

Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2016

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (July 2016)
July 2016	451,600	433,800	17,800	3.9%	5.6%	4.9%
June 2016	450,900	432,400	18,400	4.1%	5.5%	4.9%
July 2015	440,500	422,800	17,800	4.0%	5.1%	5.3%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate fell by .2% to 3.9% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County. The Unemployment Rate increased in Pennsylvania by .1% to 5.6% and the national level remained steady at 4.9%.

Trends:

Top Industries by Number of Employees are Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional Scientific and Technical Services; Manufacturing; Finance and Insurance.

Top Occupations by Projected Percentage Annual Growth (2012-2022) are Home Health Aides; Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists; Registered Nurses; Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Construction Laborers.

Township/Borough June 2016	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.5%	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 (7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
July 2016	931	7	23	13	17	14	\$15.45	\$17.17	\$8.98
Year-to-Date	931	7	23	13	17	14	\$15.45	\$17.17	\$8.98

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

Success Stories:

Roseanna came to the PA CareerLink® in need of training because she was looking to get out of retail after being laid off after working 13 years at Macy's. She was made WIA eligible and completed all required pre work and signed up for a healthcare training but unfortunately, the provider did not have enough interest and the course was cancelled. Roseanna was having a difficult time finding a new school that offered what she was looking for and, in the meantime, her unemployment ran. She attended the recruitment event held for Fresh Grocer in Willow Grove and obtained part time employment. She continued to pursue training and chose Medical Billing/Coding/Terminology and Certified Nursing at North Montco Technical Career Center. She continued working part time, completed training, passed her test and became a Certified Nursing Assistant. Roseanna was referred to a position at Regina Nursing Center and was hired as a CNA earning \$13.54 per hour. She persevered and it paid off, she is now happily employed in the healthcare field helping people on a daily basis.

Dinette had been out of the workforce for over three years at the time of her enrollment in the EARN program. She had over 10 years' experience in the custodial field, having worked for a local school district. She indicated that she was looking forward to returning to work, but felt "out of the loop" since she had been unemployed for so long. Dinette was receptive to all suggestions and guidance offered by the EARN Career Development Team, and absorbed the information received from the daily workshops. She worked on her resume, was outfitted with interview clothing and supplied with job leads. Although Dinette had numerous interviews, and attended several job fairs, many of the opportunities were not a good fit for her family obligations. Finally, she attended a PA CareerLink® recruitment event for Savers and was hired for a full time Sales Associate position earning \$9.00 per hour with benefits. She has maintained contact with EARN staff and indicates that she likes her job and especially her coworkers.

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

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