

Montgomery County Employment Update

May 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
May 2017	449,000	430,200	18,800	4.2%	5.0%	4.3%
April 2017	449,900	431,500	18,400	4.1%	4.9%	4.4%
May 2016	446,300	428,200	18,100	4.1%	5.5%	4.7%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 4.2% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.9%) and Lancaster County (4.0%). The Unemployment Rate increased by .1% in Pennsylvania to 5.0% and the national level decreased by .1% to 4.3%.

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 May 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.2%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.6%	1,000
Horsham	4.1%	600
Lower Merion	3.8%	1,100
Lower Providence	4.3%	600
Montgomery	3.7%	600
Norristown	5.3%	1,000
Pottstown	5.5%	700
Upper Dublin	3.8%	500
Upper Merion	3.9%	700
Upper Moreland	4.3%	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
May 2017	864	22	20	14	11	16	\$13.50	\$16.21	\$10.75
Year-to-Date	8,909	237	207	178	202	155	\$13.78	\$17.06	\$10.57

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Prior to visiting the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County, Luke completed high school and immediately enrolled in the United States Army Reserves. During his time in the Army, he worked in fence installation and decided to visit the PA CareerLink® to find out how he could use his transferable skills from the military to secure employment as a civilian. He met with a Business Services Representative who thought he would be a great candidate for an on-the-job training position with Premier Contracting because of his military background and prior work experience. Luke went through the WIOA eligibility process, interviewed for the position and was hired as a Weatherization Technician. He completed the OJT and was hired fulltime earning \$12.50 per hour.

Warren enrolled in the EARN program as an unemployed, single-father with hopes that he would be able to utilize all of the services and workshops offered to find stable employment to take care of his family. From the very beginning, Warren showed signs that he was going to be successful. He was very diligent in his job search, went on multiple interviews, communicated with staff and always displayed a positive attitude. Warren was a model participant and because he was so committed to creating a better situation for his family, he was able to find fulltime employment within three weeks of his enrollment. Warren was hired as a Roll-Up Driver for Waste Management Corporation earning \$20.00 per hour with benefits and is grateful to be able to provide a better life for his daughter.

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

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