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Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate at 4.2% in December Total Nonfarm Jobs Reaches New Record High

On January 18, 2019, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) released its employment situation report for December 2018.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 4.2 percent. The national rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in December. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of a percentage point from December 2017.

The estimated number of Pennsylvania residents working or looking for work, known as the civilian labor force, was up 21,000 over the month. The number of employed Pennsylvanians rose by 16,000 to a record high of 6,188,000. The number of unemployed residents was up 5,000 from November, but down 36,000 from last December.

The estimated number of jobs in Pennsylvania, referred to as total nonfarm jobs, was up 13,200 from November to a record high of 6,068,400. Highlights from this month's jobs report include:

- Total nonfarm jobs increased 11 times in 2018
- Among the 11 industry supersectors, six showed jobs increases from November
- The two largest supersector movements - education & health services (+8,800) and leisure & hospitality (+6,900) - both resulted in record high levels

Over the past 12 months, jobs increased 1.2 percent in the commonwealth with gains in 10 of the 11 supersectors. Education & health services had the largest volume 12-month gain. Nationally, jobs were up 1.8 percent during this timeframe.

Additional information is available on the L&I website at www.dli.pa.gov.

Note: The above data are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid month-to-month comparison.

Source: PA Labor & Industry Press Release, 1/18/2019

DEP: Availability of Technical Guidance Total Coliform Rule Guidance

The Department of Environmental Protection indicated technical guidance documents are available on the department's website at <http://www.depgreenportstate.pa.us/elibrary/>. DEP addressed changes to the following technical guidance documents:

- DEP ID: 261-0300-101, Land Recycling Program Technical Guidance;
- DEP ID: 383-3000-102, **Total Coliform Rule Guidance**. View at: <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetDocument?docId=7489&DocName=TOTAL%20COLIFORM%20RULE%20GUIDANCE.PDF%20%3Cspan%20style%3D%22color%3Ablue%3B%22%3E%3C%2Fspan%3E>

More information regarding these technical guidance documents can be viewed on the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Source: Pennsylvania Bulletin, 1/19/2019
<https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol49/49-3/78.html>

Alloway Announces Retirement from the Senate

After serving in the Pennsylvania Senate for 10 years, Senator Richard Alloway II (R-33) announced that he will retire effective February 28.

He issued the following statement regarding his decision:

"It has been an honor and a privilege to hold this position and to be the voice for local communities in Harrisburg for the past decade in the Senate. I am extremely grateful for the trust that has been placed in me by community residents, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank all of my constituents

for giving me that amazing opportunity and for helping me to be a better elected official.

"I treasure the personal relationships that I have forged over the years with various citizens and with my colleagues in the Capitol. Every single one holds a special place in my heart. However, our forefathers never envisioned public service as a lifetime vocation. After a decade of fighting to ensure our interests are represented in the General Assembly, the time has come for me to move on to other endeavors and pursue new opportunities. I wish all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle nothing but the best."

Alloway served on the Senate Republican leadership team as Majority Caucus Secretary since 2014. He was responsible for overseeing and reviewing all executive nominations submitted to the Senate for confirmation. He previously served as Senate Majority Caucus Administrator and as Chairman of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, where he authored several laws to protect sportsmen and promote outdoor activities.

Alloway was among the legislature's strongest supporters of Second Amendment rights and was the leading advocate for passage of Libre's Law, legislation to protect animals against abuse and neglect.

Source: Senator Alloway, 1/18/2019

PA Senate Democratic Caucus Releases Committee Assignments

On January 16, 2019, the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus released its committee assignments for the 2019-20 legislative session.

"Committee meetings offer our members and the public the best opportunity to learn about legislation, and it's important to assign Senators based on their interest and experience in the subject of each committee," said Senator Costa. "I believe we have a great roster of committee chairs and

members here that will delve into the issues of our caucus' platform."

