

Berks County Labor Force Outlook

Berks County

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| Current | 222,800 | 205,300 | 17,500 | 7.9% |
| Last Month | 220,800 | 198,200 | 22,700 | 10.3% |
| Previous Year | 217,400 | 207,400 | 9,900 | 4.6% |

- **Berks County with the 33rd lowest unemployment rate of 67 counties in PA**
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 181,600 (seasonally adjusted, +1,100 from August). Annual change: **-1,000** (↓0.5% compared to ↓7.8% statewide)
- Exeter township: 6.2% (NSA)
- Muhlenberg township: 7.5% (NSA)
- Reading city: 14.2% (NSA)
- Spring township: 6.3% (NSA)

Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

| Industry | September 2020 Employment | August 2020 Employment | September 2019 Employment | Year Over Year Net Change |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Manufacturing | 32,200 | 32,300 | 32,100 | 100 |
| Healthcare & Social Assistance | 28,300 | 28,300 | 29,700 | (1,400) |
| Construction | 7,900 | 7,900 | 8,000 | (100) |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 8,200 | 7,500 | 8,400 | (200) |

Pennsylvania

Unemployment

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Current | 6,365,000 | 5,847,000 | 518,000 | 8.1% |
| Last Month | 6,313,000 | 5,653,000 | 659,000 | 10.4% |
| Previous Year | 6,525,000 | 6,228,000 | 298,000 | 4.6% |

- **PA Nonfarm Jobs:** 5,597.8K Annual change: **-470,800** (↓7.8%)
- **PA U-6 Unemployment Rate:** **↑11.5%** (BLS, 2019Q3 thru 2020Q2 Avg.)
- **PA tied with LA with the 36th highest unemployment rate across the nation**

United States

Unemployment

| | Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------|
| Current | 160,143,000 | 147,563,000 | 12,580,000 | 7.9% |
| Last Month | 160,838,000 | 147,288,000 | 13,550,000 | 8.4% |
| Previous Year | 164,051,000 | 158,298,000 | 5,753,000 | 3.5% |

- **US Nonfarm jobs:** 141.720M Monthly change: +661,000
- **US U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 12.8% (BLS Table A-15, 10/15/2020)

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)