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## **Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2001-2003 Report Now Available**

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg announces the release of *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2001-2003*. *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends, 2001-2003* provides information on business establishments and average monthly employment for the second quarter of the years 2001 through 2003 by county and industrial sector. 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.

This report was produced by the Pennsylvania State Data Center in partnership with Penn State University's Technical Assistance Program (PENNTAP), Team Pennsylvania Foundation and the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis.

The total number of business establishments in Pennsylvania increased from 315,349 in 2002 to 321,048 in 2003, an increase of 1.8 percent (Table 2). This reversed the trend from 2001 to 2002 when the number of businesses declined for the first time in over a decade. Overall, there were 51 Pennsylvania counties that showed an increase in the total number of establishments from 2002 to 2003. Philadelphia County (4.3 percent) posted the largest percentage increase and had the largest numerical increase in businesses as well, 1,102.

Nine counties--Allegheny, Philadelphia, Montgomery Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Westmoreland and Berks --accounted for over 50 percent of the total business establishments in the commonwealth in 2003. The counties with the largest number of establishments in 2003 were Allegheny (35,652), Philadelphia (26,987) and Montgomery (26,807). These counties either contain or border the two most populated cities in the state, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The total number of employees in Pennsylvania decreased 0.7 percent from 5,542,924 employees in 2002 to 5,504,984 employees in 2003, a difference of 37,940 total employees. Twenty-eight of the sixty-seven counties in Pennsylvania increased their total number of employees from 2002 to 2003. Pike County (7.1 percent) and Union County (4.0 percent) showed the highest percentage increases in the number of employees in the state between 2002 and 2003. Pike County has had the highest percent increase for two years in a row. Bucks County has the highest numeric increase in the number of employees from 2002 to 2003, 3,271. Butler County was second at 1,336.

There were 44,870 retail trade establishments in Pennsylvania in 2003 (Table 1), which accounted for the largest number of establishments in an industry sector in the commonwealth. The Other Services (except Public Administration) industry had the largest increase in the number of establishments (1,065) between 2002 and 2003 followed by the Professional, Scientific and Professional Services industry with an increase of 1,000. Statewide, eleven of the twenty major industry sectors showed a decrease in employment in the 2002 to 2003 time period. The industries showing the largest gains in employment in Pennsylvania were: Health Care and Social Assistance (10,765), Educational Services (9,338), Management of Companies and Enterprises (5,895) and Finance and Insurance (3,020).

The *Pennsylvania County Industry Trends* is produced annually. For additional information, please contact the State Capital Office of the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.772.2710.

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: Number of Establishments and Employees by Major Industry Group: 2003

Major Industry Group	Total Number of				Avg. # of Emps. per Estab.
	Establishments		Employees		
	#	%	#	%	
Agr/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting	1,879	1	24,299	-	13
Mining	922	-	17,079	-	19
Utilities	1,256	-	39,635	1	32
Construction	31,527	10	258,061	5	8
Manufacturing	17,993	6	719,631	13	40
Wholesale Trade	23,896	7	227,658	4	10
Retail Trade	44,870	14	661,378	12	15
Transportation/Warehousing	9,357	3	245,525	4	26
Information	5,775	2	126,046	2	22
Finance/Insurance	18,173	6	270,072	5	15
Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	9,137	3	69,093	1	8
Prof/Scientific/Tech Svcs	33,107	10	282,105	5	9
Mgmt Co's/Enterprises	1,139	-	64,444	1	57
Adm/Sup/Waste Mgmt/Rem Svcs	15,382	5	265,653	5	17
Educational Services	6,136	2	491,543	9	80
Health Care/Social Assistance	31,487	10	801,666	15	25
Arts/Entertainment/Recreation	4,514	1	84,446	2	19
Accommodation/Food Services	24,641	8	398,954	7	16
Other Svcs (exc Pub Admin)	35,015	11	191,824	3	5
Public Administration	4,842	2	265,872	5	55
<b>Total Establishments</b>	321,048				
<b>Total Employees</b>			5,504,984		

