

Montgomery County Employment Update

February 2016

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (February 2016)
February 2016	446,500	430,600	15,900	3.6%	4.6%	4.9%
January 2016	442,900	427,200	15,800	3.6%	4.7%	4.9%
February 2015	436,100	417,500	18,700	4.3%	5.3%	5.5%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate remained steady at 3.6%. The Unemployment Rate fell by another .2% in Pennsylvania to 4.6% and the national level remained at 4.9%.

Trends:

Top Employers by Online Job Postings – Bayada Home Health Care; CRST International, Inc.; CVS Caremark Corporation; GlaxoSmithKline; Hogan Transports; Merck & Co., Inc.; Navajo Express, Inc.; Oracle Corporation; Randstad Holding; USA Truck, Inc.

Top Industries by Number of Employees – Health Care & Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional Scientific & Tech. Services; Manufacturing; Admin., Support, Waste Management, Remediation; Finance & Insurance; Accommodation & Food Services; Education Services; Wholesale Trade; Construction

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.8%	800
Horsham	3.6%	500
Lower Merion	3.1%	900
Lower Providence	3.9%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.9%	900
Pottstown	5.4%	600
Upper Dublin	3.3%	500
Upper Merion	3.5%	600
Upper Moreland	4.3%	600

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
February 2016	1,032	43	24	5	4	12	\$13.36	\$19.00	\$12.39
Year-to-Date	7,063	248	147	72	81	86	\$14.33	\$16.76	\$10.91

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

Success Stories:

Mariah learned about the PA CareerLink® through the Unemployment Compensation process. She visited the PA CareerLink® to attend a Welcome Aboard session and at that time Mariah signed up for the Rev up Your Resume and LinkedIn workshops. Over the course of several visits to the PA Career Link® Mariah began the process of learning about training opportunities and applying for WIA eligibility. Mariah was interested in the healthcare field and was able to successfully pass assessment testing to secure grant funding for Certified Nursing Assistant training at Central Montco Technical School. Mariah attended and completed her training and gained employment as a CNA shortly after graduating with Assisting Hands Home Care. Mariah is working fulltime, earning \$11 per hour, and is very happy with her employment helping individuals in her field of interest.

Leticia started the EARN program in November, 2015, determined to quickly gain sustainable employment. She maximized her time and attended all available workshops and was even able to brush up on her skills at the front desk of the Career Development Center as the Receptionist. She instantly took initiative and began to focus on her marketable skills and became a role model for other program participants. Leticia created a front desk manual as a guide for herself but also for other participants that would be at the front desk. In February, 2016, Leticia was offered a fulltime position, with benefits, at the Public Consulting Group as an Administrative Assistant earning \$21.64 per hour. Leticia expressed her gratitude for the teamwork displayed by the EARN staff and she believed her time with the EARN was both encouraging and life changing.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted February 2016 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted January, 2016 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).