Economic Outlook  
October 2016

**United States**

- **Long-Term Unemployed**: 1.979M, increase of 5,000 since last month *(unemployed for 27 weeks and over)*
- **U-6 Unemployment Rate**: 9.5% *(U-6: total unemployed (U-3) plus discouraged workers (U-4), plus all other marginally attached workers (U-5), plus total employed part time for economic reasons (U-6))*
- **Job Openings**: 5.486M *(September 2016 preliminary)*. This equates to 1.4 unemployed persons per job opening, or 2.8 persons using the U-6 Unemployment Rate.

**Nonfarm jobs**: 144.952M *(84.7% private, 15.3% public)*
- Monthly change: +161,000 *(+142,000 private, +19,000 public)*
- Largest industry growth: Education and health services *(+52,000), Professional and business services *(+43,000), and Government *(+19,000)*
- Average monthly job growth *(total nonfarm jobs)* since October 2015: +196,000
- Compared to October 2007: 6.751M more jobs

**Initial Claims**: 265,000
- **Weekly change**: +7,000
- **Annual change**: -13,000  
*Advanced October 29 seasonally adjusted regular UC program data; U.S. Department of Labor*

**Initial Claims**: The count of notices of unemployment requesting a determination of eligibility and entitlement for Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits. A person can file multiple claims.

**Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment**:
- Less than a high school diploma: 7.3%
- High school diploma: 5.5%

**Pennsylvania**

- **U-6 Unemployment Rate**: 10.5% *(BLS, 2015Q4–2016Q3)*
- **Online Job Postings**: 369,600 *(EMSI, 2016.4, September 2016 data)*. This equates to 1.0 unemployed persons per online job posting, or 1.9 persons when considering the U-6 Unemployment Rate.

**Labor Force**  
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<td>Current</td>
<td>6,522,000</td>
<td>6,151,000</td>
<td>371,000</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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<td>Last Month</td>
<td>6,515,000</td>
<td>6,146,000</td>
<td>370,000</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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<td>Previous Year</td>
<td>6,429,000</td>
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- **44th** lowest unemployment rate across the nation
- **Nonfarm Jobs**: 5.895M *(88.0% private, 12.0% public; annual change: +0.9%)*
- **Regular UC Initial Claims**: 55,400 *(annual change: -7.1%)*

**Northern Tier**

- **12th** lowest rate by WDA in PA
- **Sayre borough**: 6.3% *(NSA)*
- **Nonfarm Jobs**: 311,000 *(87.8% private, 12.2% public; annual change: +0.3%)* *(NSA; includes other counties)*
- **Regular UC Initial Claims**: 800 *(annual change: -37.7%)*
- **Online Job Postings**: 4,600 *(EMSI, 2016.4, September 2016 data)*. This equates to 1.3 unemployed persons per online job posting, or 2.4 using an estimated U-6 unemployment rate of 11.6%.

**Top Online Job Postings by Occupation**:
- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Registered Nurses
- First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers

**Top Online Job Postings by Employer**:
- Hogan Transports
- CRST Dedicated Services, Inc.
- Blitz Media Inc.