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Pennsylvania Unemployment sees Largest Decline in 30 years

Pennsylvania's number of unemployed dropped by 16,000 in November 2012, the largest decline since 1983 and the second largest decline on record.

The unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in November, down .03 from the October rate of 8.1 percent. This was the lowest rate for Pennsylvania since June. Pennsylvania's job total has risen in each of the past four months.

Additionally, the November jobs report brings the total job count, which includes private and public sector jobs, to 5,751,400, the highest level since November 2008. Fueling the job growth was a gain of 7,200 private sector jobs in November. The public sector however did not enjoy the same increase; rather, the public sector lost 5,300 jobs.

The following sectors enjoyed the largest gains:

- leisure & hospitality
- education & health services
- manufacturing

Since January 2011 the state has added 109,400 private sector jobs with 51,000 of those being added this year.

President Obama Re-nominates Thirty-Three to Federal Judgeships

Today, President Obama announced his re-nomination of 33 individuals for judgeships. President Obama was quoted as saying, "Many have been awaiting a vote for more than six months, even though they all enjoy bipartisan support. I continue to be grateful for their willingness to serve and remain confident that they will apply the law with the utmost impartiality and integrity. I urge the Senate to consider and confirm these nominees without delay, so all Americans can have equal and timely access to justice."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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