

Pennsylvania's Big Picture – February 2014
Summary of Commonwealth's Current Labor Market Information

PA Unemployment – *(source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted)*

- Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 6.4% in January 2014; it was down 0.4 percentage points from December 2013, and it was down 1.4 percentage points from January 2013.
- There were 411,000 unemployed Pennsylvania residents in January 2014; this was a decrease of 23,000 from December 2013 and a decrease of 92,000 from January 2013.

Unemployment Rates, January 2014 to January 2013 – *(source: Current Population Survey and Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted)*

Area	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Sep 2013	Aug 2013	Jul 2013	Jun 2013	May 2013	Apr 2013	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Jan 2013
U.S.	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.9
PA	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.8

PA Jobs – *(source: Current Employment Statistics, seasonally adjusted)*

- The total jobs count for January 2014 in PA was about 5.8 million (5,758,600). This was an increase of 500 from December 2013 and an increase of 28,400 from January 2013.
- The private sector jobs count for January 2014 was about 5.0 million (5,042,300), up 1,700 from December 2013 and up 37,100 from January 2013.
- Construction had the largest job gain (7,500) in January 2014, and Retail Trade had the largest loss (-8,300).

Unemployment Compensation (UC) Benefits in PA – *(source: PA UC System)*

- In Pennsylvania, approximately 178,000 individuals were receiving UC benefits as of the week ending January 25, 2014.
- A maximum of 26 weeks of UC benefits are currently available. The last week for collecting Emergency UC benefits was the week ending December 28, 2013.
- 180,000 individuals exhausted all unemployment compensation benefits between February 2013 and January 2014, and another 37,000 individuals are projected to exhaust all benefits between February 2014 and April 2014.

Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania *(source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages)*

- Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale related industries are defined by PA Department of Labor & Industry using North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). This definition contains 6 "core" and 30 "ancillary" industries that employ individuals in direct and indirect jobs.
- Employment in the core industries increased 174.3% statewide from 2009Q2 to 2013Q2. Within the six Workforce Investment Areas with significant drilling activity, employment in the core industries increased 195.0%.
- The average wage in the core industries (\$84,400) was about \$35,600 higher than the statewide average wage (\$48,800) for 2012Q3 through 2013Q2. The average wage in the ancillary industries (\$65,200) was about \$16,300 higher than the statewide average.

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Online Job Postings – (source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine™ (HWOL))

- Online job postings in Pennsylvania were at 208,000 in January 2014, 4% higher than their year-ago level.
- For the month of January 2014, there were 2.1 unemployed persons per online job ad.

Top 5 Occupational Groups	Online Ads Jan 2014
Sales and Related	27,227
Office and Administrative Support	23,066
Computer and Mathematical	21,235
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	19,849
Management	19,209

Top 5 Industry Sectors	Online Ads Jan 2014
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	18,661
Health Care and Social Assistance	16,218
Retail Trade	11,905
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10,540
Manufacturing	8,914

Overview of U.S. & PA Labor Market

U.S. Labor Market Data

- 145.2 million employed¹
- 10.2 million unemployed¹
- 6.6% unemployment rate¹
- 826,000 jobs lost since start of recession²
- 9.2 million business establishments³
- 5.4% of workforce aged 65+⁴
- 37.2 million secondary and postsecondary students⁵

Pennsylvania Labor Market Data

- 6.0 million employed (6,005,000)¹
- 411,000 unemployed¹
- 6.4% unemployment rate¹
- 54,300 jobs lost since start of recession²
- 346,000 business establishments³
- 4.9% of workforce aged 65+⁴
- 1.4 million secondary and postsecondary students⁵
- 594 privately-owned business and technical training institutions³
- 257 degree-granting postsecondary institutions making program decisions⁵

Unemployment Rate by College Major⁶

U.S. Lowest

- Geological and Geophysical Engineering (1.0%)
- Educational Administration and Supervision (1.0%)
- Pharmacology (1.2%)
- Cognitive Science and Biopsychology (1.5%)

PA Lowest

- Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration (0.7%)
- General Engineering (1.1%)
- Mathematics Teacher Education (1.5%)
- Medical Technologies Technicians (1.9%)

U.S. Highest

- Miscellaneous Fine Arts (16.4%)
- Computer Programming and Data Processing (12.4%)
- School Student Counseling (11.0%)
- Social Psychology (9.5%)

PA Highest

- Human Resources and Personnel Management (9.3%)
- Commercial Art and Graphic Design (8.1%)
- English Language and Literature (8.0%)
- Liberal Arts (7.9%)

¹ Local Area Unemployment Statistics, January 2014

² Current Employment Statistics, January 2014

³ Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2013Q2

⁴ Current Population Survey, January 2014

⁵ U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Fall 2010

⁶ American Community Survey, 2012 One-Year Estimates (excludes majors with an unweighted sample size of fewer than 100 respondents)