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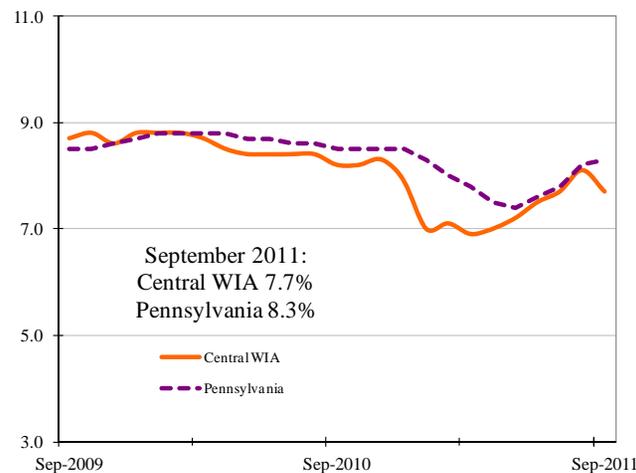


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LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate



Local Area Unemployment Statistics, September 2011 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
Pennsylvania	6,334,000	5,811,000	523,000	8.3
Central WIA	306,700	283,100	23,500	7.7
Centre County	75,700	71,400	4,300	5.6
Clinton County	19,500	17,900	1,600	8.1
Columbia County	36,600	33,400	3,100	8.6
Lycoming County	59,700	54,700	5,000	8.3
Mifflin County	22,400	20,500	1,900	8.4
Montour County	9,400	8,800	600	6.4
Northumberland County	46,700	42,500	4,200	9.0
Snyder County	19,300	17,700	1,500	7.9
Union County	17,700	16,300	1,400	7.8

WIA Unemployment Rates, September 2011 (Seasonally Adjusted)

WIA	Rate	WIA	Rate
Philadelphia County WIA	11.0	Westmoreland/Fayette WIA	8.0
Luzerne-Schuylkill WIA	9.9	Central WIA	7.7
Pocono Counties WIA	9.7	Southwest Corner WIA	7.5
Lackawanna County WIA	9.3	Northern Tier WIA	7.4
West Central WIA	9.1	South Central WIA	7.4
Lehigh Valley WIA	8.8	Bucks County WIA	7.3
North Central WIA	8.6	Tri-County WIA	7.2
Southern Alleghenies WIA	8.5	Three Rivers WIA	7.1
Berks County WIA	8.3	Lancaster County WIA	6.9
Delaware County WIA	8.3	Montgomery County WIA	6.8
Northwest WIA	8.2	Chester County WIA	6.2

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Unemployment Rate *(All data are seasonally adjusted)*

- Central WIA was ranked 13th (highest rate) in comparison to the remaining 21 WIAs
- Central WIA's unemployment rate for September was 7.7%
- O-T-M change was -0.4 percentage points
- O-T-Y change was -0.5 percentage points
- Change since December 2007, the official start of the recession, was +2.8 percentage points

Unemployment

- Central WIA's unemployment for September was 23,500
- O-T-M change was -1,200
- O-T-Y change was -1,700
- Change since December 2007 was +8,400 (+55.6%)

Employment

- Central WIA's employment for September was 283,100
- O-T-M change was +3,800
- O-T-Y change was +2,700
- Change since December 2007 was -8,100 (-2.8%)

Labor Force

- Central WIA's labor force for September was 306,700
- O-T-M change was +2,700
- O-T-Y change was +1,200
- Change since December 2007 was +400 (+0.1%)

O-T-M: Over the Month
O-T-Y: Over the Year

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXHAUSTEES

Estimates of UC Exhaustees, Statewide and by Counties within the WIA

	Jan 2010 - Aug 2011	Actual	Projected			Total
		Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	
Pennsylvania	163,000	5,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	194,000
Centre County	740	20	40	40	50	890
Clinton County	410	10	20	20	30	490
Columbia County	660	10	30	30	40	770
Lycoming County	1,420	70	70	70	90	1,720
Mifflin County	620	20	30	30	40	740
Montour County	100	<10	<10	<10	10	110
Northumberland County	1,380	30	70	70	80	1,630
Snyder County	410	10	20	20	30	490
Union County	280	10	10	10	20	330

