

Pennsylvania's Economy at a Glance January 2010 Edition

The Pennsylvania Economy at a Glance report provides data and trend information on jobs, unemployment rate, employer registrations and other critical monthly economic indicators.

The following pages contain an analysis of current economic conditions in Pennsylvania, based on the most recent data developed by the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis. Where available, seasonally adjusted data from 2004 to present are shown.

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Pennsylvania & National Summary

Unemployment Facts

United States:

- Unemployment rate is at 10.0 percent, unchanged over the month; unemployment level is at 15.3 million, down 73,000 from November 2009.

Pennsylvania:

- Unemployment rate is at 8.9 percent, up 0.4 of a percentage point over the month; unemployment level is at 560,000, up 19,000 from November 2009.

Job Facts

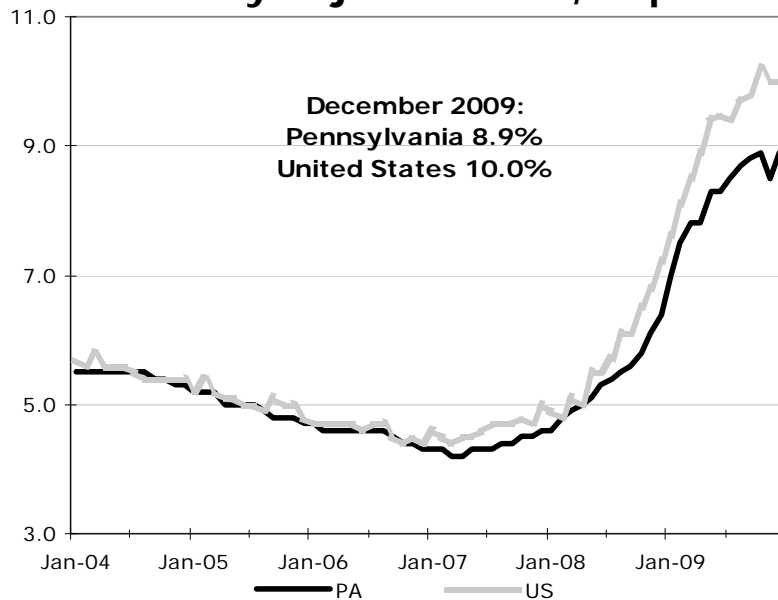
United States:

- Nonfarm jobs are at 130.9 million as of December, and are down 85,000 jobs over the month; the industries comprising the goods-producing and service-providing domains decreased by 81,000 and 4,000 jobs over the month, respectively.
- Education & Health Services gained 35,000 jobs in December; Professional & Business Services rose by 50,000 over the month.

Pennsylvania:

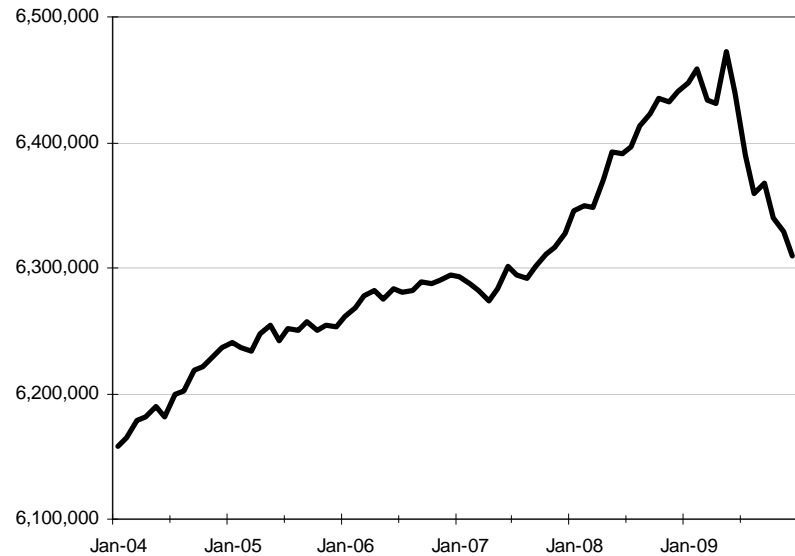
- Pennsylvania nonfarm jobs are at 5.60 million as of December, down over the month by 8,100 jobs; the industries comprising the goods-producing and service-providing domains fell by 3,900 and 4,200 jobs, respectively.
- Education & Health Services lost 700 jobs in December 2009.

Unemployment Rates: Pennsylvania compared to the United States, seasonally adjusted data, in percent



- Pennsylvania unemployment rate increased to 8.9 percent in December, and remained above year-ago levels by 2.5 percentage points.
- US unemployment rate remained at 10.0 percent in December, but was still 2.6 percentage points above December 2008's 7.4 percent.

Labor Force*, seasonally adjusted data



- Pennsylvania's labor force decreased by 19,000 over the month to 6.31 million, with an over-the-year loss of 131,000.
- On a percentage basis, this is an over-the-month decrease of 0.3 percent, and an over-the-year decrease of 2.0 percent.

*Labor Force is the pool of all available labor; it is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the number of unemployed by the labor force, expressed as percent.

