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2001-2004 Pennsylvania County Industry Trends Report Now Available

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg announces the release of *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2001-2004*. The report provides information on business establishments and average monthly employment by NAICS code for the second quarters of 2001 through 2004. *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends* is produced annually by the Pennsylvania State Data Center in partnership with Penn State University's Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP), Team Pennsylvania Foundation, and the Pennsylvania State Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis. The data in this report applies only to employers covered under Pennsylvania's Unemployment Compensation Law. These employers account for about 95 percent of all of Pennsylvania's nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

Though the number of business establishments in Pennsylvania increased last year, the total number of employees decreased according to the new report. Pennsylvania gained 1,728 business establishments in 2004, less than the increase reported in 2003 (5,699), and a 0.5 percent increase overall. Since 2001, however, the number of business establishments in the state has decreased by 1.9 percent. Allegheny (34,867), Philadelphia (27,552) and Montgomery (26,653) counties continue to host the most businesses, but of the three only Philadelphia reported an increase (2.1 percent) in the number of establishments in 2004.

The decrease in employment (-6,785 employees, or -0.1 percent) is significantly less than the 37,940 jobs lost during the 2002-2003 period. Twenty-eight of the sixty-seven counties in Pennsylvania showed a drop in employment from 2003-2004, with Philadelphia (-23,113), Allegheny (-11,336), and Delaware (-2,671) counties posting the largest losses. Chester (5,338), Bucks (4,580), and Lehigh (3,763) counties reported the largest gains. Since 2001, the number of jobs in Pennsylvania has decreased by 1.8 percent.

Employment continued to shift by industry from 2003-2004, with only the Management of Companies and Industries sector (9,105) again among those reporting the largest increases in employment. Other industries showing large gains include: Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (13,182), and Professional Scientific, and Technical Services (6,160).

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Data from Pennsylvania employers in the Construction, Retail, Wholesale Trade, and other industries were mixed. Employment in the construction industry, despite declining since 2001, increased between 2003 and 2004, netting 1,689 jobs. Employment in the retail sector decreased by 2,337, but the industry grew by at least 100 jobs in nineteen counties throughout Pennsylvania. Similarly, employment in the wholesale trade industry decreased by 0.2 percent from 2003-2004, though nine counties saw a loss of less than 50 employees.

Jobs in manufacturing decreased by 29,518 (-4.1 percent) in Pennsylvania during the 2003-2004 period. In 14 counties 1 of every 4 jobs is in manufacturing, evidence that many local economies are still heavily dependent on the industry. Despite the downturn, twelve counties showed employment increases of 100 or more in the 2003-2004 period. Adams (582), Juniata (469), and Fulton (296) counties posted the largest gains.

Pennsylvania County Industry Trends: 2001-2004 is now available in paperback and CD-ROM from the Pennsylvania State Data Center (PaSDC). The CD-ROM version contains the paperback edition in PDF with corresponding Excel tables. The Excel files can be copied and customized to accommodate specific data needs. A detailed description of the activities covered within each industry is contained in the appendix. The price of each version is \$50.00. To order, log on to the PaSDC's website at PaSDC.hbg.psu.edu, click on the eStore icon, and follow the directions to order; or call 717.948.6336 or email PaSDC@psu.edu to request an order form.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

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Table 1. Pennsylvania Establishments, 2004

NAICS Code	Major Industry Group	Total Number of Establishments	Total Number of Employees
	All Pennsylvania Establishments	5,498,199	322,776
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,838	23,939
21	Mining	913	17,894
22	Utilities	1,264	38,759
23	Construction	31,371	259,750
31-33	Manufacturing	16,969	690,113
42	Wholesale Trade	24,382	227,304
44-45	Retail Trade	44,582	659,041
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	9,241	247,084
51	Information	5,355	114,617
52	Finance and Insurance	18,338	267,304
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	9,293	68,299

Table 1. Pennsylvania Establishments, 2004, Continued

NAICS Code	Major Industry Group	Total Number of Establishments	Total Number of Employees
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	32,736	288,265
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,284	73,549
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	15,453	278,835
61	Educational Services	7,505	492,063
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	32,199	807,129
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4,701	86,358
72	Accommodation and Food Services	24,601	401,802
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	35,907	193,262
92	Public Administration	4,844	262,832

Table 2. Total Number of Establishments and Employees, Pennsylvania Counties 2003-2004

