

Monthly Labor Force Outlook

Reading MSA (Berks County)*

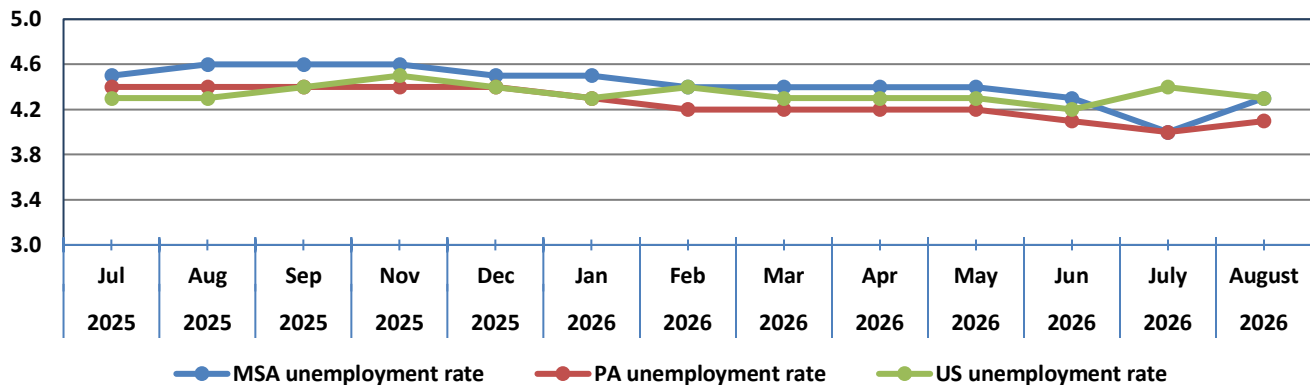
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Current	224,900	215,300	9,600	4.3%
Last Month	224,900	215,800	9,100	4.0%
Previous Year**	219,800	207,500	12,300	5.6%

**Estimate of workers by place of residence. Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data. Data may not sum due to rounding.*

City/Twp. Unemployment % (NSA)

- Exeter Township: 3.7%
- Muhlenberg Township: 4.3%
- Reading City: 6.6%
- Spring Township: 3.5%

Reading MSA/PA/US Unemployment Rates



Berks County Employment by Key Industry Sector (NSA)

Industry	August 2026 Employment	July 2026 Employment	August 2025 Employment	Year Over Year Net Change
Manufacturing	31,300	31,200	31,200	100
Healthcare & Social Assistance	30,700	30,700	30,400	0
Construction	8,900	8,900	8,800	100
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	11,000	11,000	11,000	0

Total healthcare employment January – March 2026 = 25,580

***Source: JobsEQ⁰ 2026Q1 NAICS 621,622,623 total employment dataset**

SA: Seasonally Adjusted. A seasonally adjusted (SA) data time series is a monthly or quarterly time series that has been modified to eliminate the effect of seasonal and calendar influences.

NSA: Not Seasonally Adjusted. A "raw" data time series equivalent to the SA series before seasonal adjustment. Estimates of the actual level of employment in a particular period (the number of people working), or in the period-to-period changes in these actual employment levels, obtained directly from surveys without any seasonal adjustment.

U.S. and PA data: unless otherwise indicated, seasonally adjusted data provided by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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