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### **PITTSBURGH MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED AT 3.5% IN NOVEMBER**

**HARRISBURG (DECEMBER 31) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the seven-county Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was unchanged over the month at 3.5 percent in November 2024.** Since October, both the statewide rate and the national rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent and 4.2 percent respectively. Over the year, the local area’s rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point, while Pennsylvania’s rate was up by one-tenth. The national rate increased one-half of a percentage point since November 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 500 jobs over the month to 1,184,800 in November.** Jobs in the local area rose by 1.5 percent (+17,400) over the year matching the statewide jobs’ rate of growth.

#### **November Not Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs Detail (see Table 2)**

Over the month, jobs in four of the eleven supersectors increased, five decreased, and two were essentially unchanged. Trade, transportation, and utilities led the gainers with a seasonal increase of 3,700 jobs. Also in a seasonal gain, education and health services added 2,100 jobs and set a record high employment level of 265,100. Construction (-2,500) and leisure and hospitality (-1,800) both showed seasonal declines. Over the year, eight of the eleven supersectors increased and three decreased. The largest supersector gain was in education and health services, which added 8,200 jobs (+3.2%), followed by leisure and hospitality which was 6,100 jobs (+5.3%) above its November 2023 level. The largest decline was in professional and business services, down 1,300 jobs (-0.7%).

**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<sup>1</sup>

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
November 2024	1,165,000	1,127,600	37,500	3.2	1,181,200	1,139,700	41,500	3.5
October	1,177,100	1,138,700	38,500	3.3	1,185,300	1,144,300	41,000	3.5
September	1,177,300	1,142,500	34,700	2.9	1,188,900	1,148,300	40,600	3.4
November 2023	1,180,900	1,148,100	32,800	2.8	1,181,200	1,141,700	39,500	3.3

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

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
Allentown-Beth.-East. PA-NJ MSA	456,600	441,000	15,500	3.4	461,500	444,800	16,800	3.6
Altoona MSA	58,200	56,400	1,700	3.0	59,100	57,100	2,000	3.4
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	43,500	42,100	1,400	3.1	43,800	42,300	1,500	3.5
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.9	76,600	74,300	2,300	3.0
East Stroudsburg MSA	80,800	77,600	3,100	3.9	81,800	78,500	3,300	4.1
Erie MSA	123,800	119,500	4,300	3.4	125,600	120,800	4,800	3.8
Gettysburg MSA	53,800	52,400	1,400	2.5	54,500	53,000	1,500	2.8
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	307,200	298,400	8,800	2.9	310,500	300,800	9,700	3.1
Johnstown MSA	54,200	52,200	2,000	3.7	55,100	52,800	2,300	4.2
Lancaster MSA	284,100	276,600	7,400	2.6	288,200	280,000	8,200	2.9
Lebanon MSA	74,600	72,600	2,000	2.7	75,500	73,300	2,200	2.9
Philadelphia MSA	3,233,500	3,119,400	114,100	3.5	3,263,300	3,138,700	124,600	3.8
Pittsburgh MSA	1,165,000	1,127,600	37,500	3.2	1,181,200	1,139,700	41,500	3.5
Reading MSA	210,900	203,700	7,100	3.4	213,700	206,000	7,600	3.6
Scranton--W-B--Hazleton MSA	276,600	266,500	10,100	3.7	279,300	268,000	11,200	4.0
State College MSA	81,300	79,300	2,000	2.4	80,200	78,000	2,200	2.7
Williamsport MSA	55,100	53,300	1,800	3.3	55,500	53,400	2,100	3.8
York-Hanover MSA	236,300	229,100	7,200	3.1	239,700	231,800	8,000	3.3
PENNSYLVANIA	6,426,000	6,215,000	211,000	3.3	6,507,000	6,280,000	228,000	3.5
UNITED STATES	168,164,000	161,456,000	6,708,000	4.0	168,286,000	161,141,000	7,145,000	4.2

ALL DATA ARE ON 2023 BENCHMARK.

SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA), 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.
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- 3) Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.
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**TABLE 1A**  
**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<sup>1</sup>**

