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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED TO 7.3%**

**HARRISBURG (OCTOBER 1)** – The August seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.3 percent.<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh's rate was below the rates of Pennsylvania and the United States, both at 8.1 percent. Compared to August 2011, the Pittsburgh MSA and statewide rates were unchanged while the national rate has fallen by a full percentage point. In August, the Pittsburgh MSA had the fourth lowest unemployment rate among Pennsylvania's 14 MSAs. Within the Pittsburgh MSA, Butler County (6.7%) had the lowest rate while Fayette County (9.4%) had the highest rate. Among Pennsylvania's 67 counties, unemployment rates ranged from 6.0 percent in Centre and Montour counties to 11.1 percent in Cameron and Philadelphia counties.

**Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in the Pittsburgh MSA dropped 2,200 in August to 1,162,800.** Despite this decline, the Pittsburgh MSA has added 13,700 jobs over the year, an increase of 1.2 percent from August 2011. Pennsylvania's jobs were up 0.3 percent in the same time period. The MSA's over-the-year growth rate has now exceeded the statewide rate for 26 consecutive months, and has been twice the rate or more for the last 13 months. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted (see below).

- Mining and logging increased by 100 in August which pushed jobs totals up to 10,000. This was a gain of 1,200 jobs (13.6%) over the year and a doubling of jobs from 5 years ago.
- In line with historic trends, education and health services declined 2,000 and local government educational services fell 900 as summer break continued for schools and universities.

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<sup>1</sup> Beginning with the release of August 2012 data, the seasonal adjustment methodology for civilian labor force data (data in Table 1) for all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) has changed and is now produced by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Seasonal adjustment for all other counties or areas is unchanged and will continue to be produced by the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis. Please note that historical seasonally-adjusted data for MSAs has been updated back to 2000 using the new methodology. For complete historical data, or for a list of areas in which the methodology changed, please visit [www.paworkstats.pa.gov](http://www.paworkstats.pa.gov) or contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at (877) 4WF-DATA.

**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/
August 2012	1,270,200	1,174,500	95,700	7.5	1,255,800	1,163,700	92,100	7.3
July	1,280,600	1,183,200	97,400	7.6	1,254,000	1,164,400	89,600	7.1
June	1,267,100	1,174,200	92,800	7.3	1,247,300	1,161,400	85,900	6.9
August 2011	1,250,500	1,156,700	93,900	7.5	1,233,800	1,143,500	90,300	7.3

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 August 2012

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	434,700	396,400	38,200	8.8	431,800	394,200	37,600	8.7
Altoona MSA	66,100	61,200	4,900	7.5	64,800	59,900	4,900	7.6
Erie MSA	145,600	134,500	11,100	7.6	145,600	134,500	11,100	7.6
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	292,500	270,400	22,100	7.5	287,300	266,200	21,100	7.4
Johnstown MSA	68,800	62,500	6,300	9.2	68,200	62,200	6,100	8.9
Lancaster MSA	273,800	255,100	18,700	6.8	272,200	254,100	18,100	6.6
Lebanon MSA	74,200	69,100	5,100	6.9	74,200	69,300	4,900	6.6
Philadelphia MSA	3,008,000	2,736,600	271,500	9.0	3,003,400	2,740,500	262,900	8.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,270,200	1,174,500	95,700	7.5	1,255,800	1,163,700	92,100	7.3
Reading MSA	209,000	191,900	17,100	8.2	207,900	191,200	16,700	8.0
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA	291,300	263,300	28,000	9.6	288,200	261,000	27,200	9.4
State College MSA	75,700	70,900	4,800	6.3	77,200	72,500	4,700	6.0
Williamsport MSA	63,200	58,100	5,100	8.1	63,500	58,200	5,300	8.3
York-Hanover MSA	229,900	211,400	18,500	8.0	228,400	210,400	18,000	7.9
PENNSYLVANIA	6,541,000	6,003,000	538,000	8.2	6,475,000	5,950,000	525,000	8.1
UNITED STATES	155,255,000	142,558,000	12,696,000	8.2	154,654,000	142,101,000	12,544,000	8.1

ALL DATA ARE ON 2011 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 1A**  
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 BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

