

Montgomery County Employment Update

March 2016

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (March 2016)
March 2016	448,700	431,900	16,800	3.7%	4.6%	5.0%
February 2016	446,900	430,800	16,100	3.6%	4.6%	4.9%
March 2015	436,200	417,800	18,400	4.2%	5.3%	5.5%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.7%. The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 4.6% and the national level increased by .1% to 5.0%.

Trends:

Top Online Job Postings by Occupation – Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Retail Salesperson; First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers.

Top Online Job Postings by Employer – Oracle Corporation; CRST International, Inc.; CVS Caremark Corporation.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.0%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.9%	800
Horsham	3.9%	600
Lower Merion	2.9%	800
Lower Providence	4.1%	500
Montgomery	3.2%	500
Norristown	4.9%	900
Pottstown	5.6%	700
Upper Dublin	3.2%	400
Upper Merion	3.4%	600
Upper Moreland	4.5%	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
March 2016	840	48	14	8	12	13	\$13.36	\$20.75	\$12.00
Year-to-Date	7,903	299	161	78	141	99	\$14.24	\$16.72	\$11.05

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

Success Stories:

Linda found herself in need of assistance with her job search and decided to visit the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County. She completed the eligibility process and was found to be a perfect match for an On-the-Job Training opportunity that needed to be filled. Linda was placed at Clear Align, an optical engineering company based in Eagleville, as an Optical Assembly Specialist. Linda completed the training period and has been hired as a full-time Optical Assembly Specialist earning \$11 per hour with benefits and is very happy with her employment.

Noel was referred through the Your Way Home program for job search assistance and met with a Career Coach to review his resume information and employment goals. Noel indicated that he was experienced in janitorial and building maintenance and was also customer service oriented. He also informed the Career Coach that he had a criminal background, as recent as 2015. The Career Coach contacted the Recruiter to see if any positions were available at Preferred Automotive Specialists, an employer known for offering second chance opportunities. The employer was very interested in meeting Noel and staff began coordinating to assist Noel with tokens, interview appropriate clothing, and interview preparation. Noel was offered full-time employment, through an On-the-Job Training Opportunity, as a Detailer, making \$11 per hour. As a detailer, having the ability to drive the vehicles is an asset but Noel's driver's license was suspended. Because Noel was doing so well, the employer provided the funds to have his license reinstated and is even being looked at for an advanced position. Noel is very excited to have stability and a job he enjoys.

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

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