The committees, listed here alphabetically, will have the following members from the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Aging & Youth: Maria Collett (Chair), John Sabatina, Jr., Judy Schwank, Christine Tartaglione

Agriculture & Rural Affairs: Judy Schwank (Chair), Andrew Dinniman, John Sabatina, Jr., Sharif Street

Appropriations: Vincent Hughes (Chair), Judy Schwank (Vice Chair), Jay Costa (Ex Officio), John Blake, Maria Collett, Art Haywood, Daylin Leach, Steve Santarsiero, Sharif Street

Banking & Insurance: Sharif Street (Chair), Lisa Boscola, James Brewster, Larry Farnese, Christine Tartaglione

Communications & Technology: Steve Santarsiero (Chair), Jay Costa, Tim Kearney, Lindsey Williams

Community, Economic & Recreational Development: Larry Farnese (Chair), John Blake, Lisa Boscola, Wayne Fontana, John Sabatina, Jr.

Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure: Lisa Boscola (Chair), Maria Collett, Larry Farnese, Steve Santarsiero, John Yudichak

Education: Andrew Dinniman (Chair), James Brewster, Daylin Leach, Lindsey Williams

Environmental Resources & Energy: John Yudichak (Chair), Andrew Dinniman, Daylin Leach, Anthony Williams

Finance: John Blake (Chair), Art Haywood, Vincent Hughes, Katie Muth

Game & Fisheries: James Brewster (Chair), Lisa Boscola, Andrew Dinniman, John Yudichak

Health & Human Services: Art Haywood (Chair), Katie Muth, Judy Schwank, Sharif Street

Intergovernmental Operations: Wayne Fontana (Chair), Art Haywood, Vincent Hughes, Katie Muth

Judiciary: Daylin Leach (Chair), Larry Farnese, Art Haywood, John Sabatina, Jr., Steve Santarsiero

Labor & Industry: Christine Tartaglione (Chair), Tim Kearney, Lindsey Williams, John Yudichak

Law & Justice: James Brewster (Chair), Wayne Fontana, Christine Tartaglione, Anthony Williams

Local Government: Tim Kearney (Chair), John Blake, Steve Santarsiero, Judy Schwank

Rules & Executive Nominations: Jay Costa (Chair), Lisa Boscola, Larry Farnese, Wayne Fontana, Vincent Hughes, Anthony Williams

State Government: Anthony Williams (Chair), Maria Collett, Katie Muth, Lindsey Williams

Transportation: John Sabatina, Jr. (Chair), John Blake, James Brewster, Tim Kearney, John Yudichak

Urban Affairs & Housing: Katie Muth (Chair), Wayne Fontana, Tim Kearney, Sharif Street

Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness: Lindsey Williams (Chair), John Blake, Maria Collett, Andrew Dinniman

Source: Senate Democratic Caucus Press Release, 1/16/2019

Governor Wolf Makes Nominations for Second Term Cabinet Appointments

On January 16, 2019, Governor Tom Wolf will put forth the following nominations:

- **Jessica Altman** – Commissioner, Pennsylvania Insurance Department
- **Kathy Boockvar** – Secretary of the Commonwealth

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- **Major General Anthony Carrelli** – Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- **Dennis Davin** – Secretary, Department of Community and Economic Development
- **Cynthia Dunn** – Secretary, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- **Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick** – Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police
- **C. Daniel Hassell** – Secretary, Department of Revenue
- **Dr. Rachel Levine** – Secretary, Department of Health
- **Patrick McDonnell** – Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
- **Teresa D. Miller** – Secretary, Department of Human Services
- **W. Gerard Oleksiak** – Secretary, Department of Labor & Industry
- **Russel Redding** – Secretary, Department of Agriculture
- **Leslie S. Richards** – Secretary, Department of Transportation
- **Jennifer Smith** – Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
- **Curt Topper** – Secretary, Department of General Services
- **Robert Torres** – Secretary, Department of Aging
- **John Wetzel** – Secretary, Department of Corrections
- **Robin Wiessmann** – Secretary, Department of Banking and Securities

The following appointments have already been made:

- **Michael Newsome** – Secretary, Governor’s Office of Administration
- **Bruce Trego** – State Fire Commissioner

Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera’s term will not expire until June 3, 2019.

Source: Governor Wolf’s Press Office, 1/16/2019

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