

# Montgomery County Employment Update

May 2016

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (May 2016)
May 2016	449,800	429,700	20,100	4.5%	5.3%	4.7%
April 2016	450,400	431,600	18,700	4.2%	4.9%	5.0%
May 2015	440,900	421,700	19,200	4.4%	5.2%	5.5%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .3% to 4.5%. The Unemployment Rate also increased in Pennsylvania by .4% to 5.3% and the national level fell .3% to 4.7%.

## Trends:

**Top Online Job Postings by Occupation** – Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Registered Nurses; Retail Salespersons.

**Top Online Job Postings by Employer** – Oracle Corporation; Merck & Co, Inc.; People Share Inc.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	4.3%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.7%	1,000
Horsham	4.1%	600
Lower Merion	3.7%	1,100
Lower Providence	4.2%	500
Montgomery	3.7%	600
Norristown	5.0%	900
Pottstown	5.7%	700
Upper Dublin	3.6%	500
Upper Merion	3.7%	600
Upper Moreland	4.9%	700

## 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>May 2016</b>	860	26	20	5	7	18	\$12.30	\$15.85	\$9.30
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	9,528	358	202	90	184	125	\$13.99	\$17.14	\$10.69

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

## Success Stories:

Lisa came to the PA CareerLink® after being laid off by her employer of eight years. She met with a Career Counselor because she felt that her age and the lack of prospects in the interior design field. Lisa contemplated between getting additional training in her field or potentially using her skills to transition into a different field entirely. After attending the computer training class, several workshops, updating her resume and several networking events, she was able to regain her confidence. She was referred to the recruitment division to do a targeted job search. She went on several interviews and was able to get valuable feedback to assist with future interviews. Her persistence paid off when she interview with Randstad. She was hired as a Project Assistant for a company that installs data centers at \$17.00 per hour.

Carmen was enrolled in the EARN Program in February 2016 and was also, at the time, a participant in the Your Way Home Program and was living in a shelter with her family. Carmen was very motivated to secure employment quickly to assist with her housing situation. She took full advantage of all workshops, short-term training and community service opportunities available to make that happen. Carmen completed the MS Office training and became MS Office Certified. Her resume was updated and several interviews were obtained. Carmen and her family transitioned into a home and coincidentally one of her interviews was with Strategic Alliance Staffing Solutions that is located across the street from her new home. Carmen was offered a full-time Customer Service Representative position, making \$10.00 per hour in the office of Strategic Alliance Staffing Solutions. Carmen is using her newly acquired skills and her bi-lingual ability in her role and is also paying it forward by listing job openings with the EARN Program.

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

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