

Berks County Labor Force Outlook

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	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	220,800	198,500	22,200	10.1%
Last Month	223,000	196,200	26,800	12.0%
Previous Year	216,800	207,100	9,700	4.5%

- **Berks County tied with 4 counties with the 36th lowest unemployment rate of 67 counties in PA**
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 180,900 (seasonally adjusted, +200 from July). Annual change: **-1,600** (↓0.9% compared to ↓8.2% statewide)
- Exeter township: 8.4% (NSA)
- Muhlenberg township: 10.1% (NSA)
- Reading city: 17.8% (NSA)
- Spring township: 8.4% (NSA)

Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

Industry	August 2020 Employment	July 2020 Employment	August 2019 Employment	Year Over Year Net Change
Manufacturing	32,200	32,600	32,200	0
Healthcare & Social Assistance	28,300	28,100	29,800	(1,500)
Construction	7,900	7,900	8,100	(200)
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	7,500	7,500	8,100	(600)

Pennsylvania

Unemployment

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	6,302,000	5,653,000	650,000	10.3%
Last Month	6,361,000	5,567,000	794,000	12.5%
Previous Year	6,506,000	6,215,000	291,000	4.5%

- **PA Nonfarm Jobs:** 5,577.9K Annual change: **-499,600** (↓8.2%)
- **PA U-6 Unemployment Rate:** **↑11.5%** (BLS, 2019Q3 thru 2020Q2 Avg.)
- **PA with the 42nd highest unemployment rate across the nation**

United States

Unemployment

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	160,838,000	147,288,000	13,550,000	8.4%
Last Month	159,870,000	143,532,000	16,338,000	10.2%
Previous Year	163,894,000	157,895,000	5,999,000	3.7%

- **US Nonfarm jobs:** 140.914M Monthly change: **+1,371,000**
- **US U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 14.2% (BLS Table A-15, 9/15/2020)

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)