

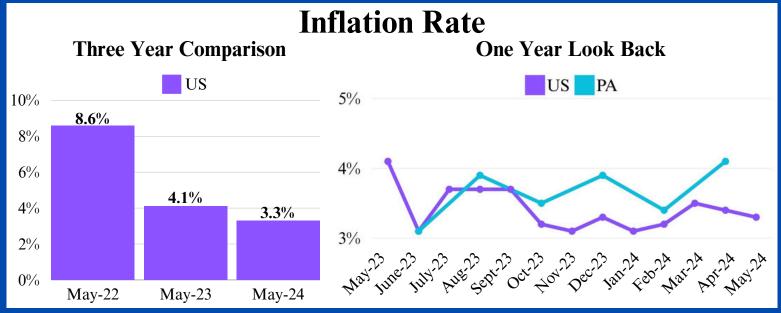
May 2024

Economic Brief

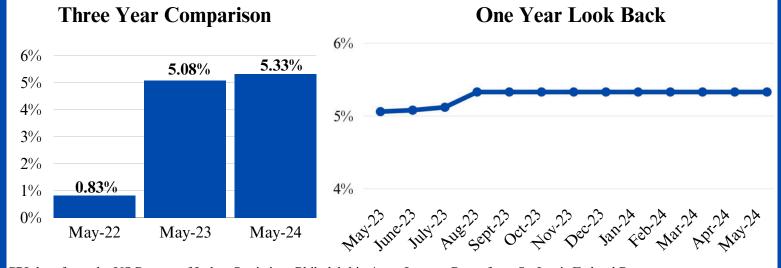
Message from Chairman Grove



May economic data continues to provide mixed news. Nationally, inflation dropped 0.1% to 3.3%, still above the Federal Reserve target of 2.0%. The Federal Reserve has yet to signal when or if they intend to drop the Federal Funds Rate this year. The Commonwealth's unemployment rate has now held steady at 3.4% for the ninth consecutive month, even as the national unemployment rate rose to 4.0%, up from 3.9% the prior month. The price of gas dropped nationally but increased by almost 10 cents per gallon in Pennsylvania.

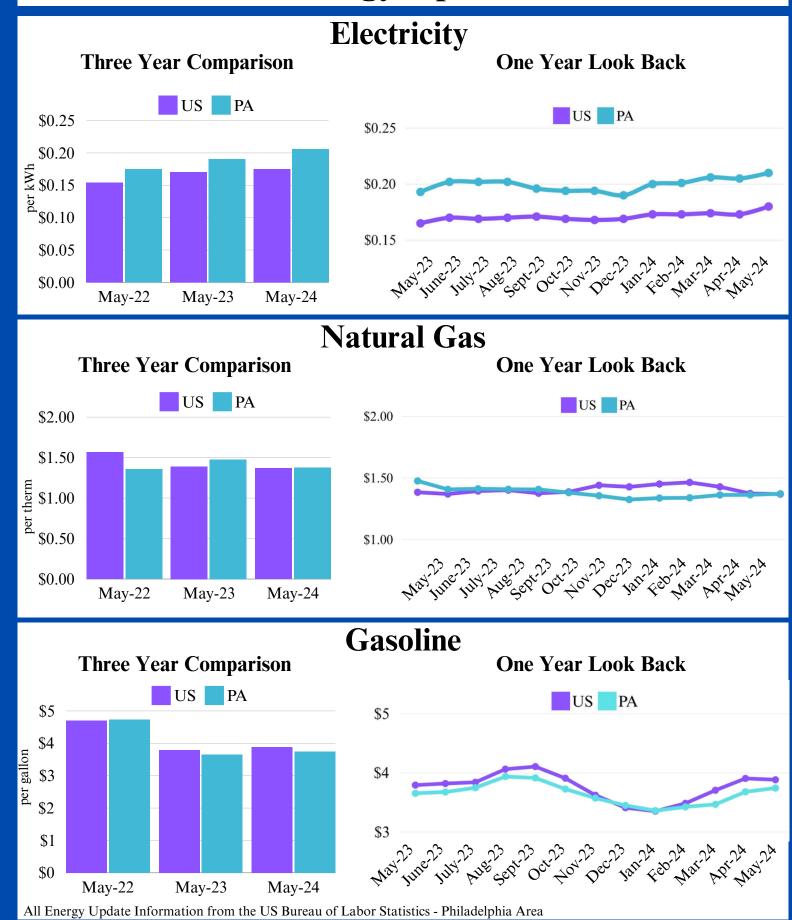


Federal Funds Rate



CPI data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics - Philadelphia Area, Interest Rates from St. Louis Federal Reserve

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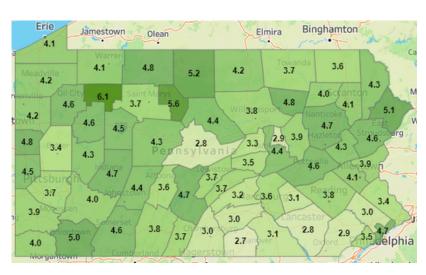
Employment Data

PA Employment Statistics

	May 2024	Monthly Change
Labor Force	6.61 (mil)	+ 10k
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	Even
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6.17 (mil)	+ 20k
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.9%	Even
12 Month Change		
Total Nonfarm Jobs	+ 97,100	1
Unemployment Rate	- 0.1%	-

Unemployment Rate by County

(Oct. 2023)

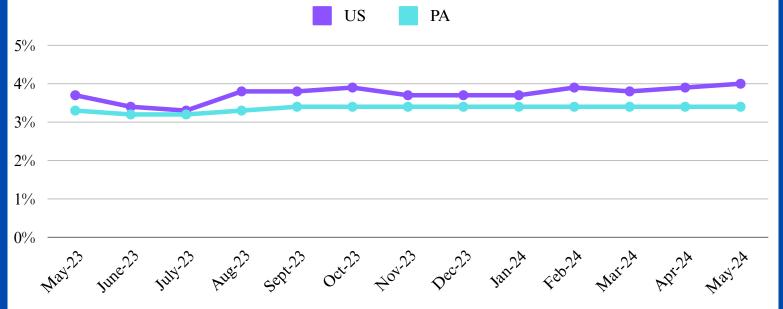


Surrounding States Unemployment May 2024:

DE: 3.9% MD: 2.7% NJ: 4.6%

NY: 4.2% OH: 4.2% WV: 4.2%

Unemployment Rate One Year Look Back



Information from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics - Philadelphia Area & Department of Labor and Industry

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