

Berks County Labor Force Outlook

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	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	212,400	204,100	8,300	3.9%
Last Month	211,500	203,100	8,400	4.0%
Previous Year	209,700	198,100	11,700	5.6%

- **Berks County with the 19th lowest unemployment rate of 67 counties in PA**
- **Nonfarm Jobs:** 180,000 (seasonally adjusted, +600 from December). Annual change: +6,500 (MSA ↑3.7% compared to ↑3.2% statewide)

City/Twp. Unemployment % (NSA)

- Exeter Township: 3.0%
- Muhlenberg Township: 4.4%
- Reading City: 6.6%
- Spring Township: 3.5%

Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

Industry	January 2023 Employment	December 2022 Employment	January 2022 Employment	Year Over Year Net Change
Manufacturing	31,000	31,300	29,700	1,300
Healthcare & Social Assistance	28,500	28,600	26,900	1,600
Construction	7,600	7,800	7,400	200
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,400	10,900	10,000	400

Pennsylvania

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	6,492,000	6,211,000	281,000	4.3%
Last Month	6,481,000	6,200,000	281,000	4.3%
Previous Year	6,440,000	6,151,000	289,000	4.5%

- **PA Nonfarm Jobs:** 6,085,800 Annual change: 190,200 (↑3.2%)
- **PA U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (BLS, 2022 Annual Avg.)
- **PA tied with MI with the 44th highest unemployment rate across the nation**

United States

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	165,832,000	160,138,000	5,694,000	3.4%
Last Month	164,966,000	159,244,000	5,722,000	3.5%
Previous Year	163,633,000	157,122,000	6,511,000	4.0%

- **US Nonfarm jobs (p):** 155,073,000 Monthly change: 517,000
- **US U-6 Unemployment Rate:** 6.6% (BLS Table A-15, 2/6/2023)

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)