

Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
July 2017	449,100	432,400	16,800	3.7%	5.0%	4.3%
June 2017	449,000	432,200	16,800	3.7%	5.0%	4.4%
July 2016	448,400	429,900	18,500	4.1%	5.5%	4.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate stayed at 3.7% and remains 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 decreased by .1% to 4.3%. 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; Finance and Insurance.

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

Township/Borough July 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.3%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.8%	1,000
Horsham	4.2%	600
Lower Merion	3.8%	1,100
Lower Providence	5.0%	700
Montgomery	3.8%	600
Norristown	5.2%	1,000
Pottstown	5.8%	700
Upper Dublin	4.0%	600
Upper Merion	3.7%	600
Upper Moreland	4.3%	600

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
July 2017	847	10	25	16	8	15	\$14.99	\$18.05	\$12.49
Year-to-Date	847	10	25	16	8	15	\$14.99	\$18.05	\$12.49

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 to get assistance in finding a job. Having some barriers including a seven-year employment gap and a criminal record, Robert was hopeful that the staff and services at the PA CareerLink® could help him. He attended the Welcome Aboard orientation and discovered some potential training opportunities that aligned with his career goals. After meeting with his Career Coach, Robert signed up for Payroll Technician training, a micro-credential course offered by the Montgomery County Community College. He completed the coursework and immediately started working with his Career Coach on job search skills, interviewing skills and attended relevant workshops. The Business Services Team led Robert to Orbit Software where he was hired fulltime as a Sales and Marketing Assistant earning \$13 per hour with benefits. Robert overcame his barriers and is thrilled to be working and using the analytical skills he learned while in training.

Janese enrolled in the EARN program hoping to gain employment that would enable her to obtain and maintain stable housing while providing for her family. She took advantage of the resources offered through EARN and attended workshops on Emotional Wellness, Conflict Resolution in the Workplace, Team Building, and Interviewing. Janese worked with her Career Coach as well as the Business Services Team to apply for jobs in the Food Services industry. She attended recruitment events that provided for one on one interaction with employers which helped build her confidence. The preparation paid off and Janese was hired for a fulltime position as a Line Cook with JC's Three Square Meals earning \$13 per hour.

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

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