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PA Unemployment Rate at 5.4% in June

Harrisburg – Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for June 2015.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in June, unchanged from May. Pennsylvania's rate was one-tenth of a percentage point above the U.S. rate of 5.3 percent, which decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point. The commonwealth's rate was down 0.3 percentage points from June 2014 while the national rate declined by 0.8 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force rose 7,000 from May to 6,423,000. Resident employment increased 9,000 while unemployment fell 3,000.

Total nonfarm jobs were down 2,700 in June to 5,847,400. Private sector jobs were down 6,800 from May while the public sector added jobs for the third consecutive month. Leisure & hospitality (-4,200) had the largest decline in June. Professional & business services (+4,200) had the largest gain and reached a record high. Education & health services also reached a record high in June.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 58,000 (+1.0%). The growth was concentrated within private industries, with the largest gains in education & health services, trade, transportation & utilities, and construction.

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

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A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	Change from May 2015		Change from June 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,423	6,416	6,368	7	0.1%	55	0.9%
Employment	6,078	6,069	6,004	9	0.1%	74	1.2%
Unemployment	345	348	364	-3	-0.9%	-19	-5.2%
Rate	5.4	5.4	5.7	0.0	----	-0.3	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	157,037	157,469	155,700	-432	-0.3%	1,337	0.9%
Employment	148,739	148,795	146,247	-56	0.0%	2,492	1.7%
Unemployment	8,299	8,674	9,453	-375	-4.3%	-1,154	-12.2%
Rate	5.3	5.5	6.1	-0.2	----	-0.8	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014	Change from May 2015		Change from June 2014	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,847.4	5,850.1	5,789.4	-2.7	0.0%	58.0	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	848.7	852.9	836.2	-4.2	-0.5%	12.5	1.5%
Mining & Logging	36.4	36.7	37.4	-0.3	-0.8%	-1.0	-2.7%
Construction	242.6	244.9	232.2	-2.3	-0.9%	10.4	4.5%
Manufacturing	569.7	571.3	566.6	-1.6	-0.3%	3.1	0.5%
Service Providing Industries	4,998.7	4,997.2	4,953.2	1.5	0.0%	45.5	0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,124.2	1,126.6	1,110.6	-2.4	-0.2%	13.6	1.2%
Information	84.1	85.1	85.4	-1.0	-1.2%	-1.3	-1.5%
Financial Activities	317.2	316.9	316.0	0.3	0.1%	1.2	0.4%
Professional & Business Services	767.5	763.3	760.0	4.2	0.6%	7.5	1.0%
Education & Health Services	1,194.8	1,192.9	1,178.8	1.9	0.2%	16.0	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	545.1	549.3	537.3	-4.2	-0.8%	7.8	1.5%
Other Services	256.3	257.7	254.3	-1.4	-0.5%	2.0	0.8%
Government	709.5	705.4	710.8	4.1	0.6%	-1.3	-0.2%

For a more detailed breakdown of seasonally adjusted jobs data at the sector level, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.paworkstats.pa.gov

Note: July 2015 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released August 21, 2015.