Regional Unemployment Rate Comparison (UR) seasonally adjusted data

	<u>12/2007 UR</u>	<u>11/2009 UR</u>	<u>12/2009 UR</u>
Maryland	3.6	7.3	7.5
New Jersey	4.5	9.7	10.1
New York	4.6	8.6	9.0
Ohio	5.8	10.6	10.9
Pennsylvania	4.6	8.5	8.9

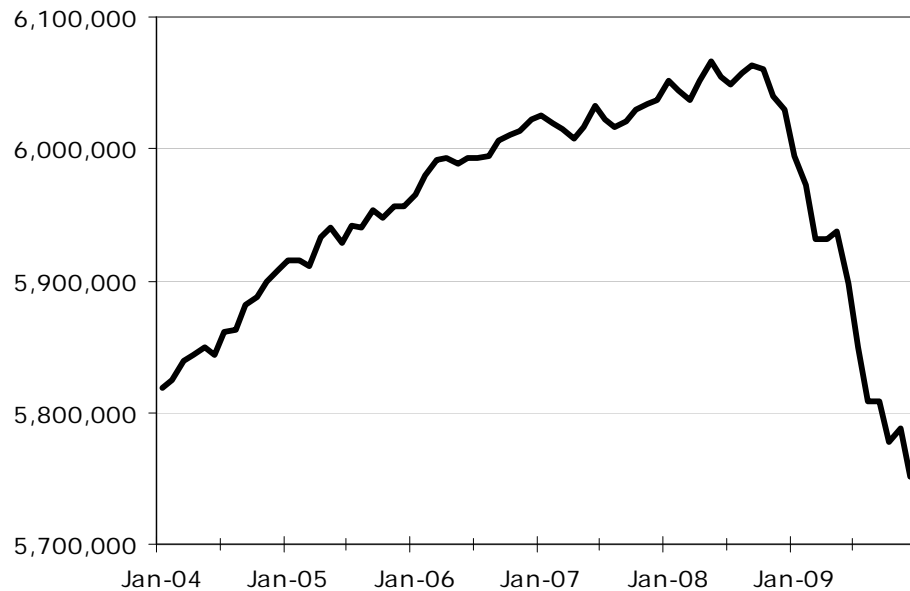
- Among Pennsylvania's neighboring states, since the beginning of the recession, New Jersey has shown the largest unemployment rate increase of 5.6 percent.
- Pennsylvania's rate increased 3.9 percent since the beginning of the recession.

Highest and Lowest Unemployment Rate by County seasonally adjusted data

<u>Highest</u>	<u>UR Rate</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>UR Rate</u>
Cameron County	16.0	Centre County	5.9
Fulton County	13.7	Chester County	6.4
Mercer County	11.9	Montour County	6.5
Elk County	11.7	Lebanon County	7.0
Potter County	11.7	Montgomery County	7.0

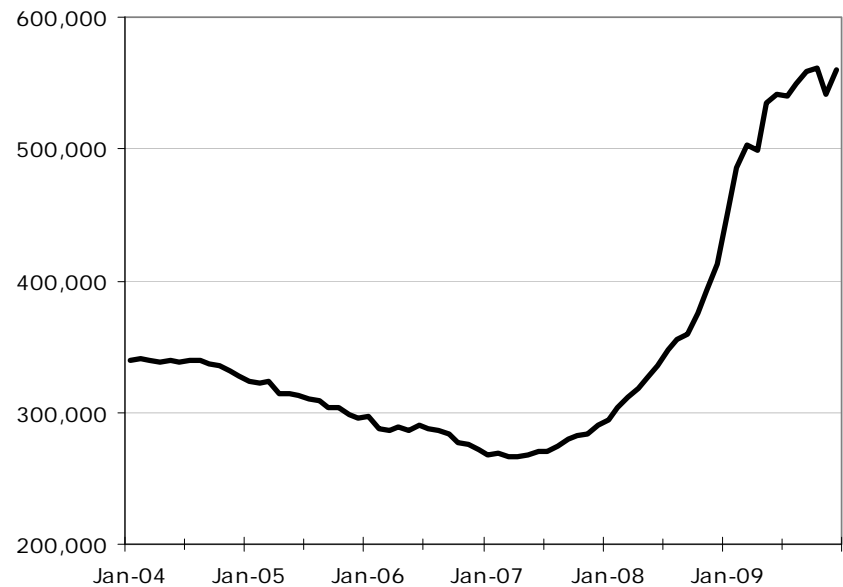
- The data above is from November 2009.
- Cameron County has the highest unemployment rate of 16.0 percent, and Centre County has the lowest rate with 5.9 percent.
- December 2009 data will be available in the first March 2010 Economy at a Glance report, due to be released on March 5th.

Resident Employment, seasonally adjusted data



- Pennsylvania employment fell in December to 5.75 million. Over the year, the net change was a loss of 278,000.
- This is a 4.6 percent loss over the year.

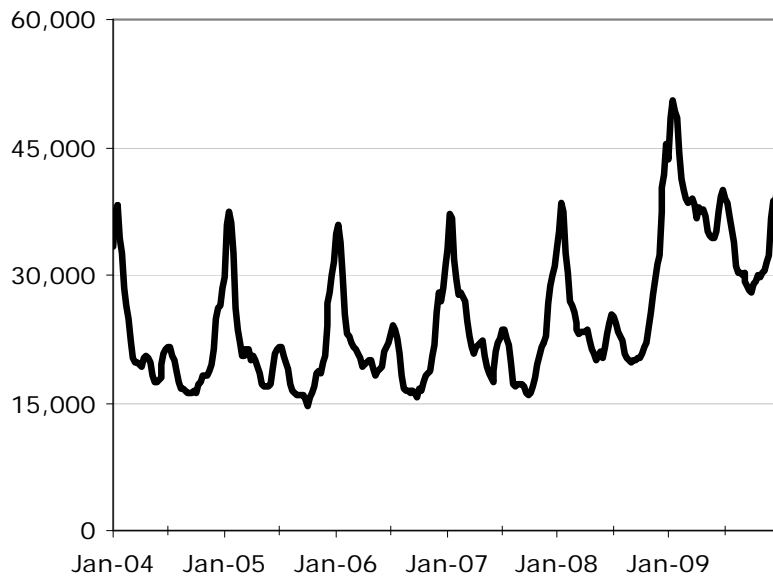
Resident Unemployment, seasonally adjusted data



- The number of unemployed rose by 19,000 in December 2009 to 560,000, and was above year-ago levels by 148,000.
- The change over the month was a gain of 3.9 percent; over the year, the measure rose 35.9 percent.

