

Montgomery County Employment Update

October 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
October 2017	448,100	432,200	15,900	3.5%	4.7%	4.1%
September 2017	448,700	431,800	16,800	3.8%	4.8%	4.2%
October 2016	449,400	429,900	19,500	4.3%	5.5%	4.8%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate preliminarily decreased by .2% to 3.5% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.3%). The Unemployment Rate decreased again by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.7% and the national level fell by .1% to 4.1%.

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 October 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.6%	1,100
Cheltenham	3.6%	700
Horsham	3.3%	500
Lower Merion	2.9%	900
Lower Providence	3.4%	400
Montgomery	3.0%	500
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	4.6%	500
Upper Dublin	3.1%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.7%	500

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA			PA			PA		
	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
October 2017	626	6	26	10	8	18	\$14.55	\$14.28	\$12.59
Year-to-Date	2,804	38	96	46	49	68	\$13.99	\$19.69	\$11.86

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

Success Stories:

Dinah enrolled in the EARN program knowing that her goal was to work in the healthcare field because she had taken care of family members in the past and knew that she could succeed. She had barriers to overcome because she had just moved away from her family and did not have a network of support financially or emotionally. Dinah met with her EARN Career Coach and together, they laid out a plan for her to get started on her career path. She went to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County to learn the steps needed to obtain Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding to attend occupational skills training. Dinah successfully passed her WIOA assessments and was approved to attend Dotlen Academy's Certified Nurse Aide training. She completed the coursework and the clinical aspects of her training but did not feel ready for the certification exam. Dotlen's student services staff assisted Dinah with exam preparation to build her confidence and with rigorous studying, she passed and became a Certified Nurse Aide. Just two weeks later, she secured a fulltime position, working over 50 hours per week as a Home Health Aide earning \$11.00 per hour. Dinah is excited to be working and helping people at the same time and looks forward to continued growth within her field.

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

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