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### A-B-E UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP TO 9.9% IN JULY

**HARRISBURG, PA (AUGUST 31) —** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) rose two-tenths of a percentage point in July to 9.9 percent. The unemployment rate was up a full percentage point from July 2009. The A-B-E MSA's rate was the 3rd highest among the state's 14 MSAs. MSA unemployment rates in July ranged from 6.7 percent in the State College MSA to 10.4 percent in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre MSA. The July seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Pennsylvania increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.3 percent, while the United States' rate was unchanged at 9.5 percent.

**Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA's seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs rose 500 to 332,200 in July (see Table 2A).** Over the year, jobs in the MSA were unchanged compared to the statewide gain of 0.3 percent. Detailed industry data for the MSA is not seasonally adjusted (see below).

- Manufacturing jobs were down 200 in July. This was the first over-the-month drop in this supersector since January of this year.
- Trade, transportation & utilities dropped 1,000 in July. The decline was split between transportation & warehousing (school buses) and retail trade.
- Leisure & hospitality added 500 jobs due to the start of table games at the Sands Casino.
- Government jobs fell 5,600, mostly due to the end of the school year at local public schools. Federal government decreased 400 as the 2010 Census continued to wind down.

**TABLE 1**  
**ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM - EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

(Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA; Warren County, NJ)

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			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/
July 2010	427,700	384,700	43,000	10.1	422,600	380,600	42,000	9.9
June	428,600	386,400	42,200	9.9	423,600	382,400	41,200	9.7
May	425,300	383,300	42,000	9.9	425,400	383,400	42,000	9.9
July 2009	429,000	390,000	39,000	9.1	423,800	386,000	37,900	8.9

PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES  
 July 2010

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
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Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	427,700	384,700	43,000	10.1	422,600	380,600	42,000	9.9
Altoona MSA	67,100	61,700	5,400	8.1	66,000	60,600	5,300	8.1
Erie MSA	141,200	127,200	14,000	9.9	138,800	125,300	13,500	9.8
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	289,800	265,400	24,400	8.4	283,100	259,500	23,500	8.3
Johnstown MSA	69,900	62,600	7,300	10.4	69,200	62,200	7,000	10.1
Lancaster MSA	271,900	249,900	22,000	8.1	265,600	244,400	21,200	8.0
Lebanon MSA	73,000	67,400	5,600	7.7	71,700	66,200	5,600	7.7
Philadelphia MSA	2,999,900	2,708,700	291,200	9.7	2,962,600	2,683,500	279,100	9.4
Pittsburgh MSA	1,243,900	1,137,700	106,200	8.5	1,221,100	1,118,800	102,300	8.4
Reading MSA	204,500	184,200	20,200	9.9	202,700	182,800	19,900	9.8
Scranton/W-B MSA	287,700	257,600	30,100	10.4	283,700	254,200	29,500	10.4
State College MSA	73,500	68,400	5,100	7.0	74,800	69,800	5,000	6.7
Williamsport MSA	60,100	54,400	5,700	9.5	59,900	54,200	5,700	9.5
York-Hanover MSA	229,200	207,400	21,800	9.5	226,200	205,200	21,000	9.3
PENNSYLVANIA	6,467,000	5,866,000	601,000	9.3	6,395,000	5,802,000	592,000	9.3
UNITED STATES	155,270,000	140,134,000	15,137,000	9.7	153,560,000	138,960,000	14,599,000	9.5

ALL DATA ARE ON 2009 BENCHMARKS. 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.

**TABLE 1A**  
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<b>CARBON COUNTY</b>								
July 2010	31,800	28,300	3,500	11.1	31,600	28,000	3,600	11.4
June	32,000	28,400	3,700	11.4	31,700	28,100	3,600	11.3
May	31,700	28,100	3,500	11.1	31,700	28,100	3,500	11.1
July 2009	31,900	28,700	3,200	9.9	31,600	28,400	3,200	10.2
<b>LEHIGH COUNTY</b>								
July 2010	180,400	162,200	18,200	10.1	178,100	160,200	17,900	10.1
June	180,800	162,700	18,100	10.0	178,600	161,000	17,600	9.8
May	179,400	161,200	18,200	10.2	179,100	161,200	17,900	10.0
July 2009	180,900	164,600	16,200	9.0	178,600	162,700	15,900	8.9
<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>								
July 2010	154,900	139,600	15,200	9.8	152,700	137,900	14,700	9.7
June	155,100	140,100	15,100	9.7	153,100	138,600	14,500	9.5
May	153,600	138,800	14,800	9.7	153,700	138,800	14,900	9.7
July 2009	155,500	141,700	13,800	8.9	153,300	140,100	13,300	8.7

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TABLE 2

## ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM-EASTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton PA counties; Warren County, NJ)

