

# Montgomery County Employment Update

December 2015

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (December 2015)
December 2015	439,300	423,000	16,300	3.7%	5.0%	5.0%
November 2015	437,500	420,500	17,000	3.9%	5.1%	5.0%
December 2014	433,100	414,700	18,400	4.2%	5.1%	5.6%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County continues to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest Unemployment Rate (3.7%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate fell by .1% in Pennsylvania to 5.0% and remained steady nationally at 5.0% for the second month in a row.

## 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.; Storeroom Solutions

**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	3.5%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.9%	800
Horsham	3.0%	400
Lower Merion	3.0%	900
Lower Providence	3.5%	400
Montgomery	2.8%	400
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	4.8%	600
Upper Dublin	3.0%	400
Upper Merion	3.4%	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
<b>December 2015</b>	857	19	10	5	7	6	\$13.20	\$19.27	\$13.47
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	5,048	255	114	58	39	70	\$13.88	\$16.06	\$10.66

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

## Success Stories:

Michael, a United States Marine Corps Veteran, was laid off from his job and immediately began visiting the PA Career Link® for assistance. He attended Welcome Aboard, signed up to attend Rev up Your Resume and posted his newly updated resume on JobGateway®. Michael was interested in gaining training as a CDL Driver to become more employable. He took the necessary steps and passed all required assessments to get approved for funding and enrolled in the Advanced Tractor Trailer Driving program with All-State Career. Michael completed his training program in November and started employment with Maverick Transportation in January as a full-time CDL Driver earning \$70,000 per year with benefits.

Laura enrolled in the EARN program with an unwavering determination to gain and maintain employment to support her family. She participated in all of the workshops and hiring events that were offered and understood the importance of applying the information she learned to her job search. Laura was selected to be the Receptionist in the Career Development Center where she displayed wonderful customer service abilities while learning about the job. Her desire to learn new skills led her to enroll in the Office Assistant program through the Montgomery Community College where, upon completion, she will receive an Office Assistant Certificate as well as a Certification in Microsoft Office 2013. She is continuing this training despite recently gaining full-time employment! Laura was hired as a Customer Service Representative with USM earning \$15 per hour and attributes part of her success to the support she received while in the EARN program.

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

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