



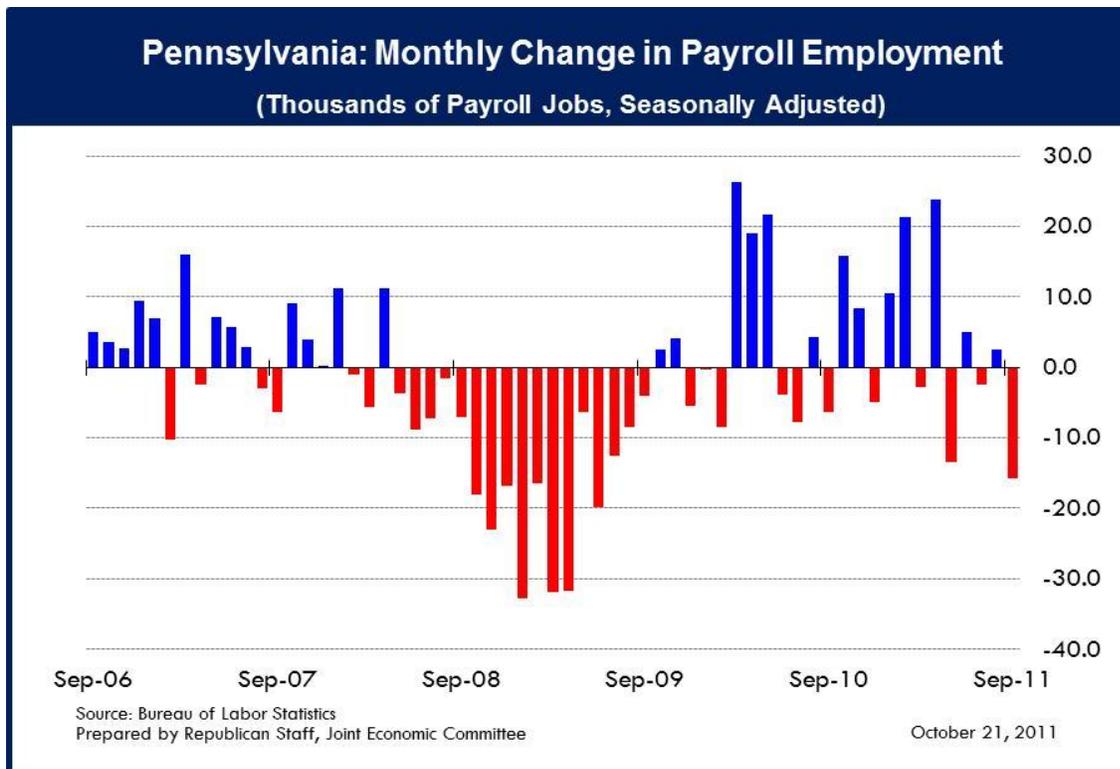
Pennsylvania Economic Update

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STATE EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Pennsylvania Payroll Employment

Payroll employment in Pennsylvania declined during the month of September 2011 by 15,800 jobs, or 0.28% on a seasonally adjusted basis. During the prior month (August 2011), payroll employment increased by 2,600 jobs, or 0.05% on a seasonally adjusted basis. Over the year ending September 2011, payroll employment increased by 41,300 jobs, or 0.73%. Payroll employment in Pennsylvania has increased in 7 of the past 12 months, and 13 of the past 24 months.

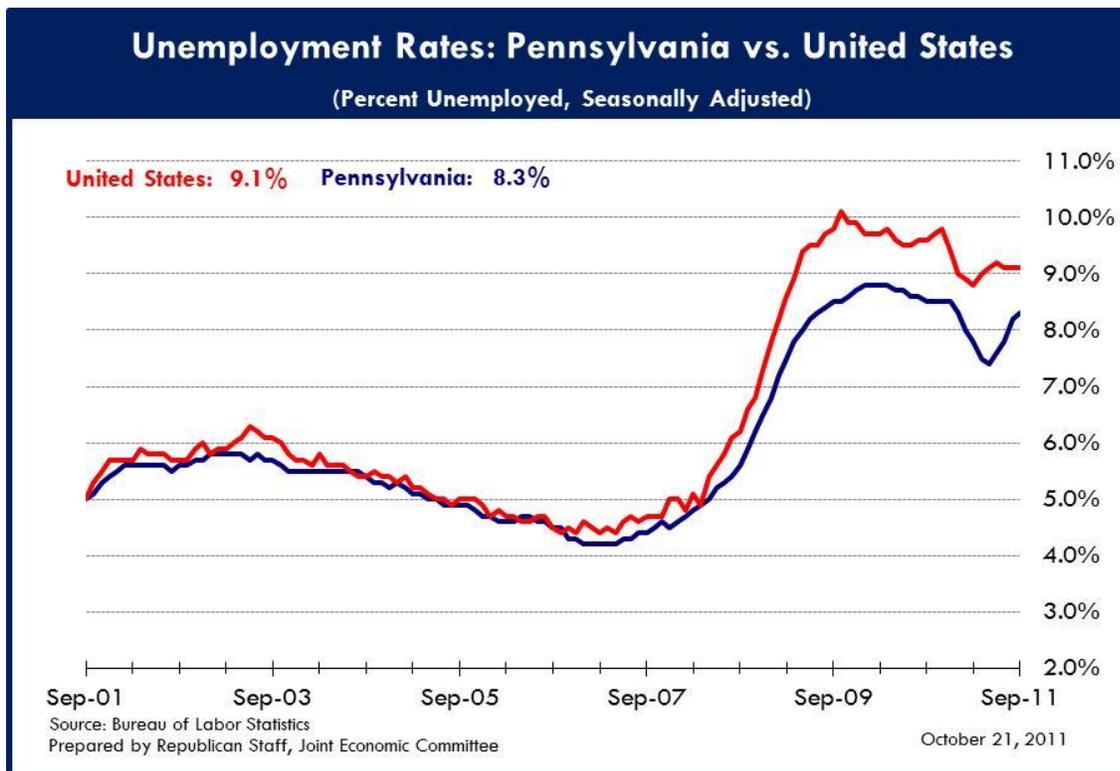


The Bureau of Labor Statistics Establishment Survey measures the number of employees on business payrolls. The survey is better than the Household Survey for measuring changes in employment. The Establishment Survey does not capture self-employed individuals or certain others who are not classified as a wage or salaried worker.

During the month, the Educational & Health Services sector registered the best performance as payroll employment increased by 5,100 jobs. The Total Government sector turned in the poorest performance, as payroll employment declined by 8,300 jobs. Over the past twelve months, the Educational & Health Services sector performed best as payroll employment increased by 22,600 jobs. The Total Government sector lagged behind over the past year as payroll jobs declined by 21,200.

Pennsylvania Unemployment

The unemployment rate in Pennsylvania increased to 8.3 percent in September 2011 from a rate of 8.2 percent in August 2011. The series high for the unemployment rate in Pennsylvania is 12.9 percent (March 1983), while the series low is 4.0 percent (March 2000). The state unemployment rate series began in January 1976.



The unemployment rate is published as part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly Employment Situation release and is derived from the Bureau's Household Survey.