

Pennsylvania's Big Picture – May 2013
Summary of Commonwealth's Current Labor Market Information

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

- Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 7.6% in April 2013; it was down 0.3 percentage points from March 2013, and it was down 0.2 percentage points from April 2012.
- There were 496,000 unemployed Pennsylvania residents in April 2013; this was a decrease of 17,000 from March 2013 and a decrease of 8,000 from April 2012.

Unemployment Rates, April 2013 to April 2012 – (source: Current Population Survey and Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted)

Area	Apr 2013	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Sep 2012	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	May 2012	Apr 2012
U.S.	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1
PA	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8

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

- The total jobs count for April 2013 in PA was about 5.8 million (5,753,000). This was an increase of 6,700 from March 2013 and an increase of 21,800 from April 2012.
- The private sector jobs count for April 2013 was about 5.0 million (5,037,400), up 8,300 from March 2013 and up 30,200 from April 2012.
- Administrative and Waste Services had the largest job gain (4,400) in April 2013, and Construction had the largest loss (-3,200).

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

- In Pennsylvania, currently approximately 223,000 individuals are receiving UC benefits.
- A maximum of 63 weeks of UC benefits are currently available to an unemployed individual. This includes Regular UC (26 weeks) and Emergency UC (37 weeks).
- As of September 2nd, 2012, the maximum number of weeks of Emergency UC decreased from 47 to 37.
- 125,000 individuals exhausted all unemployment compensation benefits between May 2012 and April 2013, and another 17,000 individuals are projected to exhaust all benefits between May 2013 and July 2013.

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 163.6% statewide from 2009Q3 to 2012Q3. Within the six Workforce Investment Areas with significant drilling activity, employment in the core industries increased 178.7%.
- The average wage in the core industries (\$82,643) was about \$34,700 higher than the statewide average wage (\$47,922) for 2011Q4 through 2012Q3. The average wage in the ancillary industries (\$64,559) was about \$16,600 higher than the statewide average.

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Workers' Compensation

- First reports of injury in March 2013 were 13% higher than their year-ago levels. (**A first report of injury is for a work-related injury or illness that results in the loss of a full turn or shift of work.*)
- For the month of March 2013, there were 1.53 work-related injuries or illnesses per 1,000 workers.

	March 2013	March 2012	March 2011
First reports of injury	8,726	7,693	8,080
Fatalities	6	7	7
Electronically filed claims forms	50.3%	45.1%	42.8%
Electronically filed petition forms	73.1%	70.9%	65.0%

Overview of U.S. & PA Labor Market

U.S. Labor Market Data

- 143.6 million employed¹
- 11.7 million unemployed¹
- 7.5% unemployment rate¹
- 2.6 million jobs lost since start of recession²
- 9.2 million business establishments³
- 5.3% of workforce aged 65+⁴
- 37.2 million secondary and postsecondary students⁵

Pennsylvania Labor Market Data

- 6.0 million employed (6,008,000)¹
- 496,000 unemployed¹
- 7.6% unemployment rate¹
- 59,500 jobs lost since start of recession²
- 354,000 business establishments³
- 5.0% of workforce aged 65+⁴
- 1.4 million secondary and postsecondary students⁵
- 622 privately-owned business and technical training institutions³
- 257 degree-granting postsecondary institutions making program decisions⁵

Unemployment Rate by College Major⁶

U.S. Lowest

- Nuclear Engineering (0.1%)
- School Student Counseling (0.2%)
- Geological and Geophysical Engineering (0.6%)
- Soil Science (0.6%)

PA Lowest

- Computer and Information Systems (0.4%)
- Social Science/History Teacher Education (0.4%)
- Mathematics (1.0%)
- Chemical Engineering (1.2%)

U.S. Highest

- Miscellaneous Fine Arts (12.8%)
- Actuarial Science (10.3%)
- Nuclear, Industrial Radiology, and Biological Technologies (9.4%)
- Film, Video, and Photographic Arts (9.3%)

PA Highest

- Commercial Art and Graphic Design (9.3%)
- Journalism (8.1%)
- Architecture (7.9%)
- Liberal Arts (7.7%)

¹ Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2013

² Current Employment Statistics, April 2013

³ Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2012Q3

⁴ Current Population Survey, April 2013

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

⁶ American Community Survey, 2011 One-Year Estimates (excludes majors with an unweighted sample size of fewer than 100 respondents)