

United States

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	162,637,000	156,562,000	6,075,000	3.7%
Last Month	161,926,000	155,962,000	5,964,000	3.7%
Previous Year	160,371,000	153,846,000	6,524,000	4.1%

- **Long-Term Unemployed:** 1.373M, decrease of 11,000 since last month (*unemployed for 27 weeks and over*)
- **U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (*U-6: total unemployed (U-3) plus discouraged workers (U-4), plus all other marginally attached workers (U-5), plus total employed part time for economic reasons (U-6)*)
- **Job Openings:** 7.009M (*September 2018 preliminary*). This equates to 0.9 unemployed persons per job opening, or 1.7 persons using the U-6 Unemployment Rate.

Nonfarm jobs: 149.750M (85.0% private, 15.0% public)

- Monthly change: +250,000 (+246,000 private, +4,000 public)
- Largest industry growth: Leisure and hospitality (+42,000), Trade, transportation, and utilities (+37,000), and Health care (+35,600)
- Average monthly job growth (total nonfarm jobs) since October 2017: +210,000
- Compared to October 2007: 11.549M more jobs
The recession began in December 2007 and ended June 2009

Initial Claims: 214,000

- Weekly change: -2,000
- Annual change: -20,000
Advanced October 27 seasonally adjusted regular UC program data; U.S. Department of Labor

Initial Claims: The count of notices of unemployment requesting a determination of eligibility and entitlement for Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits. A person can file multiple claims.

Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment:

- Less than a high school diploma: 6.0%
- High school diploma: 4.0%
- Some College or Associate Degree: 3.0%
- Bachelor's degree and higher: 2.0%

As educational attainment levels increase, unemployment rates decrease.

Pennsylvania

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	6,396,000	6,134,000	262,000	4.1%
Last Month	6,381,000	6,119,000	262,000	4.1%
Previous Year	6,418,000	6,110,000	308,000	4.8%

- 32nd lowest unemployment rate across the nation
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 6.036M (88.3% private, 11.7% public; annual change: +1.3)
- **Regular UC Initial Claims:** 39,700 (annual change: -12.4%)
- **U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 8.7% (*BLS, 2017Q4-2018Q3*)
- **Online Job Postings:** 522,600 (*EMSI, September 2018*). This equates to 0.5 unemployed persons per online job posting, or 1.1 persons when considering the U-6 Unemployment Rate.

Luzerne-Schuylkill

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	224,800	212,900	11,900	5.3%
Last Month	225,200	213,200	12,000	5.3%
Previous Year	225,100	212,200	12,900	5.7%

- 21st lowest rate by WDA in PA
- Hazleton city: 8.2% (*NSA*)
- Pottsville city: 5.1% (*NSA*)
- Wilkes-Barre city: 6.1% (*NSA*)
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 319,900 (88.6% private, 11.4% public; annual change: +1.3%) (*NSA; includes other counties*)
- **Regular UC Initial Claims:** 2,300 (annual change: -5.4%)
- **Online Job Postings:** 17,600 (*EMSI, September 2018*). This equates to 0.7 unemployed persons per online job posting, or 1.5 using an estimated U-6 unemployment rate of 11.2%.

Top Online Job Postings by Occupation:

- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Registered Nurses
- Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers

Top Online Job Postings by Employer:

- CRST International, Inc.
- Tutree, Inc.
- Doctor S Choice Home Heal

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted October 2018 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Luzerne-Schuylkill data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted September 2018 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA)

NSA: Not seasonally adjusted