UC Exhaustees by Pre-UC Supersector, Statewide and for the WIA, January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

Pre-UC Supersector	Pennsylvania		Central WIA	
	Exhaustees	% of Total	Exhaustees	% of Total
Total	168,000	100%	6,050	100%
Natural Resources & Mining	890	0.5%	45	0.7%
Construction	15,110	9.0%	685	11.3%
Manufacturing	26,000	15.5%	2,040	33.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	36,940	22.0%	1,130	18.7%
Information	2,900	1.7%	65	1.1%
Financial Activities	8,510	5.1%	155	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	35,010	20.8%	705	11.7%
Education & Health Services	19,840	11.8%	500	8.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,760	8.2%	420	6.9%
Other Services	4,760	2.8%	165	2.7%
Government	1,520	0.9%	80	1.3%
Unclassified Industry	2,760	1.6%	75	1.2%

Source: PA Unemployment Compensation System.

These counts reflect the total number of persons during the month who have exhausted all available state and federal UC benefits under current law. Numbers may not add due to rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1%. Percentages less than 0.05% will be displayed as 0.0%. Pre-UC Supersector represents the aggregated industry sector of the primary employer of the exhaustee prior to collecting unemployment benefits.

QUARTERLY CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Central WIA – Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages 2-digit NAICS – Private Sector Only

NAICS Title	NAICS Code	2010 Q4 Final		2009 Q4 Final		Employment Change from 2009 Q4		Establishment Change from 2009 Q4	
		Average Employment	Average Establishments	Average Employment	Average Establishments	volume	percent	volume	percent
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. Services	56	6,371	538	5,837	534	534	9.1%	4	0.7%
Construction	23	9,909	1,200	9,105	1,220	804	8.8%	-20	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	42	6,979	589	6,459	585	520	8.1%	4	0.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	20,733	1,220	19,905	1,215	828	4.2%	5	0.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	8,163	454	7,883	441	280	3.6%	13	2.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	38,176	2,260	37,306	2,193	870	2.3%	67	3.1%
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	55	5,705	78	5,577	65	128	2.3%	13	20.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	54	7,157	1,005	7,006	977	151	2.2%	28	2.9%
Educational Services	61	4,035	125	3,977	119	58	1.5%	6	5.0%
Manufacturing	31-33	34,796	757	34,398	781	398	1.2%	-24	-3.1%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	81	6,894	1,224	6,860	1,219	34	0.5%	5	0.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	53	2,110	377	2,119	376	-9	-0.4%	1	0.3%
Retail Trade	44-45	30,073	2,055	30,515	2,112	-442	-1.4%	-57	-2.7%
Information	51	2,919	198	3,015	192	-96	-3.2%	6	3.1%
Finance and Insurance	52	5,412	754	5,597	744	-185	-3.3%	10	1.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	1,210	159	***	***	***	***	***	***
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	21	1,551	57	***	***	***	***	***	***
Utilities	22	***	***	703	30	***	***	***	***
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	71	***	***	1,866	184	***	***	***	***
Unclassified	99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total		194,945	13,273	189,913	13,177	5,032	2.6%	96	0.7%

- Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. Services had the largest O-T-Y percentage increase in employment at +9.1%, followed by Construction at +8.8%.
- Finance and Insurance had the largest O-T-Y percentage decrease in employment at -3.3%, followed by Information at -3.2%.
- The Central WIA showed an O-T-Y employment change of +5,032 (+2.6%).

