

Berks County Labor Force Outlook

Berks County

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Current | 210,400 | 201,000 | 9,400 | 4.5% |
| Last Month | 209,900 | 200,600 | 9,400 | 4.5% |
| Previous Year | 210,800 | 197,200 | 13,500 | 6.4% |

- **Berks County tied with 1 county with the 26th lowest unemployment rate of 67 counties in PA**
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 174,700 (seasonally adjusted, +900 from July). Annual change: +3,800 (MSA ↑2.2% compared to ↑3.5% statewide)

City/Twp. Unemployment % (NSA)

- Exeter Township: 3.8%
- Muhlenberg Township: 4.3%
- Reading City: 6.7%
- Spring Township: 4.1%

Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

| Industry | August 2022 Employment | July 2022 Employment | August 2021 Employment | Year Over Year Net Change |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Manufacturing | 30,700 | 30,600 | 29,600 | 1,100 |
| Healthcare & Social Assistance | 27,400 | 27,200 | 27,200 | 200 |
| Construction | 7,700 | 7,700 | 8,000 | (300) |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 10,300 | 10,200 | 9,100 | 1,200 |

Pennsylvania

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| Current | 6,448,000 | 6,175,000 | 273,000 | 4.2% |
| Last Month | 6,446,000 | 6,171,000 | 275,000 | 4.3% |
| Previous Year | 6,392,000 | 6,001,000 | 391,000 | 6.1% |

- **PA Nonfarm Jobs:** 5,984,500 Annual change: 201,600 (↑3.5%)
- **PA U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 8.4% (BLS, 2021Q3-2022Q2 Avg.)
- **PA with the 43rd highest unemployment rate across the nation**

United States

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Current | 164,746,000 | 158,732,000 | 6,014,000 | 3.7% |
| Last Month | 163,960,000 | 158,290,000 | 5,670,000 | 3.5% |
| Previous Year | 161,505,000 | 153,167,000 | 8,339,000 | 5.2% |

- **US Nonfarm jobs (p):** 152,744,000 Monthly change: 315,000
- **US U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 7.0% (BLS Table A-15, 9/2/2022)

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

(p): Preliminary

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)