

# Montgomery County Employment Update

April 2017

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
April 2017	449,000	430,500	18,400	4.1%	4.9%	4.4%
March 2017	446,600	429,900	16,700	3.7%	4.8%	4.5%
April 2016	447,200	427,500	19,600	4.4%	5.5%	5.0%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .4% to 4.1% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.8%) and Lancaster County (3.8%). The Unemployment Rate increased by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.9% and the national level decreased by .1% to 4.4%.

## 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 Number of Establishments** are Professional Scientific and Technical Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Construction; Accommodation and Food Services.

Township/Borough April 2017	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.7%	1,100
Cheltenham	4.1%	900
Horsham	3.5%	500
Lower Merion	3.1%	900
Lower Providence	3.9%	500
Montgomery	3.2%	500
Norristown	4.8%	900
Pottstown	5.2%	600
Upper Dublin	3.0%	400
Upper Merion	3.5%	600
Upper Moreland	3.8%	500

## Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA			PA			PA		
	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
<b>April 2017</b>	736	13	22	18	11	17	\$11.11	\$22.89	\$9.71
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	8,039	215	187	164	183	139	\$13.81	\$17.24	\$10.43

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

## Success Stories:

Randi enrolled in the EARN program as part of a two parent household. During her time at EARN, her family faced extraordinary barriers including a fight against homelessness. Randi was given a two month warning of when they needed to be out of their current residence. She immediately contacted the homeless hotline and got on the list for temporary shelter placement. During this time of uncertainty, Randi remained diligent and determined in her search for a career that would help to support her family. She attended many workshops offered at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County including QuickBooks, Contemporary Correspondence, Exploring LinkedIn, and Developing a Personal Brand. Randi found out about a Payroll Technician Certification training program offered at the Montgomery County Community College and knew that was her missing piece. She went through the WIOA eligibility and assessment process and was able to enroll. Randi was able to successfully juggle her family life, occupational skills training and job search without ever complaining about her situation. After residing in several shelters, Randi saw the benefits of her determination all come to light within a couple of months. She found safe and stable housing for her family, she completed her training and earned her Payroll Technician Certification and landed a job as a Deposit Clerk for Wellspring Capital Management earning \$10.00 per hour with room for advancement. Randi is a true testament to taking full advantage of all the services offered through both EARN and the PA CareerLink® and hopes to be able to return once she completes retention to be able to share her story with other participants.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted April 2017 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted April, 2017 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA), and the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS).