5	630,100	612,100	18,000	2.9
ARMSTRONG COUNTY								
July 2024	32,000	30,600	1,400	4.4	31,500	30,300	1,200	3.8
June	31,700	30,300	1,300	4.2	31,400	30,200	1,300	4.1
May	31,400	30,400	1,000	3.2	31,500	30,200	1,200	3.9
July 2023	31,500	30,200	1,300	4.1	31,000	29,900	1,100	3.4
BEAVER COUNTY								
July 2024	83,800	80,200	3,600	4.2	82,600	79,700	2,900	3.5
June	82,900	79,600	3,300	4.0	82,300	79,400	2,900	3.5
May	82,600	79,900	2,800	3.3	82,500	79,500	3,000	3.6
July 2023	82,500	79,000	3,500	4.3	81,300	78,500	2,800	3.5
BUTLER COUNTY								
July 2024	101,500	97,900	3,600	3.5	100,100	97,300	2,800	2.8
June	100,500	97,100	3,400	3.4	99,900	96,700	3,100	3.1
May	100,300	97,500	2,800	2.8	100,200	96,900	3,200	3.2
July 2023	99,800	96,500	3,300	3.3	98,400	95,800	2,600	2.6
FAYETTE COUNTY								
July 2024	56,500	53,600	2,900	5.1	55,700	53,200	2,600	4.6
June	55,800	53,100	2,700	4.8	55,400	52,900	2,500	4.5
May	55,500	53,300	2,200	3.9	55,600	53,000	2,600	4.6
July 2023	55,400	52,800	2,600	4.7	54,700	52,400	2,300	4.2
WASHINGTON COUNTY								
July 2024	107,500	103,400	4,200	3.9	106,100	102,700	3,400	3.2
June	106,500	102,600	4,000	3.7	105,700	102,200	3,500	3.3
May	106,300	102,900	3,400	3.2	106,100	102,400	3,600	3.4
July 2023	105,600	101,800	3,800	3.6	104,200	101,200	3,000	2.9
WESTMORELAND COUNTY								
July 2024	180,600	173,400	7,200	4.0	178,100	172,200	5,900	3.3
June	178,900	172,100	6,900	3.8	177,500	171,500	6,000	3.4
May	178,300	172,800	5,600	3.1	178,100	171,900	6,200	3.5
July 2023	177,500	170,900	6,600	3.7	175,000	169,700	5,300	3.0
CITY OF PITTSBURGH								
July 2024	156,900	151,400	5,500	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
June	155,500	150,300	5,200	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
May	155,400	150,900	4,600	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
July 2023	154,300	149,000	5,400	3.5	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)

July 2024

NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jul 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2023
TOTAL NONFARM	1,190,300	1,191,400	1,181,400	1,162,700	-1,100	27,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,080,900	1,078,100	1,067,300	1,054,200	2,800	26,700
GOODS-PRODUCING	153,800	152,300	150,400	153,200	1,500	600
Mining and Logging	8,400	8,300	8,400	8,100	100	300
Construction	58,800	57,900	56,400	60,000	900	-1,200
Specialty trade contractors	33,600	32,900	31,900	35,000	700	-1,400
Manufacturing	86,600	86,100	85,600	85,100	500	1,500
Durable Goods	63,400	62,900	62,500	61,800	500	1,600
Primary metal mfg.	10,300	10,200	10,200	10,000	100	300
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Non-Durable Goods	23,200	23,200	23,100	23,300	0	-100
SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,036,500	1,039,100	1,031,000	1,009,500	-2,600	27,000
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	927,100	925,800	916,900	901,000	1,300	26,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	205,700	205,600	206,200	202,200	100	3,500
Wholesale Trade	42,000	41,700	41,400	41,400	300	600
Retail Trade	116,400	116,700	116,400	116,100	-300	300
Building material and supplies dealers	8,200	8,300	8,300	8,700	-100	-500
Food and beverage retailers	22,300	22,200	22,100	22,300	100	0
General merchandise retailers	25,100	25,200	25,000	24,600	-100	500
Department stores	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,300	0	-300
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry r	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	47,300	47,200	48,400	44,700	100	2,600
Utilities	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Truck transportation	11,300	11,200	11,200	11,200	100	100
Information	21,700	21,300	21,500	21,700	400	0
Financial Activities	75,500	75,200	74,100	74,100	300	1,400
Finance and insurance	59,500	59,300	58,500	58,400	200	1,100
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities includin	24,900	24,800	24,500	24,700	100	200
Depository Credit Intermediation including Moneta	21,500	21,400	21,100	21,300	100	200
Insurance carriers and related activities	26,700	26,600	26,300	26,200	100	500
Professional and Business Services	190,300	189,600	187,100	190,800	700	-500
Professional and technical services	89,900	89,700	88,500	89,100	200	800
Architectural and engineering services	17,600	17,600	17,100	17,100	0	500
Scientific research and development services	11,700	11,600	11,500	11,600	100	100
Management of companies and enterprises	43,500	43,400	42,900	44,100	100	-600
Administrative and waste services	56,900	56,500	55,700	57,600	400	-700
Administrative and support services	52,200	51,600	51,000	53,200	600	-1,000
Employment services	17,100	17,200	17,200	17,800	-100	-700
Education and Health Services	252,800	254,100	256,200	241,000	-1,300	11,800
Educational services	45,100	46,900	51,200	43,800	-1,800	1,300
Colleges and universities	32,800	34,100	38,100	30,900	-1,300	1,900
Health care and social assistance	207,700	207,200	205,000	197,200	500	10,500
Ambulatory health care services	76,700	76,400	75,600	72,000	300	4,700
Offices of physicians	31,700	31,700	31,400	30,000	0	1,700
Hospitals	53,700	53,600	53,100	51,500	100	2,200
General medical and surgical hospitals	51,400	51,200	50,700	49,200	200	2,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	34,400	34,400	34,000	32,600	0	1,800
Social assistance	42,900	42,800	42,300	41,100	100	1,800

Data benchmarked to March 2023

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

TABLE 2

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July 2024

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ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jul 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2023
Leisure and Hospitality	130,600	130,000	123,000	122,300	600	8,300
Accommodation and food services	104,200	103,500	101,400	96,200	700	8,000
Food services and drinking places	92,900	92,700	90,600	86,500	200	6,400
Full-service restaurants	43,100	43,400	42,100	41,300	-300	1,800
Limited-service eating places	36,100	36,100	35,200	35,600	0	500
Other Services	50,500	50,000	48,800	48,900	500	1,600
Government	109,400	113,300	114,100	108,500	-3,900	900
Federal Government	19,800	19,700	19,700	19,500	100	300
State Government	12,000	12,000	12,300	12,200	0	-200
Local Government	77,600	81,600	82,100	76,800	-4,000	800
Local government educational services	41,900	46,200	48,700	41,500	-4,300	400
Local government excluding educational services	35,700	35,400	33,400	35,300	300	400
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS
FOR PENNSYLVANIA and SELECT MSAs & AREAS**

July 2024

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jul 2023	Jun 2024	Jul 2023
PENNSYLVANIA	6,191,000	6,178,800	6,168,300	6,086,000	12,200	105,000
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	401,100	400,100	399,000	391,900	1,000	9,200
Altoona MSA	61,700	61,600	61,600	60,600	100	1,100
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	44,900	44,600	44,600	44,000	300	900
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	61,900	61,700	61,600	60,700	200	1,200
East Stroudsburg MSA	58,700	58,500	58,300	58,300	200	400
Erie MSA	127,200	127,000	126,800	123,900	200	3,300
Gettysburg MSA	34,500	34,200	34,200	33,900	300	600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	365,200	365,000	363,500	359,700	200	5,500
Johnstown MSA	52,500	52,600	51,900	51,300	-100	1,200
Lancaster MSA	266,100	265,500	265,900	263,100	600	3,000
Lebanon MSA	58,100	57,800	57,400	56,400	300	1,700
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	3,127,000	3,121,100	3,114,500	3,073,100	5,900	53,900
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	1,131,900	1,129,300	1,127,300	1,118,100	2,600	13,800
Philadelphia Metro Division	1,025,400	1,025,100	1,020,500	1,004,300	300	21,100
Philadelphia City	783,700	783,300	780,800	765,900	400	17,800
Pittsburgh MSA	1,182,100	1,178,000	1,171,900	1,161,000	4,100	21,100
Reading MSA	181,500	181,400	180,700	178,700	100	2,800
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	272,000	271,200	270,700	264,500	800	7,500
State College MSA	80,800	80,800	81,300	79,100	0	1,700
Williamsport MSA	52,900	52,800	52,800	52,100	100	800
York-Hanover MSA	195,200	194,400	194,100	192,600	800	2,600
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