Notes: ‘***’ indicates data are not disclosable; ‘N/A’ indicates data are unavailable or incomplete. Numbers may not add due to rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1%. Percentages less than 0.05% will be displayed as 0.0%.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Central WIA Industries with Growing Companies in 2010

Industry	Growing Companies	Industry	Growing Companies
Manufacturing	17	Construction	5
Accommodation and Food Services	8	Wholesale Trade	5
Health Care and Social Assistance	7	Transportation and Warehousing	4

Growing Companies Detail

- Growing Companies are companies that began the period with at least 10 employees and increased their employment for four consecutive quarters and by at least 10%.
- Total number of growing companies in 4th quarter 2010 was 55
- In **Manufacturing** – Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing; Plastics Product Manufacturing; Communications Equipment Manufacturing
- In **Accommodation and Food Services** – Full-Service Restaurants; Limited-Service Eating Places; Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)
- In **Health Care and Social Assistance** – Individual and Family Services; Other Ambulatory Health Care Services; Offices of Dentists

Industries with Declining Companies in 2010

Industry	Declining Companies	Industry	Declining Companies
Health Care and Social Assistance	5	Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. Services	2
Manufacturing	5	Construction	2
Accommodation and Food Services	2	Other Services (except Public Administration)	2

Declining Companies Detail

- Declining Companies are companies that began the period with at least 20 employees and lost employment for four consecutive quarters and by at least 10%.
- Total number of declining companies in 4th quarter 2010 was 22
- In **Health Care and Social Assistance** – Individual and Family Services; Nursing Care Facilities; Offices of Dentists
- In **Manufacturing** – Alumina and Aluminum Production and Processing; Forging and Stamping; Fruit and Vegetable Preserving and Specialty Food Manufacturing
- In **Accommodation and Food Services** – Full-Service Restaurants; Traveler Accommodation

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EMPLOYER ACTIVITIES

(Based on published media reports)

Reported^{1/} Openings or Expansions by Industry

Industry	2011 Y-T-D		Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	
	Events	Emp. Gain	Events	Emp. Gain
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0	1	85
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1	130	1	130
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0
Professional and Business Services	1	55	1	55
Education and Health Services	0	0	0	0
Leisure and Hospitality	1	100	2	180
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0
Total	3	285	5	450

^{1/}Compilation of employers and employment gain may be unconfirmed and incomplete.

Reported^{1/} Closings or Layoffs^{2/} by Industry

Industry	2011 Y-T-D		Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	
	Events	Emp. Loss	Events	Emp. Loss
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0
Mining	0	0	0	0
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	4	-488	4	-488
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1	-30	1	-30
Transportation and Warehousing	0	0	0	0
Information	0	0	0	0
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0
Professional and Business Services	0	0	0	0
Education and Health Services	1	-41	1	-41
Leisure and Hospitality	2	-96	3	-135
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0
Total	8	-655	9	-694

^{1/}Compilation of employers and employment loss may be unconfirmed and incomplete.

^{2/}Includes temporary layoffs

NEW HIRES

Central WIA New Hires, 2010 to 2011, 1st Quarter^{1/}

	2011 Q1	2010 Q1	Change from 2010	
			volume	percent
Total New Hires	5,900	4,400	1,500	34%
Goods Producing Industries	1,800	800	1,000	125%
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt.	100	100	0	0%
Mining	100	-	-	N/A
Construction	400	300	100	33%
Manufacturing	1,200	400	800	200%
Service Providing Industries	4,000	3,500	500	14%
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	700	400	300	75%
Wholesale Trade	200	100	100	100%
Retail Trade	200	200	0	0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	300	100	200	200%
Information	100	-	-	N/A
Financial Activities	-	-	-	N/A
Finance & Insurance	-	-	-	N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	-	-	-	N/A
Professional & Business Svcs.	1,100	900	200	22%
Professional & Technical Svcs.	300	300	0	0%
Management of Companies	0	0	0	N/A
Admin & Waste Services	800	600	200	33%
Education & Health Services	900	900	0	0%
Educational Services	100	0	100	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	800	900	-100	-11%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	1,000	0	0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	100	100	0	0%
Accommodations & Food Svcs.	900	900	0	0%
Other Services	100	100	0	0%
Government	100	200	-100	-50%
Unclassified industry	0	0	0	N/A

^{1/}Dashes indicate New Hires count was below 50 but greater than 0 for both quarters.

- **Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels** – Administrative and Support Services; Paper Manufacturing; Support Activities for Mining; Construction of Buildings
- **Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels** – Nursing and Residential Care Facilities; Food Services and Drinking Places; Transportation Equipment Manufacturing; Executive, Legislative, and Other General Government Support

Note: In every economy there is job creation and job destruction every month and the result is employment change. New hires are linked to job creation, however, an increase in new hires does not directly equate to an increase in the total employment count. The new hires count is simply an indication of hiring activity in an industry. Separations, in the form of layoffs, firings, or quits, are linked to job destruction and account for the other half of the employment change equation. The balance of hires and separations result in the employment change.