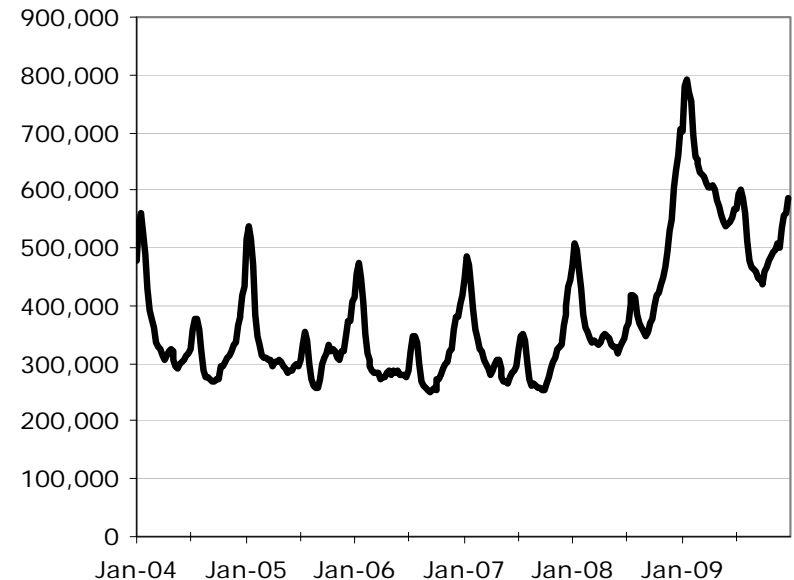
Initial claims for Unemployment Compensation Benefits, 4-week moving average, not seasonally adjusted data

Pennsylvania Initial Claims*



- Pennsylvania Initial Claims for Unemployment Compensation Benefits fell by 4,400 over the year, to reach 41,000 in December 2009.

United States Initial Claims

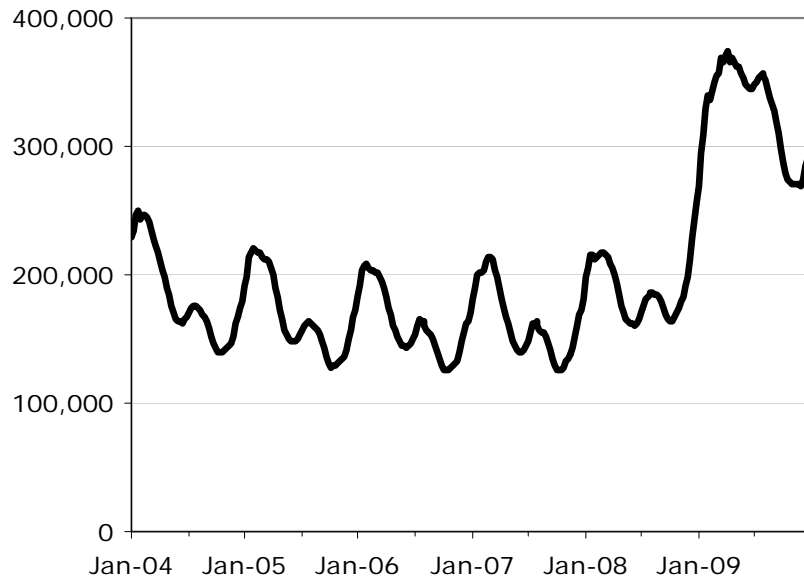


- US initial claims fell by 121,000 over the year, to total 586,000 in December.

*Initial claims are made by people starting the unemployment process to determine eligibility.

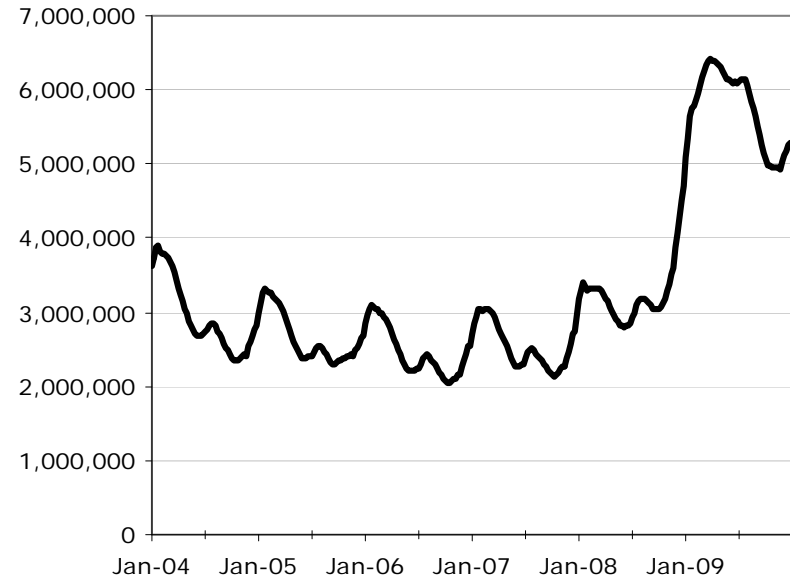
**Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Compensation Benefits,
4-week moving average, not seasonally adjusted data**

Pennsylvania Continued Weeks Claimed*



- Pennsylvania Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Compensation Benefits rose by 39,000 over the year, to reach 296,000 in December 2009.

