

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
June 2017	448,700	431,900	16,800	3.7%	5.0%	4.4%
May 2017	449,500	430,700	18,800	4.2%	5.0%	4.3%
June 2016	445,600	427,200	18,500	4.1%	5.5%	4.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate preliminarily decreased by .5% to 3.7% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.4%). The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 5.0% and the national level increased by .1% to 4.4%. All rates are lower than the same time last year.

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 June 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.8%	1,200
Cheltenham	4.3%	900
Horsham	3.8%	600
Lower Merion	3.4%	1,000
Lower Providence	4.5%	600
Montgomery	3.5%	500
Norristown	4.8%	900
Pottstown	5.5%	700
Upper Dublin	3.5%	500
Upper Merion	3.5%	600
Upper Moreland	3.9%	500

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
June 2017	780	16	24	17	14	20	\$15.92	\$16.48	\$12.26
Year-to-Date	9,692	253	231	197	228	175	\$14.10	\$17.15	\$10.64

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

Success Stories:

Robert came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County with an interest in training. He had experience as a mechanic/lube technician and as a delivery driver so he and his Career Coach thought it best to build upon his existing skill set to advance his career path. Robert decided that CDL training with Smith & Solomon would be his best option but had concerns about finding employment with a criminal record. With the help of his Career Coach, Robert was able to find several second chance employers in need of CDL Drivers so he was encouraged that with hard work, he would be able to increase his employability. He completed his training and passed his state exam despite housing and financial concerns that arose along the way. Robert was hired with GM Specialties as a Driver/Transporter earning \$15 per hour with benefits. He is grateful to have a job where he can use his skills while earning a sustainable income.

Adria enrolled in the EARN program determined to follow her passion of cooking despite not having professional experience or certifications. Her Career Coach helped get her registered for the Common Grounds Food Service Training to Employment Program through Manna on Main Street. Adria was enjoying the training but was unsure she would be able to complete the course work once she and her daughter became homeless. Her Career Coach and staff from Manna on Main Street collaborated to find her temporary housing and adjust her class schedule to ensure she would be able to finish the program. Adria persevered despite her temporary setback and completed the program earning her ServSafe® certificate and was hired by Manna on Main Street as a Café Assistant, earning \$13 per hour doing what she loves.

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

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