

Montgomery County Employment Update

October 2015

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (October 2015)
October 2015	437,900	420,100	17,700	4.0%	5.3%	5.0%
September 2015	435,800	418,500	17,300	4.0%	5.4%	5.1%
October 2014	434,100	415,100	19,000	4.4%	5.3%	5.7%

Perspective:

Montgomery County continues to have the 2nd lowest Unemployment Rate (4.0%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate fell by .1% in Pennsylvania to 5.3% and fell by .1% nationally to 5.0%.

Trends:

Top Industries by Number of Employees – Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional Scientific & Technical Services; Manufacturing

Top Employers by Number of Employees – Lockheed Martin Corp.; PRA Health Sciences; Pfizer Inc.; Abington Jefferson Health; Clemens Family Markets; Mercy Health Systems; Unisys Corp.

Top Occupational Groups by Projected Growth – Business & Financial Operations; Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations; Management; Education, Training & Library; Computer & Mathematical

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.0%	1,200
Cheltenham	4.3%	900
Horsham	3.7%	500
Lower Merion	3.4%	1,000
Lower Providence	4.0%	500
Montgomery	3.2%	500
Norristown	4.7%	800
Pottstown	5.5%	600
Upper Dublin	3.7%	500
Upper Merion	3.6%	600
Upper Moreland	4.2%	500

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
September 2015	847	44	19	10	2	12	\$14.94	\$11.30	\$10.02
Year-to-Date	3,471	187	88	37	18	42	\$13.97	\$15.56	\$9.83

WIOA – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; EARN – Employment Advancement & Retention Network
PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Theresa visited the PA Career Link® after she was laid off from her job of 23 years. She felt lost and, at times, even afraid of what her future held. Theresa met with a Career Counselor at The PA Career Link® where she received extensive coaching, attended several workshops including Fearless Interviewing, Emotional Intelligence, Jazz up Your Job Search, and Uncovering Career Options. She felt that taking the computer skills training would be the finishing touch and she would be ready for job searching with marketable skills and confidence in her abilities. Theresa was right! She gained employment with USM, Inc. as a Customer Service Representative earning 15.00 per hour.

The Youth Empowerment Program offered over 15 Holiday Youth Employment workshops. Each work-shop was sculpted to meet the needs of each group. In addition, one on one case management was delivered to participants including best practices on completing applications. Two of our participants, Tyler and Jamire, have become successfully employed with Marshalls. They completed their applications at the start-up of the seasonal recruitment program and delivered them directly to Marshalls located in West Norriton. A relationship had been forged with this employer though the Y.E.P office. Congratulations to both Jamire and Tyler, working an average of 15 – 20 hours per week at \$9 per hour.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted October 2015 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted September, 2015 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA), the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS) and Montgomery County Economic Outlook (CPWDC).