

Montgomery County Employment Update

November 2015

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (November 2015)
November 2015	437,800	420,800	17,100	3.9%	5.1%	5.0%
October 2015	437,500	419,800	17,700	4.1%	5.3%	5.0%
November 2014	433,400	414,900	18,500	4.3%	5.2%	5.8%

Perspective:

Montgomery County continues to have the 2nd lowest Unemployment Rate (3.9%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate fell by .2% in Pennsylvania to 5.1% and remained steady nationally at 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.; 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	3.8%	1,100
Cheltenham	4.1%	800
Horsham	3.3%	500
Lower Merion	3.1%	900
Lower Providence	3.8%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.3%	800
Pottstown	5.3%	600
Upper Dublin	3.4%	500
Upper Merion	3.5%	600
Upper Moreland	3.7%	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
November 2015	723	19	16	12	7	13	\$13.40	\$14.75	\$12.48
Year-to-Date	4,192	205	104	49	31	63	\$13.75	\$15.13	\$10.41

WIOA – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; EARN – Employment Advancement & Retention Network

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Arturo initially visited the PA Career Link® to attend a PREP session. During his visit, he learned that the PA Career Link® offered other services that he felt may benefit him. He later returned to attend a Welcome Aboard session where he learned about training opportunities and inquired about the necessary steps to embark on a training prospect. While preparing to begin training, Arturo attended the Resume Development and Succeeding in the Workplace workshops and he also received extensive one-on-one resume development. Arturo began an On-the-Job training opportunity with Preferred Automotive Specialists as a CDL Runner where he was able to demonstrate his value. He became an asset and was hired full-time at \$13.50 per hour.

Luckeya came to the EARN program determined to get employment. She participated in all the workshops and hiring events and understood the importance of applying the information to her job search. Luckeya completed the Customer Service training program where she received a Customer Service and Sales Certification from the National Retail Foundation. She also took advantage of an opportunity for service learning as the receptionist at the Career Development Center where she exemplified what she had learned in her training. She worked hard at improving her skills and become marketable as a self-assured and motivated individual. Her hard work paid off and she was hired in the newly opened Primark store in King of Prussia as a Retail Assistant earning \$9.50 per hour.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted October, 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).