Table 2: Establishments and Employees, Pennsylvania Counties: 2002-2003

Area	Establishments			Employees		
	2002	2003	Percent Change	2002	2003	Percent Change
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>315,349</b>	<b>321,048</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5,542,924</b>	<b>5,504,984</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Adams	1,926	1,939	0.7	32,547	32,603	0.2
Allegheny	34,713	35,652	2.7	707,511	697,072	-1.5
Armstrong	1,429	1,484	3.8	18,897	19,031	0.7
Beaver	3,465	3,610	4.2	56,225	54,759	-2.6
Bedford	1,123	1,166	3.8	16,388	16,147	-1.5
Berks	8,416	8,657	2.9	163,416	159,866	-2.2
Blair	3,200	3,230	0.9	58,741	59,153	0.7
Bradford	1,407	1,418	0.8	22,996	23,243	1.1
Bucks	18,487	19,271	4.2	248,772	252,043	1.3
Butler	4,224	4,364	3.3	69,428	70,764	1.9
Cambria	3,594	3,639	1.3	56,933	56,740	-0.3
Cameron	163	166	1.8	2,518	2,592	2.9
Carbon	1,171	1,199	2.4	16,353	16,227	-0.8
Centre	3,123	3,122	0.0	64,552	64,055	-0.8
Chester	14,756	14,020	-5.0	216,433	217,718	0.6
Clarion	1,107	1,117	0.9	14,919	14,710	-1.4
Clearfield	2,116	2,132	0.8	32,887	32,433	-1.4
Clinton	830	827	-0.4	12,789	12,797	0.1
Columbia	1,532	1,532	0.0	24,703	24,627	-0.3
Crawford	2,222	2,207	-0.7	31,338	31,027	-1.0
Cumberland	5,308	5,476	3.2	123,879	124,746	0.7
Dauphin	6,649	6,787	2.1	175,948	175,574	-0.2
Delaware	13,109	13,639	4.0	214,008	211,189	-1.3
Elk	1,006	1,003	-0.3	15,626	15,332	-1.9
Erie	6,910	7,040	1.9	127,084	126,135	-0.7
Fayette	2,990	2,949	-1.4	40,982	40,932	-0.1
Forest	160	155	-3.1	1,677	1,644	-2.0
Franklin	2,855	2,906	1.8	48,120	48,693	1.2
Fulton	306	309	1.0	4,967	4,777	-3.8
Greene	718	727	1.3	11,786	11,370	-3.5
Huntingdon	917	933	1.7	12,866	12,792	-0.6
Indiana	1,965	2,027	3.2	30,553	30,649	0.3
Jefferson	1,212	1,187	-2.1	15,220	15,279	0.4
Juniata	489	495	1.2	6,263	6,422	2.5
Lackawanna	5,535	5,499	-0.7	97,473	97,413	-0.1
Lancaster	11,150	11,346	1.8	220,499	221,268	0.3
Lawrence	2,158	2,208	2.3	31,477	31,549	0.2
Lebanon	2,480	2,499	0.8	44,021	44,268	0.6
Lehigh	7,997	8,000	0.0	169,289	170,481	0.7
Luzerne	7,719	7,727	0.1	139,773	140,873	0.8
Lycoming	2,984	2,935	-1.6	52,210	51,871	-0.6
McKean	1,261	1,269	0.6	17,965	17,710	-1.4
Mercer	3,052	3,074	0.7	48,438	47,893	-1.1
Mifflin	964	969	0.5	15,331	15,514	1.2
Monroe	3,717	3,728	0.3	51,409	51,676	0.5
Montgomery	26,537	26,807	1.0	483,395	476,740	-1.4

Table 2: Establishments and Employees, Pennsylvania Counties: 2002-2003, continued

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Montour	378	379	0.3	12,576	12,494	-0.7
Northampton	5,790	5,812	0.4	91,229	91,724	0.5
Northumberland	1,965	2,005	2.0	30,012	29,008	-3.3
Perry	803	836	4.1	8,323	8,156	-2.0
Philadelphia	25,885	26,987	4.3	654,434	649,808	-0.7
Pike	897	925	3.1	8,932	9,566	7.1
Potter	462	460	-0.4	7,458	6,790	-9.0
Schuylkill	3,076	3,142	2.1	48,978	48,646	-0.7
Snyder	909	933	2.6	17,061	16,742	-1.9
Somerset	1,905	1,899	-0.3	26,123	26,390	1.0
Sullivan	203	208	2.5	1,772	1,722	-2.8
Susquehanna	886	907	2.4	8,637	8,475	-1.9
Tioga	948	935	-1.4	13,254	13,518	2.0
Union	847	869	2.6	17,343	18,036	4.0
Venango	1,318	1,327	0.7	21,466	20,841	-2.9
Warren	973	971	-0.2	15,952	15,359	-3.7
Washington	4,945	5,046	2.0	73,870	74,514	0.9
Wayne	1,420	1,448	2.0	14,363	14,601	1.7
Westmoreland	8,892	9,191	3.4	134,944	132,412	-1.9
Wyoming	686	676	-1.5	10,232	9,998	-2.3
York	8,148	8,296	1.8	165,363	163,665	-1.0
Unknown	14,861	15,350	3.3	91,997	82,122	-10.7

Source: ES202 data, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, PA Department of Labor and Industry