

Montgomery County Employment Update

August 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
August 2017	447,200	430,400	16,800	3.8%	4.9%	4.4%
July 2017	449,900	433,100	16,800	3.7%	5.0%	4.3%
August 2016	448,400	429,600	18,800	4.2%	5.5%	4.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.8% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.4%). The Unemployment Rate decreased by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.9% 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; 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 August 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,200
Cheltenham	4.6%	1,000
Horsham	4.0%	600
Lower Merion	3.5%	1,000
Lower Providence	4.6%	600
Montgomery	3.7%	600
Norristown	4.9%	900
Pottstown	5.7%	700
Upper Dublin	3.8%	500
Upper Merion	3.4%	600
Upper Moreland	4.0%	500

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
August 2017	729	16	20	7	11	15	\$14.78	\$19.59	\$11.29
Year-to-Date	1,576	26	45	23	19	31	\$14.93	\$19.54	\$11.89

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

Success Stories:

When Sean initially started attending PA CareerLink® Montgomery County, he was unsure of his career path. He had recently relocated from Massachusetts and wanted a fresh start. Despite facing multiple barriers including living in a new community, a criminal background, and probation stipulations, Sean made the commitment to attend the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County for assistance in trying to figure out his next steps and what career path would be best suited for him. He met with his Career Coach numerous times and utilized CareerScope® and one-on-one sessions and determined that obtaining his CDL-A would set him on a path of financial and career stability. Sean was accepted into Smith and Solomon's training program and successfully obtained his CDL-A. Very soon after, he secured a full-time driving position with Paschall Truck Lines earning \$16.00 per hour with benefits and could not be happier with his career choice.

Sherry began the EARN program after moving from Charlotte, NC with her 14-year-old daughter to get a fresh start after encountering some family issues that made relocating necessary. Upon enrollment, Sherry expressed her desire to continue her career in business administration with a goal of working at a funeral home. Sherry knew the odds were stacked against her considering she was unemployed, living in a new state, and over the age of 55. She did not let any of that stop her and chose to embrace her new start with a positive attitude and full support from the entire EARN staff. After she had an opportunity to update her resume and learn new interview techniques through workshops, Sherry interviewed with several funeral homes. Her positivity and perseverance landed her a position at Ervina White Beauford Funeral Home as Assistant to the Director earning \$12.50 per hour with the potential for benefits.

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

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