County	Total Number of Establishments		Percent Change		Total Number of Employees		Percent Change	
	2003	2004	2001-04	2003-04	2003	2004	2001-04	2003-04
Pennsylvania	321,048	322,776	-1.9	0.5	5,504,984	5,498,199	-1.8	-0.1
Adams	1,939	1,980	5.3	2.1	32,603	32,173	2.0	-1.3
Allegheny	35,652	34,867	-2.1	-2.2	697,072	685,736	-4.4	-1.6
Armstrong	1,484	1,503	1.1	1.3	19,031	18,587	-4.0	-2.3
Beaver	3,610	3,579	-0.3	-0.9	54,759	55,305	-4.0	1.0
Bedford	1,166	1,145	-3.0	-1.8	16,147	15,855	-4.4	-1.8
Berks	8,657	8,750	-3.7	1.1	159,866	160,832	-3.3	0.6
Blair	3,230	3,237	-4.4	0.2	59,153	59,761	2.3	1.0
Bradford	1,418	1,471	2.1	3.7	23,243	23,205	0.7	-0.2
Bucks	19,271	19,402	-1.4	0.7	252,043	256,623	3.0	1.8
Butler	4,364	4,450	0.8	2.0	70,764	72,121	4.1	1.9
Cambria	3,639	3,640	-1.3	0.0	56,740	56,468	-2.7	-0.5
Cameron	166	169	-0.6	1.8	2,592	2,702	1.4	4.2
Carbon	1,199	1,208	-4.4	0.8	16,227	16,284	-3.2	0.4
Centre	3,122	3,216	-1.2	3.0	64,055	63,795	0.0	-0.4
Chester	14,020	14,121	-1.5	0.7	217,718	223,056	1.9	2.5
Clarion	1,117	1,112	-2.6	-0.4	14,710	14,859	0.4	1.0
Clearfield	2,132	2,168	-2.3	1.7	32,433	32,273	0.7	-0.5
Clinton	827	824	-5.2	-0.4	12,797	12,713	0.1	-0.7
Columbia	1,532	1,594	2.4	4.0	24,627	25,000	1.7	1.5
Crawford	2,207	2,228	-6.3	1.0	31,027	30,670	-5.0	-1.2
Cumberland	5,476	5,571	3.6	1.7	124,746	126,167	2.0	1.1
Dauphin	6,787	6,844	-0.3	0.8	175,574	175,194	0.0	-0.2
Delaware	13,639	13,284	-5.9	-2.6	211,189	208,518	-3.1	-1.3
Elk	1,003	992	-6.9	-1.1	15,332	15,503	-4.3	1.1
Erie	7,040	6,945	-4.4	-1.3	126,135	125,788	-3.1	-0.3
Fayette	2,949	2,973	-8.7	0.8	40,932	41,055	3.1	0.3

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County	Total Number of Establishments		Percent Change		Total Number of Employees		Percent Change	
	2003	2004	2001-04	2003-04	2003	2004	2001-04	2003-04
Forest	155	168	0.6	8.4	1,644	1,780	7.1	8.3
Franklin	2,906	3,020	4.1	3.9	48,693	51,695	7.1	6.2
Fulton	309	327	0.0	5.8	4,777	4,989	-6.8	4.4
Greene	727	750	-4.6	3.2	11,370	11,690	-0.1	2.8
Huntingdon	933	945	-0.1	1.3	12,792	12,725	-2.6	-0.5
Indiana	2,027	2,030	-3.1	0.1	30,649	31,395	0.5	2.4
Jefferson	1,187	1,191	-6.1	0.3	15,279	15,158	1.7	-0.8
Juniata	495	488	-3.6	-1.4	6,422	7,045	16.8	9.7
Lackawanna	5,499	5,647	-0.4	2.7	97,413	97,870	-1.3	0.5
Lancaster	11,346	11,415	-0.5	0.6	221,268	224,489	2.0	1.5
Lawrence	2,208	2,180	-5.4	-1.3	31,549	31,522	-1.7	-0.1
Lebanon	2,499	2,563	-1.5	2.6	44,268	45,603	3.8	3.0
Lehigh	8,000	8,241	3.1	3.0	170,481	174,244	-0.2	2.2
Luzerne	7,727	7,848	0.6	1.6	140,873	141,634	-1.4	0.5
Lycoming	2,935	2,982	-6.1	1.6	51,871	52,329	-3.3	0.9
McKean	1,269	1,279	-4.3	0.8	17,710	17,418	-5.5	-1.6
Mercer	3,074	3,082	-5.5	0.3	47,893	47,357	-4.1	-1.1
Mifflin	969	1,002	-0.4	3.4	15,514	15,561	-1.9	0.3
Monroe	3,728	3,854	6.9	3.4	51,676	52,991	6.1	2.5
Montgomery	26,807	26,653	-6.3	-0.6	476,740	478,388	-2.2	0.3
Montour	379	399	-3.6	5.3	12,494	12,652	2.9	1.3
Northampton	5,812	6,031	4.7	3.8	91,724	91,179	1.9	-0.6
Northumberland	2,005	1,984	-6.4	-1.0	29,008	29,240	-5.6	0.8
Perry	836	856	0.7	2.4	8,156	8,160	-1.2	0.0
Philadelphia	26,987	27,552	0.5	2.1	649,808	626,695	-5.4	-3.6
Pike	925	995	10.3	7.6	9,566	10,705	27.2	11.9
Potter	460	478	-6.1	3.9	6,790	6,507	-17.2	-4.2
Schuylkill	3,142	3,168	1.3	0.8	48,646	48,819	-1.2	0.4
Snyder	933	953	1.2	2.1	16,742	16,547	-0.5	-1.2
Somerset	1,899	1,900	-6.0	0.1	26,390	25,839	-3.9	-2.1
Sullivan	208	214	-3.6	2.9	1,722	1,698	-1.9	-1.4
Susquehanna	907	952	6.6	5.0	8,475	8,671	-0.2	2.3
Tioga	935	968	4.0	3.5	13,518	13,235	-0.1	-2.1
Union	869	895	-0.2	3.0	18,036	16,663	-7.3	-7.6
Venango	1,327	1,349	-3.0	1.7	20,841	20,837	-4.3	0.0
Warren	971	1,042	1.4	7.3	15,359	15,391	-9.3	0.2
Washington	5,046	5,193	-3.6	2.9	74,514	75,868	1.9	1.8
Wayne	1,448	1,453	2.3	0.3	14,601	14,325	4.7	-1.9
Westmoreland	9,191	9,267	-4.3	0.8	132,412	135,205	-0.6	2.1
Wyoming	676	707	-0.6	4.6	9,998	9,205	-8.5	-7.9
York	8,296	8,280	-0.2	-0.2	163,665	167,024	0.0	2.1
Unknown	15,350	15,202	-3.9	-1.0	82,122	77,608	-19.5	-5.5

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