

Montgomery County Employment Update

November 2017

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
November 2017	447,000	430,000	17,100	3.8%	4.6%	4.1%
October 2017	448,100	432,200	15,900	3.5%	4.7%	4.1%
November 2016	449,600	430,900	18,700	4.2%	5.5%	4.6%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .3% to 3.8% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.5%) and Lancaster County (3.6%). The Unemployment Rate decreased again by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.6% and the national level remained steady at 4.1%.

Trends:

Top Industries by Number of Employees are Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional and Technical Services; Manufacturing; Administrative and Waste Services.

Top Industries by Number of Establishments are Professional and Technical Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Other Services, excluding Public Admin; Construction; Finance and Insurance.

Township/Borough November 2017	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.5%	1,100
Cheltenham	3.7%	800
Horsham	3.4%	500
Lower Merion	2.9%	900
Lower Providence	3.6%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	4.7%	600
Upper Dublin	3.1%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.6%	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
November 2017	585	6	26	8	12	10	\$17.76	\$19.55	\$10.22
Year-to-Date	3,382	44	125	54	64	82	\$14.66	\$19.66	\$11.63

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

Success Stories:

Nina came into the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County with the goal of finding a career. She was working part time as a packer and sorter for UPS and as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Rockledge Fire Department. Under-employed with no real direction for a Career-Pathway, Nina inquired about the Gas Pipeline Distribution Mechanic Training at Montgomery County Community College after seeing flyers posted around the office. She met with a Career Coach for details on the training program and took the next step of signing up for an information session where she learned about the demands of the training and the nature of the industry directly from the course instructors and local employers from the field. After the information session, Nina completed all the registration requirements to obtain funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). She successfully completed the course and was excited to start putting her knowledge to work. Nina took the time to work on her resume and did several mock interviews so she would feel comfortable and confident when she would be interviewed by an employer. Her practice paid off as she was offered an interview with Henkels and McCoy. She demonstrated the skills and knowledge that they were looking for and was hired as a full-time Pipeline Mechanic, with a starting wage of \$21.00 per hour with benefits and the option to join the union. She could not be happier with her decision to pursue training.

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

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