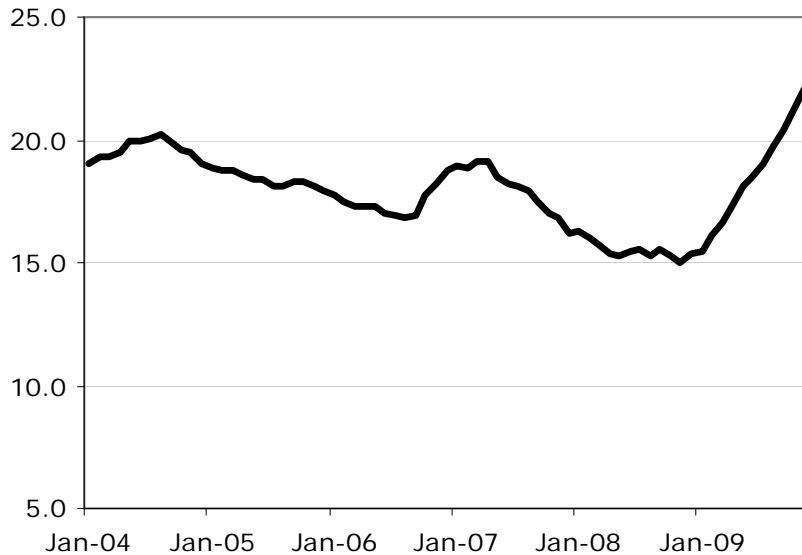
United States Continued Weeks Claimed



- Increasing by 562,000 over the year, US continued weeks claimed totaled 5.28 million in December 2009.

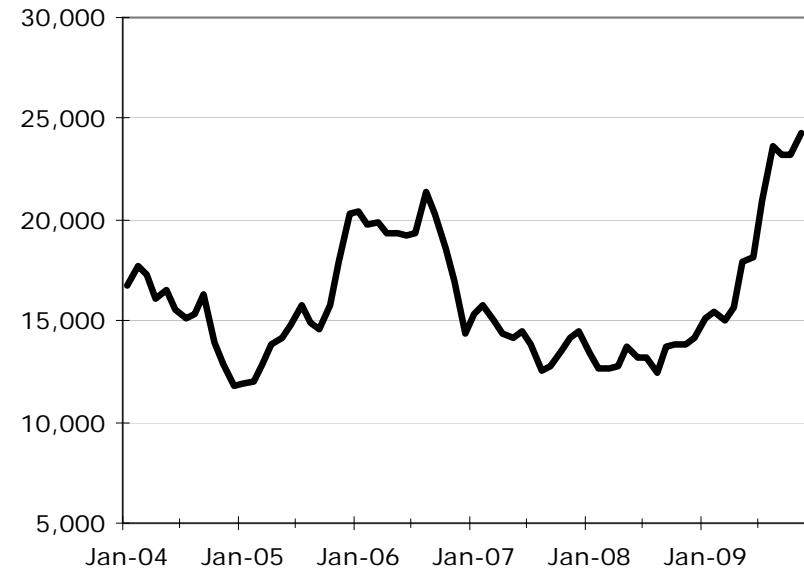
*Continued claims represent people who have been declared eligible to receive benefits and are currently doing so.

Average Duration of Unemployment*, 12-month moving average, not seasonally adjusted data, in weeks



- Average duration of unemployment totaled 22.1 weeks in November 2009 (the latest available data), an over-the-year increase of 7.1 weeks.

Discouraged Workers*, 12-month moving average, not seasonally adjusted data

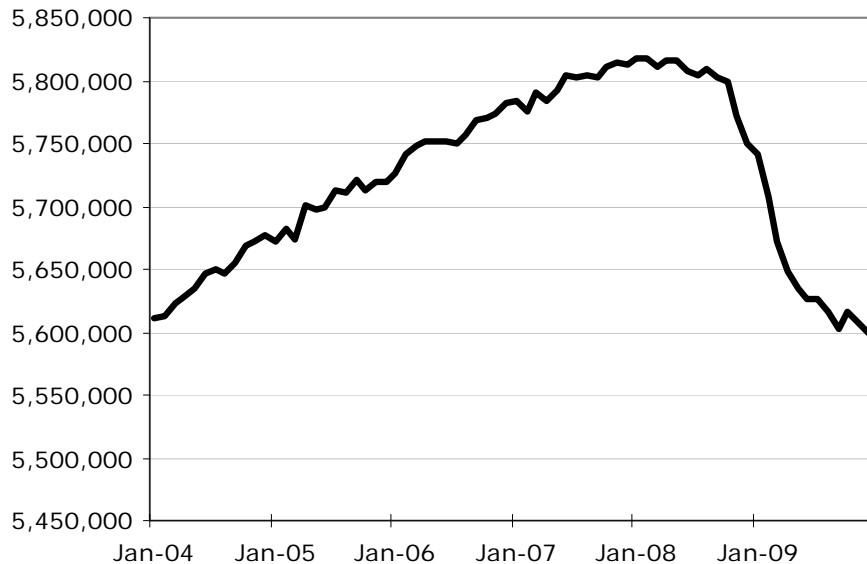


- Discouraged worker levels in Pennsylvania have increased by 10,500 over the year (in November, the latest available data), to 24,200.

*Average Duration of Unemployment is the average length of time people remain without a job.

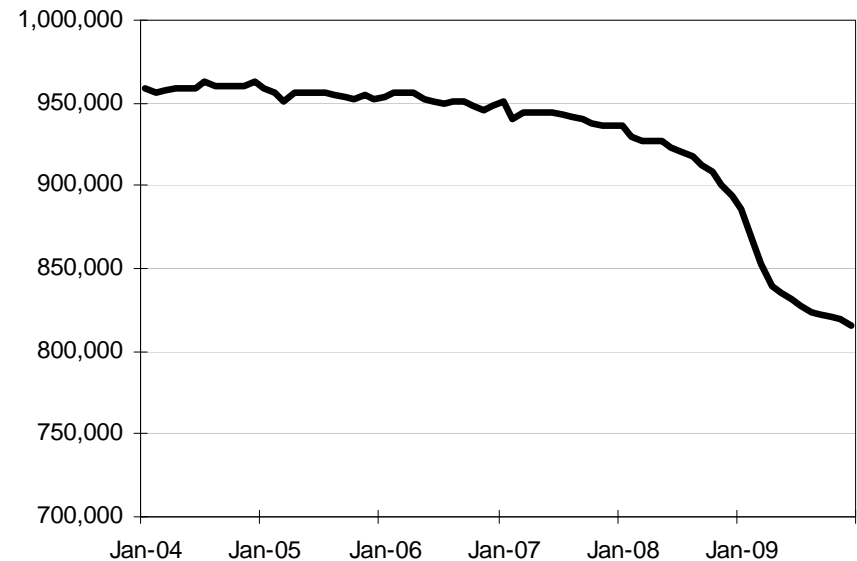
*Discouraged Workers are people who exit the labor force and cease looking for work because they feel no job exists for them.

Total Nonfarm Jobs, seasonally adjusted data



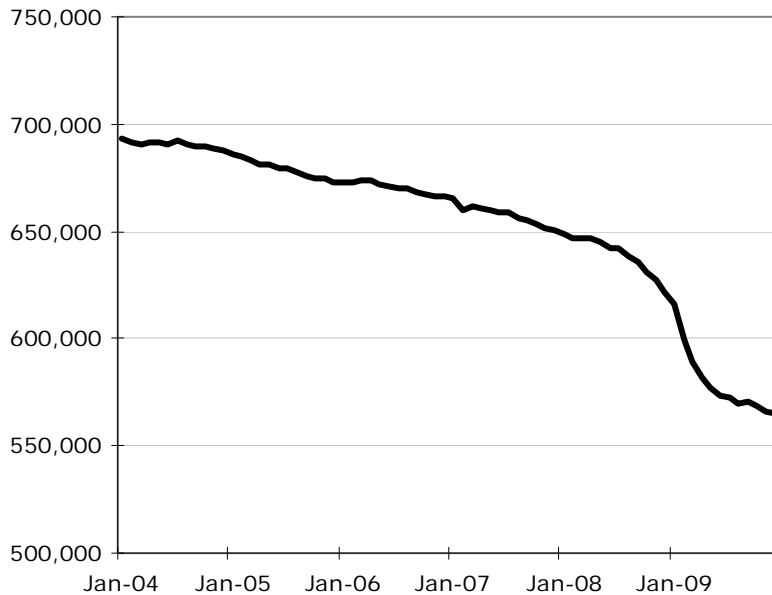
- Nonfarm jobs fell to 5,598, 000 in December, a loss of 8,000 jobs; over the year, nonfarm jobs were down 150,000.
- This represents a monthly loss from November of 0.1 percent, and a yearly loss since last December of 2.6 percent.

Goods Producing Jobs, seasonally adjusted data



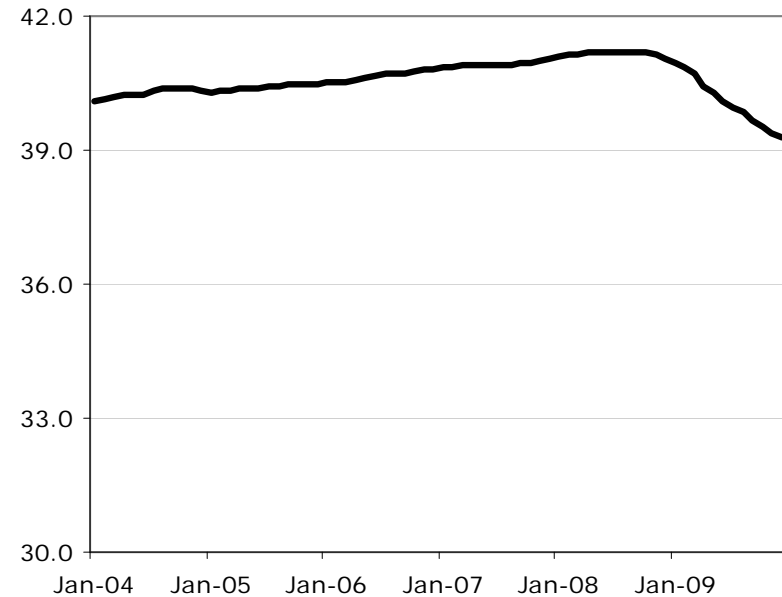
- Goods producing-jobs fell to 816,000 in December, a loss of 3,900 jobs; since last December, losses totaled 78,000 jobs.
- In terms of percentage changes, the November-to-December change was an decrease of 0.5 percent; over the year, change was a drop of 8.7 percent.