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED <sup>4</sup>			
					LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT <sup>2</sup>	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) <sup>3</sup>
<b>ALLEGHENY COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	626,200	606,200	20,000	3.2	628,800	605,700	23,100	3.7
October	632,500	611,800	20,700	3.3	630,500	607,500	23,000	3.7
September	632,900	614,100	18,800	3.0	631,000	610,000	21,000	3.3
November 2023	634,200	616,900	17,300	2.7	636,800	616,400	20,400	3.2
<b>ARMSTRONG COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	30,600	29,500	1,100	3.5	30,700	29,500	1,300	4.1
October	30,900	29,900	1,100	3.4	31,000	29,600	1,400	4.6
September	30,900	29,900	900	3.0	31,000	29,700	1,300	4.1
November 2023	31,100	30,100	900	3.0	31,200	30,100	1,100	3.6
<b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	80,400	77,600	2,700	3.4	80,700	77,500	3,200	4.0
October	81,200	78,400	2,800	3.5	81,100	77,800	3,300	4.1
September	81,300	78,700	2,600	3.2	81,200	78,100	3,000	3.7
November 2023	81,700	79,100	2,600	3.2	82,100	79,000	3,100	3.8
<b>BUTLER COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	97,400	94,700	2,800	2.8	97,800	94,700	3,200	3.3
October	98,500	95,700	2,800	2.9	98,500	95,000	3,500	3.5
September	98,400	96,000	2,500	2.5	98,300	95,400	3,000	3.0
November 2023	98,900	96,500	2,400	2.4	99,300	96,500	2,800	2.8
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	54,000	51,800	2,200	4.0	54,300	51,700	2,600	4.8
October	54,500	52,300	2,200	4.0	54,500	51,900	2,600	4.8
September	54,400	52,500	1,900	3.6	54,600	52,100	2,400	4.5
November 2023	54,700	52,800	2,000	3.6	55,100	52,700	2,400	4.3
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	103,300	100,000	3,300	3.2	103,800	99,900	3,900	3.7
October	104,400	101,000	3,300	3.2	104,100	100,300	3,900	3.7
September	104,300	101,400	3,000	2.8	104,200	100,700	3,500	3.3
November 2023	104,800	101,900	2,900	2.8	105,300	101,800	3,500	3.3
<b>WESTMORELAND COUNTY</b>								
November 2024	173,200	167,800	5,400	3.1	174,300	167,700	6,600	3.8
October	175,100	169,500	5,600	3.2	174,900	168,100	6,800	3.9
September	175,000	170,100	4,900	2.8	174,900	168,900	6,000	3.4
November 2023	175,600	170,800	4,800	2.7	176,700	170,700	6,000	3.4
<b>CITY OF PITTSBURGH</b>								
November 2024	151,000	146,700	4,300	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October	152,500	148,000	4,500	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	152,600	148,600	4,000	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
November 2023	153,100	149,300	3,800	2.5	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)

**November 2024**

### NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024	Nov 2023
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>1,194,300</b>	1,193,200	1,187,200	1,176,500	1,100	17,800
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>1,077,600</b>	1,077,500	1,073,400	1,061,100	100	16,500
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>149,300</b>	152,000	152,500	148,700	-2,700	600
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>8,300</b>	8,400	8,400	7,900	-100	400
<b>Construction</b>	<b>55,600</b>	58,100	58,000	56,400	-2,500	-800
Specialty trade contractors	<b>31,700</b>	32,900	32,900	32,700	-1,200	-1,000
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>85,400</b>	85,500	86,100	84,400	-100	1,000
Durable Goods	<b>62,500</b>	62,700	63,200	61,300	-200	1,200
Primary metal mfg.	<b>10,200</b>	10,200	10,300	10,000	0	200
Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg.	<b>5,300</b>	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Non-Durable Goods	<b>22,900</b>	22,800	22,900	23,100	100	-200
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,045,000</b>	1,041,200	1,034,700	1,027,800	3,800	17,200
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>928,300</b>	925,500	920,900	912,400	2,800	15,900
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>210,300</b>	206,600	204,800	209,000	3,700	1,300
Wholesale Trade	<b>41,600</b>	41,900	41,800	41,000	-300	600
Retail Trade	<b>118,700</b>	115,800	114,600	118,100	2,900	600
Building material and supplies dealers	<b>7,800</b>	7,900	7,800	8,000	-100	-200
Food and beverage retailers	<b>22,600</b>	22,200	22,000	22,300	400	300
General merchandise retailers	<b>26,600</b>	25,500	24,800	26,000	1,100	600
Department stores	<b>9,000</b>	8,400	8,000	9,000	600	0
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry r	<b>6,800</b>	6,400	6,300	6,800	400	0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	<b>50,000</b>	48,900	48,400	49,900	1,100	100
Utilities	<b>5,500</b>	5,400	5,400	5,400	100	100
Truck transportation	<b>11,400</b>	11,300	11,300	11,200	100	200
<b>Information</b>	<b>21,300</b>	21,500	21,400	21,500	-200	-200
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>74,600</b>	74,400	74,600	73,300	200	1,300
Finance and insurance	<b>59,200</b>	58,900	59,000	58,200	300	1,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities includin	<b>24,600</b>	24,500	24,500	24,400	100	200
Depository Credit Intermediation including Moneta	<b>21,200</b>	21,100	21,200	21,000	100	200
Insurance carriers and related activities	<b>26,600</b>	26,500	26,500	26,200	100	400
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>187,900</b>	188,600	188,200	189,200	-700	-1,300
Professional and technical services	<b>89,400</b>	89,400	89,200	88,600	0	800
Architectural and engineering services	<b>17,300</b>	17,400	17,400	16,900	-100	400
Scientific research and development services	<b>11,600</b>	11,600	11,600	11,500	0	100
Management of companies and enterprises	<b>42,600</b>	42,800	42,800	43,400	-200	-800
Administrative and waste services	<b>55,900</b>	56,400	56,200	57,200	-500	-1,300
Administrative and support services	<b>51,100</b>	51,600	51,400	52,800	-500	-1,700
Employment services	<b>17,300</b>	17,300	17,200	19,100	0	-1,800
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>265,100</b>	263,000	259,600	256,900	2,100	8,200
Educational services	<b>54,500</b>	53,800	51,900	57,000	700	-2,500
Colleges and universities	<b>42,300</b>	41,700	40,100	43,400	600	-1,100
Health care and social assistance	<b>210,600</b>	209,200	207,700	199,900	1,400	10,700
Ambulatory health care services	<b>78,200</b>	77,700	77,000	73,800	500	4,400
Offices of physicians	<b>32,200</b>	32,000	31,800	30,900	200	1,300
Hospitals	<b>54,200</b>	53,900	53,600	52,100	300	2,100
General medical and surgical hospitals	<b>52,000</b>	51,600	51,300	49,800	400	2,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	<b>34,800</b>	34,600	34,300	33,200	200	1,600
Social assistance	<b>43,400</b>	43,000	42,800	40,800	400	2,600

