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PA Unemployment Rate Drops to 6.4% in January

Harrisburg – Today, the Department of Labor & Industry released its employment situation report for January 2014.

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point in January to 6.4 percent. Pennsylvania's rate was two-tenths of a percentage point below the U.S. rate (6.6%). January's rate was the lowest unemployment rate for the commonwealth since November 2008, when the rate was 6.2 percent. The state rate was down 1.4 percentage points from its January 2013 rate of 7.8 percent.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was down 8,000 in January to 6,416,000. Resident employment was up 15,000 to 6,005,000, and the number of unemployed residents fell 23,000 to 411,000. Pennsylvania's labor force was down by 74,000 over the year with employment up by 18,000 while unemployment declined by 92,000.

Total nonfarm jobs rose by 500 in January to 5,758,600. Private sector jobs were up by 1,700, while government jobs declined by 1,200. The largest movements among the supersectors were a decline of 11,800 trade transportation & utilities jobs, and a gain of 7,500 construction jobs. Leisure & hospitality (+4,300) and education & health services (+4,000) both reached record high levels in January.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were up 28,400 (+0.5%). The growth was primarily within private service-providing industries. The largest gains were in leisure & hospitality (+16,900), and professional & business services (+12,200).

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

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Editor's Note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania's employment statistics follows.

Current Labor Force Statistics

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	Change from December 2013		Change from January 2013	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,416	6,424	6,490	-8	-0.1%	-74	-1.1%
Employment	6,005	5,990	5,987	15	0.3%	18	0.3%
Unemployment	411	434	503	-23	-5.3%	-92	-18.3%
Rate	6.4	6.8	7.8	-0.4	----	-1.4	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	155,460	154,937	155,699	523	0.3%	-239	-0.2%
Employment	145,224	144,586	143,384	638	0.4%	1,840	1.3%
Unemployment	10,236	10,351	12,315	-115	-1.1%	-2,079	-16.9%
Rate	6.6	6.7	7.9	-0.1	----	-1.3	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

(in thousands)

	January 2014	December 2013	January 2013	Change from December 2013		Change from January 2013	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,758.6	5,758.1	5,730.2	0.5	0.0%	28.4	0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	827.3	820.3	826.1	7.0	0.9%	1.2	0.1%
Mining & Logging	37.0	36.5	35.6	0.5	1.4%	1.4	3.9%
Construction	229.9	222.4	225.3	7.5	3.4%	4.6	2.0%
Manufacturing	560.4	561.4	565.2	-1.0	-0.2%	-4.8	-0.8%
Service Providing Industries	4,931.3	4,937.8	4,904.1	-6.5	-0.1%	27.2	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,098.3	1,110.1	1,099.6	-11.8	-1.1%	-1.3	-0.1%
Information	87.6	87.7	89.4	-0.1	-0.1%	-1.8	-2.0%
Financial Activities	314.7	312.3	310.8	2.4	0.8%	3.9	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	752.7	755.2	740.5	-2.5	-0.3%	12.2	1.6%
Education & Health Services	1,163.4	1,159.4	1,156.7	4.0	0.3%	6.7	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	546.5	542.2	529.6	4.3	0.8%	16.9	3.2%
Other Services	251.8	253.4	252.5	-1.6	-0.6%	-0.7	-0.3%
Government	716.3	717.5	725.0	-1.2	-0.2%	-8.7	-1.2%

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: February 2014 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released March 21, 2014.