

Montgomery County Employment Update

September 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
September 2017	448,900	432,100	16,800	3.7%	4.8%	4.2%
August 2017	447,600	430,800	16,800	3.8%	4.9%	4.4%
September 2016	449,600	430,300	19,400	4.3%	5.5%	4.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .1% to 3.7% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.5%). The Unemployment Rate decreased again by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.8% and the national level fell by .2% to 4.2%. 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 Mgmt., Remediation.

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 September 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.7%	1,100
Cheltenham	4.0%	800
Horsham	3.8%	600
Lower Merion	3.3%	1,000
Lower Providence	3.6%	500
Montgomery	3.2%	500
Norristown	4.6%	800
Pottstown	4.8%	600
Upper Dublin	3.5%	500
Upper Merion	3.1%	500
Upper Moreland	3.8%	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
September 2017	601	6	25	13	12	20	\$13.65	\$21.97	\$10.98
Year-to-Date	2,177	32	70	36	40	51	\$13.87	\$21.09	\$11.57

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

Success Stories:

Derrick came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County as part of the Profile Re-Employment Program (PREP) and met with an Intake Specialist, after attending the PREP Orientation, to discuss employment opportunities as a Dislocated Worker. As a construction laborer recently laid off from Coronados Pool Plaster, Inc., in Telford, Derrick wanted to continue working in this industry. He was referred to a Career Coach to discuss available job opportunities. During the career counseling session, it was discovered that Derrick is an Army Veteran who served as a Heavy Wheel and Truck Mechanic. Derrick showed interest when presented with the Gas Distribution Pipeline Mechanic training offered at the Montgomery County Community College. Concerned with finding financially sustainable employment, he made the decision to complete the necessary steps to obtain the training funds through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to attend the two-month training. He was hopeful that upon completion, he would be in a better position to find a job with a good salary and benefits. Derrick maintained open communication with his Career Coach during the training process for guidance and encouragement. After the completion of training, Derrick met with several employers that attended the graduation to discuss potential employment opportunities. Not even two weeks after completing his course, Derrick started a fulltime position as a Gas Pipeline Mechanic with Utility Line Services, in Conshohocken, earning \$24.95 per hour with benefits. He maximized the resources offered through the PA CareerLink® and found a career where he can utilize both his existing and newly acquired skills to challenge himself while making a positive impact in the community.

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

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