

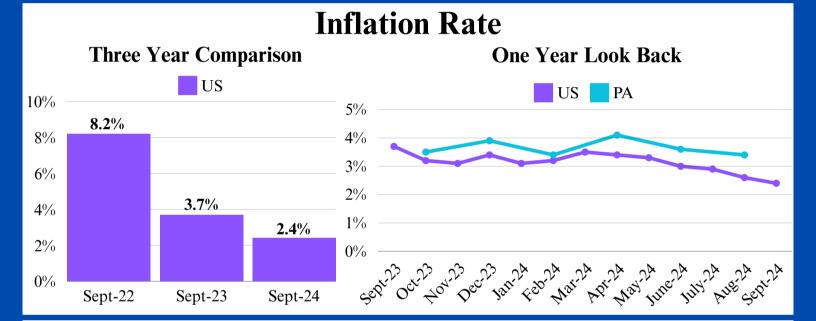
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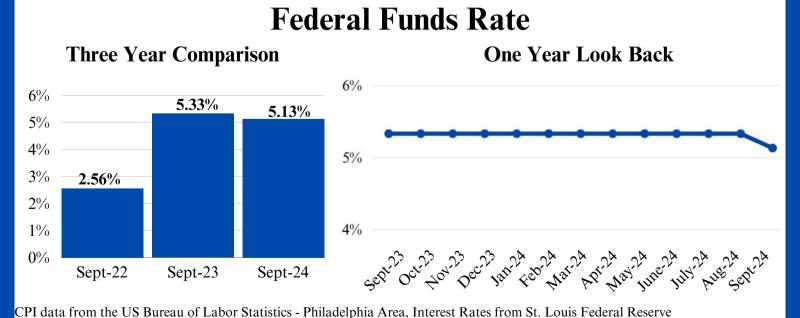
### **Economic Brief**





September's economic data marks the sixth straight month with a slight drop in national inflation; however, the national inflation rate still remains above the 2.0% Federal Reserve benchmark. The Commonwealth's unemployment rate has now held steady at 3.4% for an unprecedented 11th consecutive month. September's report shows the second straight month with a drop in the Labor Force Participation rate, while at the same time job growth continues in heavily publicly funded fields such as healthcare and education. Nationally, the unemployment rate dropped by 0.1% to 4.1%. Gas prices dropped in both Pennsylvania and nationally in September. Natural gas and electricity remained relatively unchanged.





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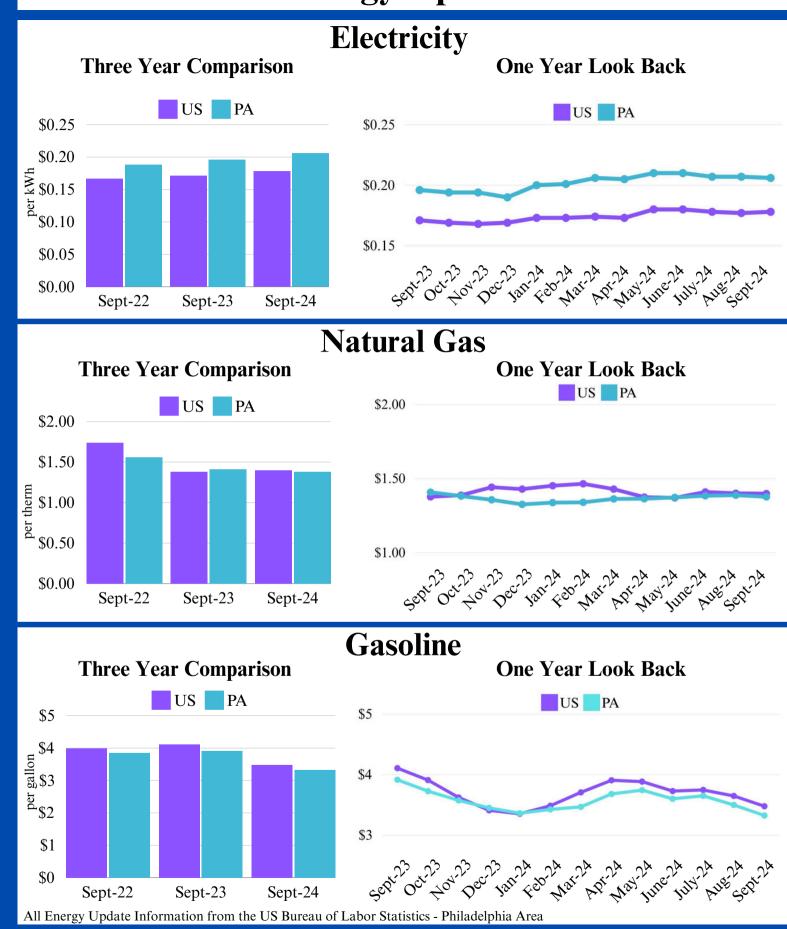
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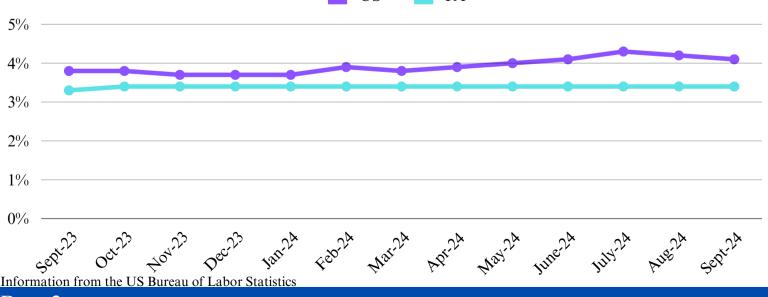
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## Pennsylvania Jobs Report

	<b>Sept 2024</b>	1 Month Change			12 Month Change		
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	Even			+ 0.1%		
Labor Force	6.56 (mil)	- 24,600			+ 27,431		
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	- 0.3%			+ 0.1%		
Total Nonfarm Jobs	6.21 (mil)	+ 6,800	+ 0.1%	1	+102,700	+ 1.7%	
Education & Health Services	1.38 (mil)	+ 3,300	+ 0.2%	1	+ 59,800	+ 4.5%	1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1.14 (mil)	- 3,400	- 0.3%	•	- 5,700	- 0.1%	•
Professional & Business Services	840,900	+ 2,100	+ 0.5%	1	- 1,000	- 0.0%	•
Government	700,400	+ 200	0.0%	1	+ 11,200	+ 1.6%	1
Leisure & Hospitality	594,300	+ 6,100	+ 1.0%	1	+ 30,600	+ 5.4%	
Manufacturing	566,300	- 500	- 0.1%	-	- 800	- 0.1%	-
Financial Activities	343,200	+/- 0	+/- 0.0%		+ 4,100	+1.2%	1
Construction	257,100	- 1,100	- 0.4%	-	- 2,900	- 1.1%	-
Information	91,700	- 1,000	- 1.1%	1	- 100	- 0.1%	1
Mining & Logging	23,100	- 100	- 0.4%	1	+ 600	+ 2.7%	1
Other Services	264,500	+ 1,200	+ 0.5%	1	+ 6,900	+ 2.7%	1

<b>Surrounding States Unemployment</b>	DE: 4.2%	MD: 2.9%	NJ: 4.7%	NY: 4.4%	OH: 4.5%	WV: 4.2%
1 Month Change	Even	Even	- 0.1%	Even	Even	Even

#### **Unemployment Rate One Year Look Back**



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