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					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	668,300	619,300	49,000	7.3	658,900	612,300	46,700	7.1
July	673,500	623,900	49,700	7.4	661,900	615,000	46,900	7.1
June	666,300	619,100	47,100	7.1	658,400	613,100	45,300	6.9
August 2011	658,300	609,900	48,400	7.4	649,000	602,900	46,000	7.1
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	34,600	31,600	3,000	8.6	34,400	31,300	3,100	9.1
July	34,800	31,900	3,000	8.5	34,400	31,400	3,000	8.8
June	34,500	31,600	2,900	8.4	34,300	31,300	3,000	8.6
August 2011	33,800	31,200	2,600	7.8	33,600	30,800	2,800	8.3
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	92,500	85,000	7,500	8.1	91,100	83,900	7,100	7.8
July	93,000	85,600	7,300	7.9	91,200	84,300	6,900	7.6
June	91,700	85,000	6,700	7.3	90,400	84,100	6,300	7.0
August 2011	90,800	83,700	7,100	7.9	89,400	82,600	6,800	7.6
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	102,400	95,600	6,900	6.7	101,200	94,500	6,800	6.7
July	103,300	96,300	7,100	6.8	101,700	94,900	6,800	6.7
June	102,300	95,500	6,800	6.6	101,200	94,600	6,600	6.5
August 2011	101,000	94,100	6,900	6.9	99,900	93,000	6,800	6.8
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	65,500	59,500	6,000	9.2	64,800	58,700	6,100	9.4
July	66,000	59,900	6,100	9.2	65,000	59,000	6,100	9.3
June	65,400	59,400	5,900	9.1	64,900	58,800	6,100	9.4
August 2011	64,400	58,500	5,900	9.2	63,800	57,800	6,000	9.4
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	110,000	102,000	7,900	7.2	109,000	100,900	8,100	7.4
July	111,300	102,800	8,600	7.7	109,800	101,300	8,500	7.7
June	110,200	102,000	8,200	7.5	109,100	101,000	8,100	7.4
August 2011	108,200	100,500	7,800	7.2	107,300	99,300	8,000	7.4
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
August 2012	196,900	181,600	15,300	7.8	194,300	179,500	14,800	7.6
July	198,600	182,900	15,700	7.9	195,400	180,300	15,100	7.7
June	196,700	181,500	15,100	7.7	194,300	179,800	14,500	7.5
August 2011	193,900	178,800	15,100	7.8	191,300	176,800	14,500	7.6
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
August 2012	157,700	144,700	13,000	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
July	159,000	145,800	13,100	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
June	157,100	144,700	12,400	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
August 2011	155,400	142,500	12,800	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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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

TABLE 2

## PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

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

**August 2012**  
**NONFARM JOBS**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,160,200</b>	1,166,300	1,175,100	1,147,500	-6,100	12,700
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,048,200</b>	1,052,800	1,052,300	1,033,700	-4,600	14,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>152,200</b>	151,900	150,600	152,200	300	0
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>10,000</b>	9,900	9,700	8,800	100	1,200
<b>Construction</b>	<b>51,800</b>	52,600	51,100	55,100	-800	-3,300
Specialty trade contractors	<b>30,100</b>	31,300	29,900	33,600	-1,200	-3,500
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>90,400</b>	89,400	89,800	88,300	1,000	2,100
Durable Goods	<b>66,600</b>	65,700	66,200	64,600	900	2,000
Primary metal mfg.	<b>12,700</b>	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>7,100</b>	7,100	7,100	7,000	0	100
Non-Durable Goods	<b>23,800</b>	23,700	23,600	23,700	100	100
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,008,000</b>	1,014,400	1,024,500	995,300	-6,400	12,700
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>896,000</b>	900,900	901,700	881,500	-4,900	14,500
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>218,000</b>	219,700	220,800	215,100	-1,700	2,900
Wholesale Trade	<b>48,400</b>	49,800	49,200	47,800	-1,400	600
Retail Trade	<b>128,300</b>	128,400	128,300	127,900	-100	400
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>8,300</b>	8,500	8,600	8,000	-200	300
Food and beverage stores	<b>25,800</b>	25,900	26,000	26,200	-100	-400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	<b>11,900</b>	11,200	11,100	12,000	700	-100
General merchandise stores	<b>24,800</b>	25,100	25,000	24,500	-300	300
Department stores	<b>12,400</b>	12,500	12,500	12,400	-100	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>41,300</b>	41,500	43,300	39,400	-200	1,900
Utilities	<b>5,800</b>	5,800	5,700	5,600	0	200
Transportation and Warehousing	<b>35,500</b>	35,700	37,600	33,800	-200	1,700
Trucking, couriers & messengers, and warehousing	<b>22,600</b>	22,600	22,700	20,600	0	2,000
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,400</b>	18,400	18,500	19,400	0	-1,000
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>73,100</b>	73,800	73,500	71,000	-700	2,100
Finance and insurance	<b>57,800</b>	58,200	58,200	57,400	-400	400
Credit intermediation and related activities	<b>29,800</b>	29,900	30,000	29,700	-100	100
Depository credit intermediation	<b>26,500</b>	26,400	26,300	25,700	100	800
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>21,000</b>	21,000	21,000	20,800	0	200
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>171,300</b>	171,300	169,900	167,700	0	3,600
Professional and technical services	<b>75,900</b>	75,100	74,200	72,100	800	3,800
Architectural and engineering services	<b>18,300</b>	18,100	18,000	17,600	200	700
Scientific research and development services	<b>6,700</b>	6,700	6,600	6,400	0	300
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>37,900</b>	37,800	37,700	37,000	100	900
Administrative and waste services	<b>57,500</b>	58,400	58,000	58,600	-900	-1,100
Administrative and support services	<b>53,300</b>	54,200	53,800	54,700	-900	-1,400
Employment services	<b>19,600</b>	19,300	19,300	18,800	300	800
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>238,900</b>	240,900	242,200	238,900	-2,000	0
Educational services	<b>51,100</b>	52,700	53,100	51,400	-1,600	-300
Colleges and universities	<b>34,900</b>	36,200	37,100	35,800	-1,300	-900
Health care and social assistance	<b>187,800</b>	188,200	189,100	187,500	-400	300
Ambulatory health care services	<b>66,300</b>	66,000	66,600	65,800	300	500
Offices of physicians	<b>26,100</b>	26,200	26,100	25,500	-100	600
Hospitals	<b>54,800</b>	55,200	55,200	54,500	-400	300
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>48,900</b>	49,200	49,200	49,400	-300	-500
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>37,500</b>	37,600	37,600	37,300	-100	200
Social assistance	<b>29,200</b>	29,400	29,700	29,900	-200	-700

