

# Montgomery County Employment Update

April 2016

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (April 2016)
April 2016	450,100	431,400	18,700	4.2%	4.9%	5.0%
March 2016	448,200	431,300	16,900	3.8%	4.6%	5.0%
April 2015	439,000	420,200	18,800	4.3%	5.3%	5.4%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .5% to 4.2%. The Unemployment Rate also increased in Pennsylvania by .3% to 4.9% and the national level remained steady at 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.; Merck & Co, Inc.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,200
Cheltenham	4.3%	900
Horsham	3.8%	600
Lower Merion	3.3%	1,000
Lower Providence	4.0%	500
Montgomery	3.4%	500
Norristown	4.5%	800
Pottstown	5.3%	600
Upper Dublin	3.4%	500
Upper Merion	3.6%	600
Upper Moreland	4.7%	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
<b>April 2016</b>	754	30	21	4	10	8	\$12.03	\$21.40	\$9.44
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	8,655	331	182	85	151	107	\$14.10	\$17.20	\$10.93

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

## Success Stories:

Chris came to the PA CareerLink® after being laid off from a construction company and having difficulty finding other work. He attended numerous workshops including resume writing and interviewing to improve his job searching skills as he had not previously conducted a standard job search obtaining prior positions mostly through networking. He worked closely with a Career Counselor and the recruitment team to get job leads that would be a good fit. After reviewing labor market information, Chris thought training would be his best option and settled on the HVAC program at North Montco Technical Career Center. Upon completion of training, Chris landed a position as a Maintenance Supervisor at Beth Sholom in Elkins Park where he is able to utilize his past experience and his newly learned skills to make \$28 per hour and have a secure and fulfilling job.

Devan enrolled in the EARN Program in mid-April 2016 and by the first week in May had started employment. Devan was motivated to secure employment quickly and took full advantage of the resources offered by the EARN Program. Having experience and talent in the areas of Administrative/Customer Service and Healthcare, she worked with the Career Coach to develop two resumes to market her in either field. Devan prepared to attend the Montgomery County 2016 PA CareerLink® Job Fair by participating in the Career Readiness workshops. She had a very productive day at the job fair and secured several interviews resulting in not one, but two job offers. Devan started part-time employment with Menu 1-2-3, as a Dispatcher making \$10 per hour. Devan is now pending an advanced On-the-Job Training opportunity as a full-time Nursing Assistant with Eagleville Hospital, paying \$12.25 per hour with a total compensation package of Health and Dental Insurance, 403B, PTO and much more.

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

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