Manufacturing Jobs, seasonally adjusted data



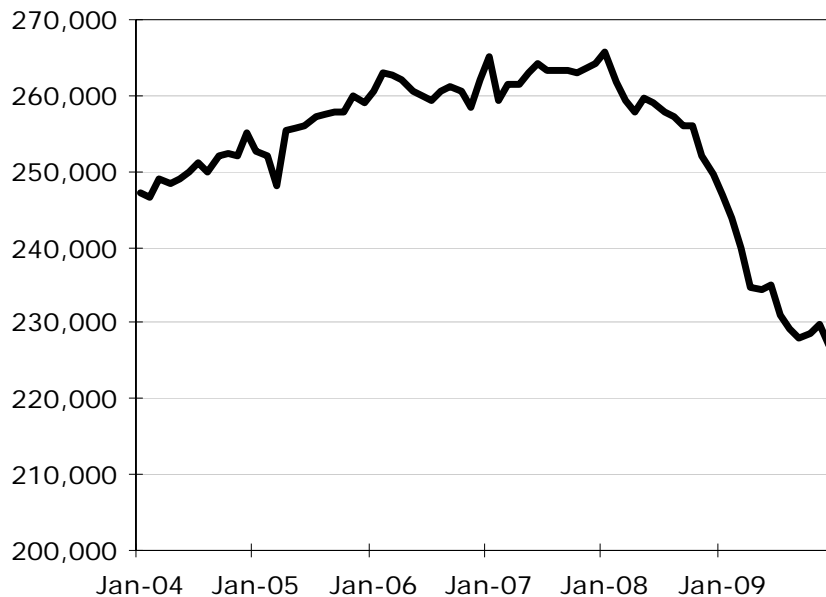
- Pennsylvania manufacturers' payrolls declined by 1,100 in December to 565,000 jobs, an over-the-year loss of 57,000.
- On a percentage basis, loss was 0.2 percent since November, and 9.1 percent since December 2008.

Manufacturing Average Hours, not seasonally adjusted data, in hours



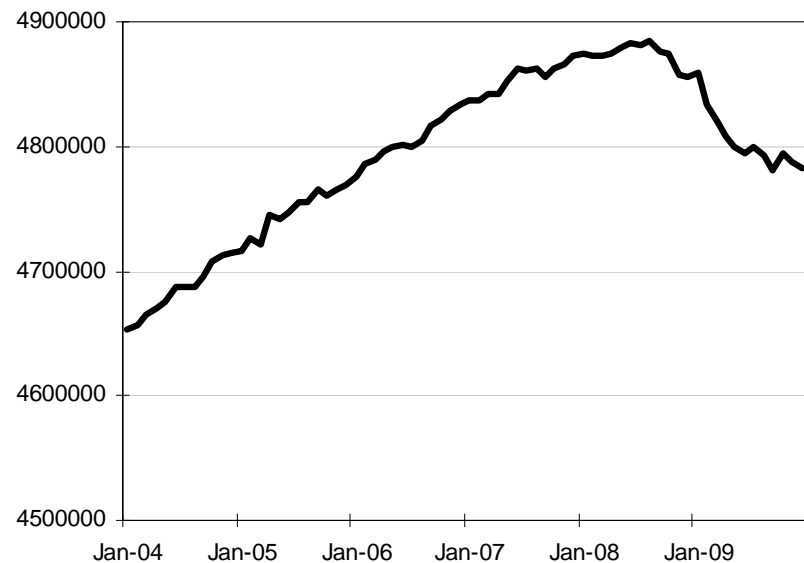
- Manufacturing average hours decreased by 1.9 hours since December 2009, to 39.3.

Construction Jobs, seasonally adjusted data



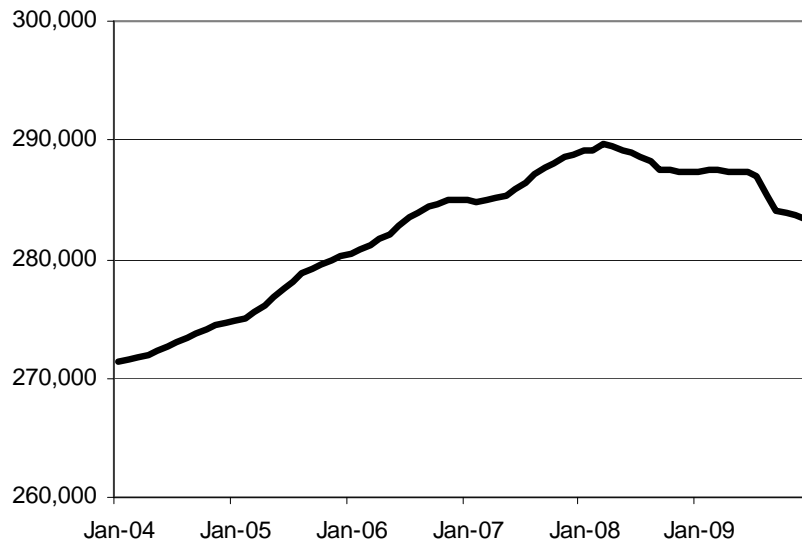
- Construction jobs decreased by 2,600 in December to 227,000 jobs. Construction payrolls were down over the year by 22,600.
- This is an over-the-month loss of 1.1 percent and an over-the-year loss of 9.1 percent.

Service Providing Jobs, seasonally adjusted data



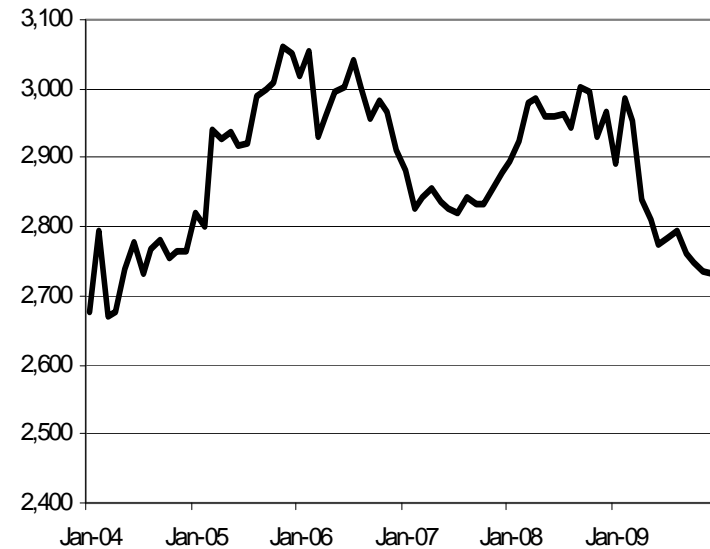
- Service-providing jobs fell to 4.78 million in December, an over the month loss of 4,000 jobs; since last December, losses totaled 72,000 jobs.
- This represents an decrease of 0.1 percent over the month and 1.5 percent decrease over the year.

