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October Jobs Report Shows Unemployment Rate Drop to 7.5 Percent; Private-Sector Jobs Highest since August 2008

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania's unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point in October and private-sector jobs were at the highest level since August 2008, according to employment statistics released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

These statistics are the first released since the August jobs report due to the federal shutdown that prevented the release of the September and October jobs reports until now. September's unemployment rate stood at 7.6 percent, one-tenth of a percentage point below August.

The number of unemployed decreased in October to 485,000, the lowest level since March 2009.

"The economic trends for the state continue to show favorable growth and continued recovery from the Great Recession," said Julia Hearthway, secretary of the Department of Labor & Industry.

With a gain of 5,700 in October, private sector jobs reached a total of 5,054,400. The most significant gain was in professional and business services, which added 7,700 jobs to reach a record high of 748,600 jobs.

"Pennsylvania has now added 142,700 private-sector jobs since the beginning of the Corbett Administration in 2011," said Hearthway.

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.

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Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from September 2013		Change from October 2012	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,471	6,503	6,517	-32	-0.5%	-46	-0.7%
Employment	5,987	6,007	5,993	-20	-0.3%	-6	-0.1%
Unemployment	485	496	525	-11	-2.2%	-40	-7.6%
Rate	7.5	7.6	8.0	-0.1	----	-0.5	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	154,839	155,559	155,576	-720	-0.5%	-737	-0.5%
Employment	143,568	144,303	143,328	-735	-0.5%	240	0.2%
Unemployment	11,272	11,255	12,248	17	0.2%	-976	-8.0%
Rate	7.3	7.2	7.9	0.1	----	-0.6	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from September 2013		Change from October 2012	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,763.9	5,763.9	5,734.5	0.0	0.0%	29.4	0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	830.5	828.4	828.0	2.1	0.3%	2.5	0.3%
Mining & Logging	35.2	35.8	35.6	-0.6	-1.7%	-0.4	-1.1%
Construction	228.6	227.2	226.7	1.4	0.6%	1.9	0.8%
Manufacturing	566.7	565.4	565.7	1.3	0.2%	1.0	0.2%
Service Providing Industries	4,933.4	4,935.5	4,906.5	-2.1	0.0%	26.9	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,099.1	1,101.4	1,103.4	-2.3	-0.2%	-4.3	-0.4%
Information	88.0	86.9	89.3	1.1	1.3%	-1.3	-1.5%
Financial Activities	313.0	312.9	311.2	0.1	0.0%	1.8	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	748.6	740.9	733.5	7.7	1.0%	15.1	2.1%
Education & Health Services	1,183.7	1,191.5	1,172.9	-7.8	-0.7%	10.8	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	533.4	528.0	520.9	5.4	1.0%	12.5	2.4%
Other Services	258.1	258.7	256.8	-0.6	-0.2%	1.3	0.5%
Government	709.5	715.2	718.5	-5.7	-0.8%	-9.0	-1.3%

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: November 2013 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released December 20, 2013.