Data benchmarked to March 2023

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

**TABLE 2**

**PITTSBURGH METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**

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

**November 2024**

**NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024	Nov 2023
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>120,400</b>	122,200	123,500	114,300	-1,800	6,100
Accommodation and food services	<b>99,700</b>	100,000	100,100	94,600	-300	5,100
Food services and drinking places	<b>89,900</b>	89,900	89,900	85,600	0	4,300
Full-service restaurants	<b>41,200</b>	41,100	41,300	40,100	100	1,100
Limited-service eating places	<b>33,800</b>	34,100	34,300	33,200	-300	600
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>48,700</b>	49,200	48,800	48,200	-500	500
<b>Government</b>	<b>116,700</b>	115,700	113,800	115,400	1,000	1,300
Federal Government	<b>19,700</b>	19,800	19,700	19,800	-100	-100
State Government	<b>13,300</b>	13,000	12,900	13,700	300	-400
Local Government	<b>83,700</b>	82,900	81,200	81,900	800	1,800
Local government educational services	<b>50,100</b>	49,200	47,200	49,000	900	1,100
Local government excluding educational services	<b>33,600</b>	33,700	34,000	32,900	-100	700
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**

**November 2024**

AREA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Nov 2023	Oct 2024	Nov 2023
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>6,205,000</b>	6,207,500	6,206,100	6,114,700	-2,500	90,300
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	<b>401,900</b>	402,100	402,400	394,400	-200	7,500
Altoona MSA	<b>62,000</b>	61,900	61,800	61,100	100	900
Bloomsburg-Berwick MSA	<b>45,100</b>	45,100	45,200	44,100	0	1,000
Chambersburg-Waynesboro MSA	<b>62,100</b>	62,100	62,000	60,900	0	1,200
East Stroudsburg MSA	<b>58,600</b>	58,500	58,500	58,200	100	400
Erie MSA	<b>126,800</b>	126,700	127,200	125,600	100	1,200
Gettysburg MSA	<b>34,400</b>	34,400	34,400	33,800	0	600
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	<b>369,300</b>	368,900	368,100	362,900	400	6,400
Johnstown MSA	<b>51,800</b>	52,000	52,200	51,700	-200	100
Lancaster MSA	<b>267,100</b>	266,300	266,100	264,800	800	2,300
Lebanon MSA	<b>58,100</b>	58,000	58,100	56,600	100	1,500
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA	<b>3,131,400</b>	3,127,400	3,127,100	3,094,700	4,000	36,700
Montgomery-Bucks-Chester Metro Division	<b>1,133,000</b>	1,131,600	1,130,800	1,123,500	1,400	9,500
Philadelphia Metro Division	<b>1,027,500</b>	1,027,100	1,026,100	1,013,300	400	14,200
Philadelphia City	<b>784,400</b>	784,200	783,500	774,000	200	10,400
Pittsburgh MSA	<b>1,184,800</b>	1,184,300	1,183,600	1,167,400	500	17,400
Reading MSA	<b>181,700</b>	181,900	181,600	180,100	-200	1,600
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton MSA	<b>271,500</b>	271,500	271,400	267,500	0	4,000
State College MSA	<b>82,200</b>	81,800	81,700	80,600	400	1,600
Williamsport MSA	<b>53,400</b>	53,100	52,900	52,400	300	1,000
York-Hanover MSA	<b>193,900</b>	194,500	194,800	193,800	-600	100
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

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