Number of Employers, 6-month moving average, not seasonally adjusted data



- The number of employers was 283,000 in December, a decrease of 1.4 percent since last December.

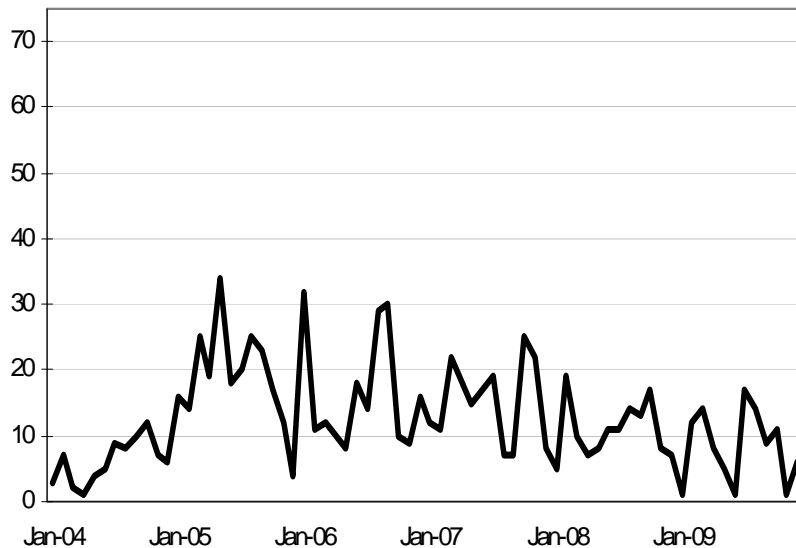
Employer Registrations* 12-month moving average, not seasonally adjusted data



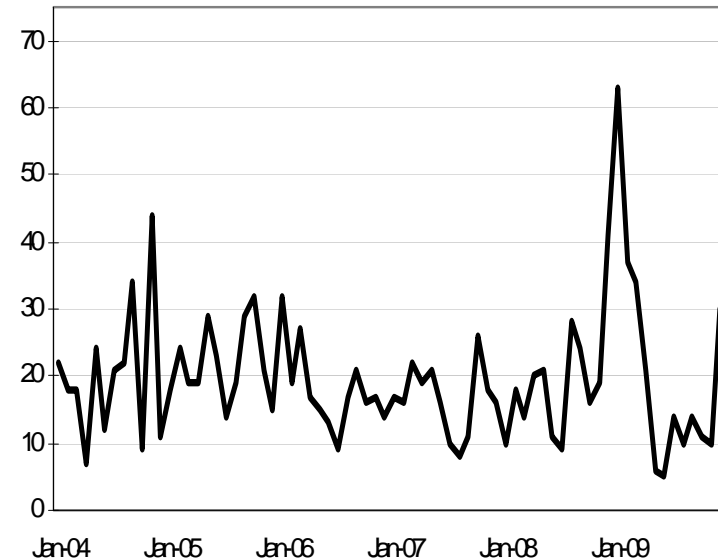
- The number of new employer registrations in December was 2,700, an over-the-year drop of 8.6 percent.

*This represents the number of new employers, including start-ups and new businesses created by mergers or spin-offs, etc.

Significant Employer Activity*: Openings and Expansions



Significant Employer Activity: Closings and Reductions



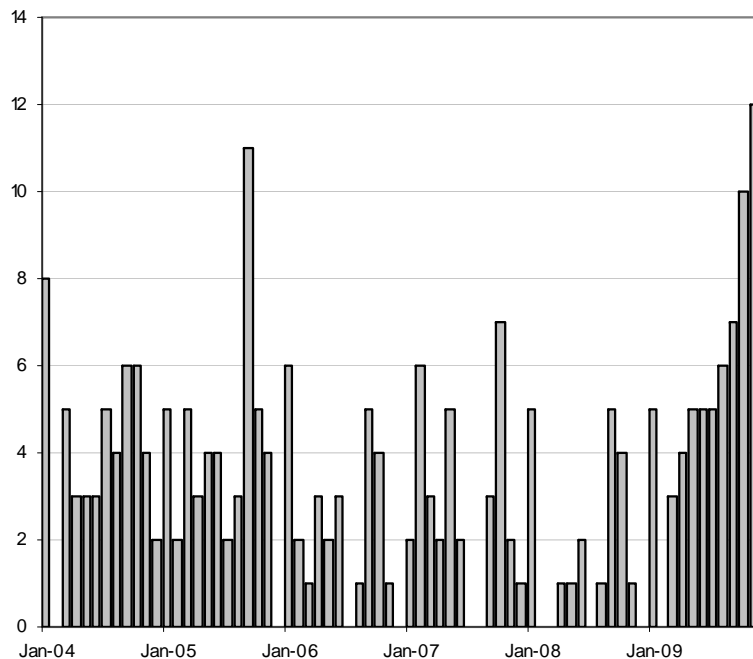
Note: Events are recorded in the months in which the data became public, not necessarily the month in which the event took place. **Data reflects only those events which have been released by employers to the media.**

- There were 6 reported openings in December 2009. These openings impacted 905 workers.