### July 2010 NONFARM JOBS

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2010	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jul 2009	Jun 2010	Jul 2009
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>329,500</b>	335,900	335,500	330,100	-6,400	-600
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>291,800</b>	292,600	290,700	291,400	-800	400
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>48,700</b>	48,700	48,000	49,600	0	-900
<b>Mining, Logging, and Construction</b>	<b>13,600</b>	13,400	13,000	13,700	200	-100
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>35,100</b>	35,300	35,000	35,900	-200	-800
Durable Goods	<b>20,600</b>	20,600	20,400	20,700	0	-100
Non-Durable Goods	<b>14,500</b>	14,700	14,600	15,200	-200	-700
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>280,800</b>	287,200	287,500	280,500	-6,400	300
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>243,100</b>	243,900	242,700	241,800	-800	1,300
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>64,500</b>	65,500	65,300	66,500	-1,000	-2,000
Wholesale Trade	<b>13,300</b>	13,300	13,200	13,400	0	-100
Retail Trade	<b>37,600</b>	38,100	38,000	39,300	-500	-1,700
Food and beverage stores	<b>9,700</b>	9,700	9,700	9,800	0	-100
General merchandise stores	<b>6,900</b>	7,000	7,000	7,000	-100	-100
Department stores	<b>4,800</b>	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	-200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>13,600</b>	14,100	14,100	13,800	-500	-200
Transportation and Warehousing	<b>12,300</b>	12,900	12,900	12,600	-600	-300
Information	<b>6,900</b>	6,900	6,800	7,000	0	-100
Financial Activities	<b>15,400</b>	15,300	15,200	15,800	100	-400
Finance and insurance	<b>12,500</b>	12,500	12,400	12,800	0	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>6,900</b>	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	-200
Professional and Business Services	<b>41,400</b>	41,500	40,900	39,800	-100	1,600
Professional and technical services	<b>11,700</b>	11,600	11,500	12,000	100	-300
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>9,500</b>	9,500	9,400	9,600	0	-100
Administrative and waste services	<b>20,200</b>	20,400	20,000	18,200	-200	2,000
Employment services	<b>7,300</b>	7,500	7,300	5,800	-200	1,500
Education and Health Services	<b>64,800</b>	65,100	66,700	63,800	-300	1,000
Educational services	<b>10,100</b>	10,400	12,200	9,500	-300	600
Health care and social assistance	<b>54,700</b>	54,700	54,500	54,300	0	400
Hospitals	<b>17,700</b>	17,700	17,600	17,900	0	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	<b>35,500</b>	35,000	33,400	33,900	500	1,600
Accommodation and food services	<b>24,600</b>	24,900	24,800	25,100	-300	-500
Food services and drinking places	<b>22,800</b>	23,300	23,200	22,300	-500	500
Other Services	<b>14,600</b>	14,600	14,400	15,000	0	-400
<b>Government</b>	<b>37,700</b>	43,300	44,800	38,700	-5,600	-1,000
Federal Government	<b>2,600</b>	3,000	3,300	2,500	-400	100
State Government	<b>3,100</b>	3,200	3,200	3,200	-100	-100
Local Government	<b>32,000</b>	37,100	38,300	33,000	-5,100	-1,000
Local government educational services	<b>17,400</b>	22,600	24,300	17,700	-5,200	-300
Local government excluding educational services	<b>14,600</b>	14,500	14,000	15,300	100	-700

Data benchmarked to March 2009

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

TABLE 2A

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

**July 2010**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Jul 2010	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jul 2009	Jun 2010	Jul 2009
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>5,607,300</b>	5,614,300	5,624,700	5,588,700	-7,000	18,600
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>332,200</b>	331,700	332,200	332,200	500	0
Altoona MSA	<b>61,700</b>	61,900	61,500	60,400	-200	1,300
Erie MSA	<b>126,300</b>	126,600	126,500	126,300	-300	0
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>318,500</b>	318,900	318,800	320,800	-400	-2,300
Johnstown MSA	<b>59,600</b>	59,200	59,500	59,900	400	-300
Lancaster MSA	<b>226,800</b>	227,300	227,400	226,800	-500	0
Lebanon MSA	<b>48,200</b>	48,400	48,600	48,700	-200	-500
Philadelphia Metropolitan Division	<b>1,843,300</b>	1,845,700	1,851,400	1,855,300	-2,400	-12,000
Philadelphia MSA	<b>2,686,700</b>	2,693,900	2,697,800	2,705,600	-7,200	-18,900
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,120,400</b>	1,122,200	1,122,600	1,116,000	-1,800	4,400
Reading MSA	<b>165,000</b>	164,900	165,100	166,000	100	-1,000
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre MSA	<b>252,000</b>	252,400	254,100	252,800	-400	-800
State College MSA	<b>73,500</b>	73,700	74,600	73,700	-200	-200
Williamsport MSA	<b>51,800</b>	52,100	51,800	51,800	-300	0
York-Hanover MSA	<b>174,200</b>	174,700	174,500	173,800	-500	400
Philadelphia City	<b>645,400</b>	651,600	653,400	649,400	-6,200	-4,000
Data benchmarked to March 2009	***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@state.pa.us](mailto:workforceinfo@state.pa.us).