HELP WANTED ONLINE ADS

Central WIA

Help Wanted Online Active Ads by Industry Sector

Industry Sector	September 2011	September 2010	Volume Change	Percent Change
Total Ads by Industry	7,927	5,371	2,556	47.6%
Goods Producing Industries	416	209	207	99.0%
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt.	7	1	6	600.0%
Mining	44	17	27	158.8%
Construction	96	19	77	405.3%
Manufacturing	269	172	97	56.4%
Service Providing Industries	3,269	2,406	863	35.9%
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	773	752	21	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	172	140	32	22.9%
Retail Trade	370	480	-110	-22.9%
Transp., Warehouse & Utilities	231	132	99	75.0%
Information	43	61	-18	-29.5%
Financial Activities	267	242	25	10.3%
Finance & Insurance	175	170	5	2.9%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	92	72	20	27.8%
Professional & Business Svcs.	902	553	349	63.1%
Professional & Technical Svcs.	204	139	65	46.8%
Management of Companies	0	0	0	N/A
Admin & Waste Services	698	414	284	68.6%
Education & Health Services	975	679	296	43.6%
Educational Services	128	128	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	847	551	296	53.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	107	51	56	109.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	4	3	75.0%
Accommodations & Food Svcs.	100	47	53	112.8%
Other Services	92	66	26	39.4%
Government	110	2	108	5,400.0%
Unclassified or unavailable industry	4,242	2,756	1,486	53.9%

Note: Help Wanted Online Ads by Industry and Occupation are compiled differently and totals will not necessarily be equal.

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Help Wanted Online Active Ads by Occupational Group

Occupational Group	September 2011	September 2010	Volume Change	Percent Change
Total	7,928	5,351	2,577	48.2%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,305	889	416	46.8%
Sales and Related	982	977	5	0.5%
Office and Administrative Support	911	546	365	66.8%
Transportation and Material Moving	775	466	309	66.3%
Management	445	403	42	10.4%
Computer and Mathematical	401	202	199	98.5%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	364	178	186	104.5%
Food Preparation and Serving Related	361	237	124	52.3%
Production	338	163	175	107.4%
Healthcare Support	284	224	60	26.8%
Construction and Extraction	270	74	196	264.9%
Architecture and Engineering	262	149	113	75.8%
Business and Financial Operations	222	138	84	60.9%
Personal Care and Service	206	87	119	136.8%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	179	59	120	203.4%
Community and Social Services	159	110	49	44.5%
Education, Training, and Library	145	154	-9	-5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	127	140	-13	-9.3%
Protective Service	68	58	10	17.2%
Life, Physical, and Social Science	64	45	19	42.2%
Legal	28	31	-3	-9.7%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	19	10	9	90.0%
Military Specific	13	0	13	N/A
Miscellaneous	0	11	-11	-100.0%

Note: Help Wanted Online Ads by Industry and Occupation are compiled differently and totals will not necessarily be equal.

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Central WIA Top 25 Industries Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Industry	September 2011
Office Administrative Services	261
Temporary Help Services	207
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	177
Home Health Care Services	171
Offices of Physicians (except Mental Health Specialists)	152
Employment Placement Agencies	136
All Other Miscellaneous Ambulatory Health Care Services	131
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload	104
National Security	92
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	92
Nursing Care Facilities	62
Department Stores (except Discount Department Stores)	53
Office Supplies and Stationery Stores	48
Commercial Banking	47
Engineering Services	47
Home Centers	45
Full-Service Restaurants	42
Insurance Agencies and Brokerages	40
Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations	34
Elementary and Secondary Schools	34
Savings Institutions	33
All Other Business Support Services	32
All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	26
Custom Computer Programming Services	25
Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores	25

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Central WIA Top 25 Occupations Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Occupation	September 2011
Registered Nurses*	528
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer*	487
Retail Salespersons	255
Customer Service Representatives*	248
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	207
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants*	129
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses*	125
Personal and Home Care Aides	113
Medical and Health Services Managers	111
Supervisors/Managers of Food Prep. & Serving Workers	102
Insurance Sales Agents*	101
Physical Therapists*	99
Computer Support Specialists*	97
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping	92
Supervisors/Managers of Production & Operating Workers*	90
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General*	90
Sale Reps, Wholesale & Mfg. (except Sci & Tech)*	89
Home Health Aides*	78
Office Clerks, General*	75
Speech-Language Pathologists	72
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services*	69
Supervisors/Managers of Office and Admin. Support Workers*	67
Industrial Engineers*	64
Helpers--Production Workers	64
Occupational Therapists*	63

*2011 High Priority Occupation (HPO) for PA

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Central WIA Top 25 Employers Help Wanted Online Active Ads

Employer	Sep 2011	Employer	Sep 2011
Geisinger Health System	218	Universal Health Services Inc.	28
SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH	138	Adecco	28
Community Health Systems	97	Spherion	27
Army National Guard	82	Sunbury Community Hospital	26
HGI Healthcare	80	Sovereign Bank	26
Nurse Options USA	70	Allegis Group	25
Bayada Nurses	61	Comm. Health Systems Prof. Svcs.	25
Evangelical Community Hospital	48	Aerotek	24
Staples	47	_Evangelical Community Hospital	23
AT&T	46	LOCK HAVEN HOSPITAL	23
Medical Staffing Source of America	39	Express Employment Professionals	23
Lowe's	33	Macy's	23
Williamsport Regional Med. Center	33		

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Center for Workforce Information & Analysis Presentations

The Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA) PA Work Stats website now includes informative presentations given by CWIA staff on various aspects of the labor market and the information provided by the CWIA.

These reports can be found at:

<http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us/gsipub/index.asp?docid=782>

Sample Presentations:

Labor Market Information (LMI) for Data Users

This presentation provides an overview of the CWIA and its labor market information products and services in support of workforce and economic development.

Analyzing Pennsylvania's Employment Picture

This presentation uses statewide and local area press releases to explain the different employment data that are available from the CWIA.

DEFINITIONS

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Source: *Pennsylvania Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)*.

The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis and produces estimates using equations based on regression techniques. This method utilizes data from several sources, including the CPS, the CES, and state unemployment insurance (UI) programs. The LAUS program does not produce estimates for any demographic groups.

Unemployment Rate: The number unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Unemployment: Unemployed persons are persons aged 16 years and older who had no employment during the reference week (contains the 12th day of the month), were available for work (except for temporary illness), and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to jobs from which they had been laid off need not to have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Employment: Employed persons are all persons who, during the week which includes the 12th day of the month, (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own businesses or professions or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in enterprises operated by members of their families, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Each employed person is counted only once, even if the person holds more than one job. Included are the self-employed, unpaid family workers, agricultural workers, and private household workers, who are excluded by the Current Employment Statistics survey.

Labor Force: All persons either working or looking for work or classified as employed or unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - Source: *The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the U.S Department of Labor*.

Unemployment Compensation (UC): Unemployment Compensation (UC) protects workers against job loss by providing temporary income support to people who become unemployed through no fault of their own. UC Benefits are paid, for a limited time, to individuals who are able and available for suitable work, and are actively seeking new employment. To qualify for UC benefits, a worker must have performed services covered under the Pennsylvania UC Law, and must have worked for an employer who is required by law or elects to pay into the UC Fund.

Exhaustions: Exhaustion occurs when a worker draws the maximum amount of benefits to which he or she is entitled.

CLAIMS - Source: *The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and the U.S Department of Labor*.

Initial Claims: Initial claims measure the number of filings for state jobless benefits. An initial claim occurs when a person files a notice of unemployment to initiate a request to determine entitlement and eligibility for unemployment compensation. A person can file multiple claims.

Continued Claims: Continued claims measure the number of weeks that claimants are requesting payment of unemployment benefits. These claims include "waiting weeks" which do not receive payment, and claims that are subsequently denied benefits.