- There were 30 reported closings over the month, affecting 4,400 workers.

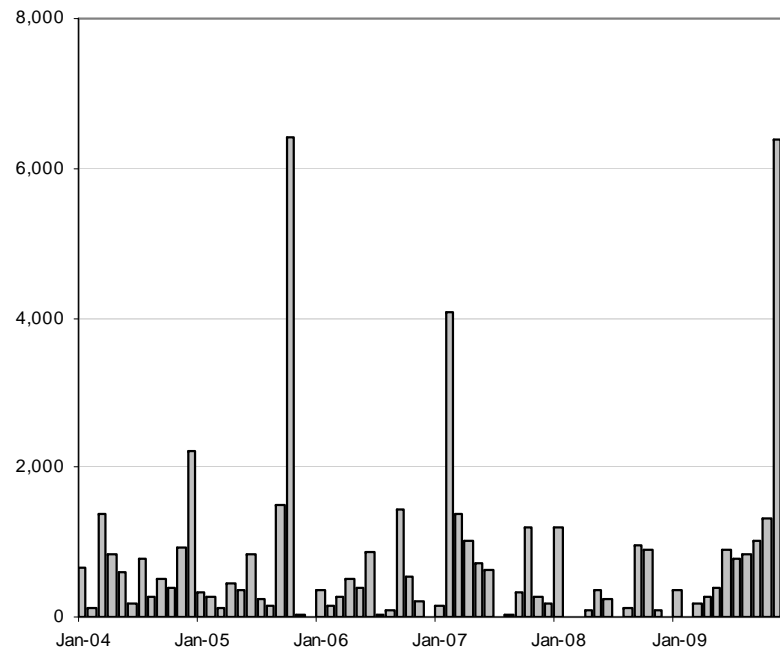
*This information comes from the CWIA's Pennsylvania Employer Activities (PEA) report which captures employer activity from various public sources. It does not present a complete picture of all employer activity.

Work Stoppages* per Month



- In November (the latest available month of data), 12 work stoppages were reported.
- The cumulative total of work stoppages for 2009 so far is 62.

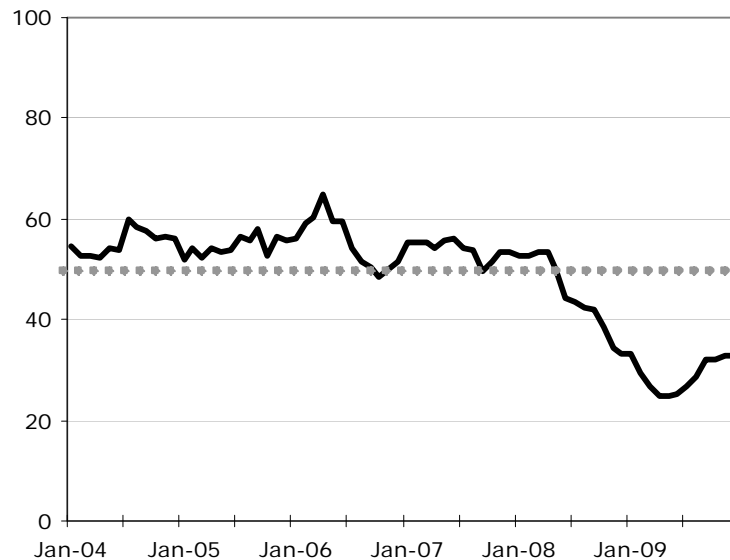
Number of Employees Impacted by Work Stoppages, per Month



- These work stoppages affected 6,400 workers in November (the latest available month of data).
- Altogether, 12,400 workers have been affected by work stoppages in 2009.

*Work Stoppages represent temporary cessation of work due to labor disputes or other reasons. Source is PEA.

Dispersion Index*, 6-month moving average

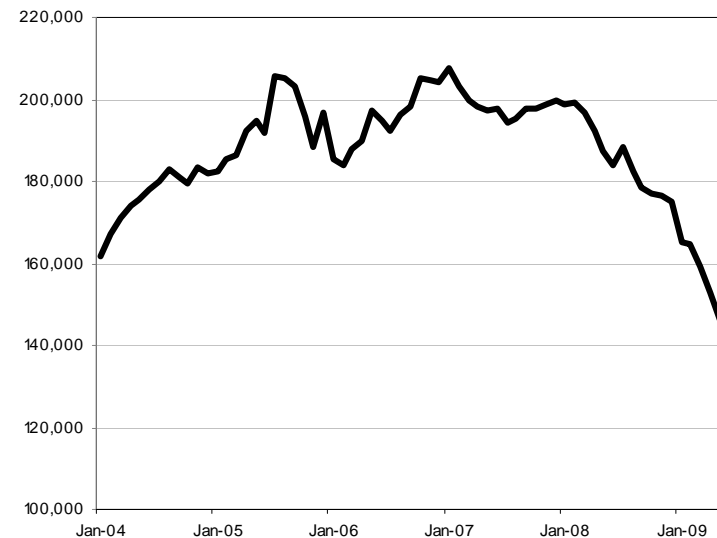


- The dispersion index increased to 32.9 in December 2009, continuing a trend seen for several consecutive months this year.

*The dispersion index is a composite measure which reflects the impact of the economy felt across a broad array of industries. A return above 50 would indicate economic expansion.

*New Hires are people that have been hired recently; it is a measure that is a good indicator of the overall health of the economy. An increase in new hires would indicate an improving economy.

Total New Hires* Reported to Pennsylvania, 6-month moving average, seasonally adjusted data



- Pennsylvania new hires dropped by 4.3 percent in May 2009 (the latest available data) to 146,000.
- The new hires count dropped 22.1 percent over the year (from 188,000 in May 2008).

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