

Pennsylvania August Jobs Report Shows Growth in Both Private and Public Sectors

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Job Total at its Highest Level since October 2008

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 20, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Both private and public sector jobs were up in August, according to employment statistics released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. Private sector jobs were up 9,200 to 5,767,700 due to gains in both goods-producing and private service-providing industries.

Pennsylvania's August total jobs were at their highest level since October 2008, increasing by 11,300 to a total of 5,767,700. Both private and public sector jobs were up with increases in eight of the 11 supersectors, the primary categories in which jobs are classified.

"Pennsylvania has now added 141,300 private-sector jobs since the beginning of the Corbett Administration in 2011," Julia Hearthway, secretary of the Department of Labor & Industry said.

The state's unemployment rate ticked up two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in August.

Over the year, the unemployment rate was down four-tenths of a percentage point, while the labor force was up 19,000, the amount of people working was up 45,000 and unemployment was down 26,000.

"The overall trends for the state's economy are positive and strong," said Hearthway.

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Note: The above data are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid month-to-month comparison.

Editor's note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

Change from

Change from

August

July

August

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July 2013

August 2012

2013

2013

2012

volume

percent

volume

percent

PA

Civilian Labor Force

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6,512

6,529

6,493

-17

-0.3%

19

0.3%

Employment

6,011

6,037

5,966

-26

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-0.4%

45

0.8%

Unemployment

501

492

527

9

1.8%

-26

-4.9%

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Rate

7.7

7.5

8.1

0.2

-0.4

U.S.

Civilian Labor Force

155,486

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155,798

154,647

-312

-0.2%

839

0.5%

Employment

144,170

144,285

142,164

-115

-0.1%

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2,006

1.4%

Unemployment

11,316

11,514

12,483

-198

-1.7%

-1,167

-9.3%

Rate

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7.3

7.4

8.1

-0.1

-0.8

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

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Change from

Change from

August

July

August

July 2013

August 2012

2013

2013

2012

volume

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percent

volume

percent

Total Nonfarm Jobs

5,767.7

5,756.4

5,728.6

11.3

0.2%

39.1

0.7%

Goods Producing Industries

826.1

825.5

825.6

0.6

0.1%

0.5

0.1%

Mining & Logging

35.4

36.4

36.3

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-1.0

-2.7%

-0.9

-2.5%

Construction

224.0

222.2

222.6

1.8

0.8%

1.4

0.6%

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Manufacturing

566.7

566.9

566.7

-0.2

0.0%

0.0

0.0%

Service Providing Industries

4,941.6

4,930.9

4,903.0

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10.7

0.2%

38.6

0.8%

Trade, Transportation & Utilities

1,095.6

1,093.0

1,103.1

2.6

0.2%

-7.5

-0.7%

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Information

89.3

88.4

90.0

0.9

1.0%

-0.7

-0.8%

Financial Activities

314.2

314.1

310.7

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0.1

0.0%

3.5

1.1%

Professional & Business Services

740.0

739.6

731.4

0.4

0.1%

8.6

1.2%

Education & Health Services

1,191.3

1,191.4

1,168.8

-0.1

0.0%

22.5

1.9%

Leisure & Hospitality

538.5

535.7

523.1

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2.8

0.5%

15.4

2.9%

Other Services

258.0

256.1

255.9

1.9

0.7%

2.1

0.8%

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Government

714.7

712.6

720.0

2.1

0.3%

-5.3

-0.7%

For a more detailed breakdown of seasonally adjusted jobs data at the sector level, please contact the

Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 877-4WF-DATA, or visit

Note: September 2013 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released October 18, 2013.

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