

Berks County Labor Force Outlook

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	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	213,600	205,700	7,900	3.7%
Last Month	213,700	205,500	8,200	3.8%
Previous Year	211,900	203,100	8,800	4.1%

- Tied with 4 counties with 24th lowest unemployment rate of 67 counties in PA
- Nonfarm Jobs: 181,000 (New record high). Annual change: +1,500 (↑0.8% compared to ↑1.0% statewide)
- Exeter township: 2.4% (NSA)
- Muhlenberg township: 3.1% (NSA)
- Reading city: 5.6% (NSA)
- Spring township: 2.7% (NSA)

Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

Industry	April 2019 Employment	March 2019 Employment	April 2018 Employment	Year Over Year Net Change
Manufacturing	32,400	32,400	31,300	1,100
Healthcare & Social Assistance	28,800	28,700	28,000	800
Construction	7,800	7,400	8,000	(200)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	8,100	8,000	7,900	200

Pennsylvania

Unemployment

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Current	6,471,000	6,222,000	248,000	3.8%
Last Month	6,475,000	6,219,000	256,000	3.9%
Previous Year	6,404,000	6,126,000	277,000	4.3%

- PA Nonfarm Jobs: 6,056.1K Annual change: +58,300 (↑0.8%)
- PA U-6 Unemployment Rate: 7.9% (BLS, Avg. 2018Q2 – 2019Q1)
- PA tied with AL, CT, MD and GA with the 29th highest unemployment rate across the nation

United States

Unemployment

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Current	162,470,000	156,645,000	5,824,000	3.6%
Last Month	162,960,000	156,748,000	6,211,000	3.8%
Previous Year	161,551,000	155,216,000	6,335,000	3.9%

- US Nonfarm jobs: 151.095M Monthly change: +263,000
- US U-6 Unemployment Rate: 7.3% (BLS, Table A-15, 5/7/2019)

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

PA and Berks County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA)

NSA: Not seasonally adjusted

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)