Data benchmarked to March 2011

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

TABLE 2

## PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

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

**August 2012**  
**NONFARM JOBS**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>122,600</b>	122,900	122,800	116,900	-300	5,700
Accommodation and food services	<b>93,500</b>	93,200	93,800	91,900	300	1,600
Food services and drinking places	<b>83,900</b>	83,400	84,900	82,900	500	1,000
Full-service restaurants	<b>42,100</b>	41,300	42,500	42,700	800	-600
Limited-service eating places	<b>31,100</b>	30,800	31,100	30,100	300	1,000
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>53,700</b>	53,900	54,000	52,500	-200	1,200
<b>Government</b>	<b>112,000</b>	113,500	122,800	113,800	-1,500	-1,800
Federal Government	<b>18,000</b>	17,900	17,900	18,300	100	-300
State Government	<b>13,100</b>	13,100	13,300	13,700	0	-600
Local Government	<b>80,900</b>	82,500	91,600	81,800	-1,600	-900
Local government educational services	<b>44,800</b>	45,700	55,100	44,600	-900	200
Local government excluding educational services	<b>36,100</b>	36,800	36,500	37,200	-700	-1,100
Data benchmarked to March 2011	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

TABLE 2A

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL NONFARM JOBS  
FOR PENNSYLVANIA, MSAs and Select Areas**

**August 2012**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,708,900</b>	5,710,100	5,712,300	5,693,300	-1,200	15,600
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>345,100</b>	345,200	343,100	338,200	-100	6,900
Altoona MSA	<b>60,700</b>	59,700	59,900	61,700	1,000	-1,000
Erie MSA	<b>134,300</b>	136,300	135,600	131,300	-2,000	3,000
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>324,600</b>	323,700	323,000	325,300	900	-700
Johnstown MSA	<b>59,700</b>	58,800	58,700	59,900	900	-200
Lancaster MSA	<b>230,100</b>	231,100	230,900	225,400	-1,000	4,700
Lebanon MSA	<b>49,100</b>	50,200	50,300	49,800	-1,100	-700
Philadelphia Metropolitan Division	<b>1,874,100</b>	1,863,200	1,878,800	1,863,900	10,900	10,200
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,715,700</b>	2,711,000	2,713,900	2,695,900	4,700	19,800
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,162,800</b>	1,165,000	1,159,900	1,149,100	-2,200	13,700
Reading MSA	<b>171,800</b>	171,400	170,000	169,700	400	2,100
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA	<b>258,700</b>	257,400	258,000	254,700	1,300	4,000
State College MSA	<b>75,300</b>	75,700	75,600	75,600	-400	-300
Williamsport MSA	<b>55,400</b>	55,500	55,600	54,100	-100	1,300
York-Hanover MSA	<b>177,900</b>	178,000	177,500	176,700	-100	1,200
Philadelphia City	<b>652,500</b>	652,100	656,800	654,700	400	-2,200
Data benchmarked to March 2011	***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](mailto:workforceinfo@pa.gov).