

Montgomery County Employment Update

October 2016

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
October 2016	450,400	430,000	20,400	4.5%	5.8%	4.9%
September 2016	452,300	432,500	19,800	4.4%	5.7%	5.0%
October 2015	441,800	425,300	16,500	3.7%	4.8%	5.0%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 4.5% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind only Chester County. The Unemployment Rate increased by .1% in Pennsylvania to 5.8% and the national level fell by .1% to 4.9%.

Trends:

Top Industries by Number of Employees are Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional Scientific and Technical Services; Manufacturing; Admin., Support, Waste Management, Remediation.

Top Industries by Projected Employment Change (2014-2024) are Individual & Family Services; Employment Services; Computer Systems Design & Related Services; Community Care Facilities for the Elderly; Other General Merchandise Stores; Home Health Care Services.

Township/Borough October 2016	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.4%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.6%	1,000
Horsham	4.1%	600
Lower Merion	3.8%	1,100
Lower Providence	4.3%	500
Montgomery	4.1%	600
Norristown	5.4%	1,000
Pottstown	5.7%	700
Upper Dublin	4.0%	600
Upper Merion	3.7%	600
Upper Moreland	4.6%	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
October 2016	688	19	21	16	11	9	\$13.41	\$16.65	\$10.83
Year-to-Date	3,143	61	86	68	83	55	\$13.88	\$16.14	\$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:

Mary came to the PA CareerLink® after having been laid off from her job of three years. She enjoyed the field of purchasing but despite working with her Career Coach on resume improvements and interviewing techniques, she was unable to find a job. Mary decided to pursue training to improve her skills and become more marketable. She signed up to take the Production Planning Material Management training at the Information & Technical Management Training Center which offered a hybrid of online and onsite coursework. It did not take long to realize she had made the right decision. Upon completion of training, Mary began working as a Purchasing Assistant for AES Cleaning Technologies earning \$20.00 per hour with benefits. Mary worked hard to become as employable as possible in her desired field and her perseverance helped make her goal attainable.

Carmella enrolled in the EARN program as a single mother of four children. Right from the start, she informed her Career Coach that pursuing a career in Healthcare was important to her because she felt it would be rewarding to be in a field centered on helping people. Carmella participated in a community service activity at the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities where she discovered the joy and satisfaction of giving back to her community. She helped organize the food pantry and dry goods department, completed data entry, and performed other administrative tasks. When Carmella came back onsite for job search, she attended a recruitment event at the PA CareerLink® for Delaware Valley Residential Care. Carmella was offered a position as a fulltime Residential Advisor at \$11.00 per hour. She was able to put her dream in motion and is working in her desired field and giving back to the community at the same time.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted September, 2016 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA), and the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS).