

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2016

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (June 2016)
June 2016	450,800	432,400	18,400	4.1%	5.5%	4.9%
May 2016	450,200	430,000	20,200	4.5%	5.3%	4.7%
June 2015	442,300	423,300	19,000	4.3%	5.2%	5.3%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate fell by .4% to 4.1% and now has the 2nd lowest rate of all Workforce Development Areas in the Commonwealth. The Unemployment Rate increased in Pennsylvania by .2% to 5.5% and the national level also increased by .2% to 4.9%.

Trends:

Top Online Job Postings by Occupation are Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Registered Nurses; Retail Salespersons, remaining unchanged from last month.

Top Online Job Postings by Employer are from Oracle Corporation; Merck & Co, Inc.; People Share Inc., remaining unchanged from last month.

Township/Borough June 2016	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.4%	900
Horsham	4.1%	600
Lower Merion	3.8%	1,200
Lower Providence	4.6%	600
Montgomery	3.7%	600
Norristown	4.9%	900
Pottstown	5.8%	700
Upper Dublin	3.6%	500
Upper Merion	3.6%	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
June 2016	822	22	16	12	15	13	\$13.59	\$17.84	\$10.42
Year-to-Date	10,350	381	218	102	227	149	\$13.95	\$17.35	\$10.49

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Sylvia came to the PA CareerLink® in January, 2016 having not worked in two years. She wanted training to add skills to her resume and make herself more marketable to employers. She wanted to attend the Office Administration program offered through the Montgomery County Community College. After being deemed eligible for WIOA funds and completing the necessary steps to be approved for training, she started at the end of February. Sylvia worked hard to complete the 16 week course and did so in June. She immediately began aggressively job hunting and working with her Career Coach to get additional job leads and also attended on-site recruitment events. Sylvia's persistence and dedication to success paid off and she was hired as a Customer Service Representative with Reimbursement Technologies earning \$14.00 per hour.

Madeline enrolled in the EARN program ready to find meaningful employment. She had experience in administrative and customer service roles and wanted to continue in that field. Madeline participated in self-education using on-line tutorial tools to brush up on her skills. She had assistance with updating her resume to include her most recent job and she was also served through PA Workwear to assist with interview clothing. Madeline participated in all workshops, was very active in her job search, attended several PA CareerLink® recruitment events and community job fairs and was successful in obtaining interviews but was not finding a match. Through a strong relationship with a local law firm, staff passed along Madeline's resume and she was immediately called in for an interview. She was offered a full-time position with Joel Cardis, LLC as a Legal Assistant earning \$12.00 per hour.

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

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