Montgomery County Employment Update

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
December 2017	446,000	428,300	17,700	4.0%	4.7%	4.1%
November 2017	447,000	430,000	17,100	3.8%	4.6%	4.1%
December 2016	449,500	430,900	18,600	4.1%	5.4%	4.7%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .2% to 4.0% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.7%) and Lancaster County (3.7%). The Unemployment Rate increased by .1% in Pennsylvania to 4.7% and the national level remained steady at 4.1% for the 3rd month in a row.

Trends:

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

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

Township/Borough December 2017	Unemployment Rate	# Unemployed
Abington	3.4%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.6%	700
Horsham	3.4%	500
Lower Merion	2.7%	800
Lower Providence	3.2%	400
Montgomery	2.9%	400
Norristown	4.5%	800
Pottstown	4.7%	500
Upper Dublin	3.1%	400
Upper Merion	3.0%	500
Upper Moreland	3.6%	500
Upper Providence	3.0%	400

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
December 2017	695	22	17	6	7	9	$12.58	$15.72	$11.90
Year-to-Date	4,479	66	142	60	72	94	$14.45	$19.19	$11.66

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

Success Stories:

Cristal was referred to the Montgomery County Employment, Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) program after moving from Virginia with her young daughter. Cristal was discouraged about moving to an area where she did not have a network of friends and family but also excited at the prospect of starting fresh. She made a decision at enrollment that she was going to give the program a chance and fully commit to the goals she established with her Career Coach. Cristal was very active and engaged in each workshop and devoted in her personal job search. After expressing a desire to work in the banking and finance industry, her Career Coach set up an appointment for her with a member of the Business Services Team at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County. After reviewing her resume, it was determined that she would be a good fit for an open position as a bank teller and an interview was scheduled. Cristal used the interviewing tools that she learned during a workshop and landed a full-time job as a bank teller for TD Bank in King of Prussia earning $14.00 per hour with benefits. Despite her initial fear of the unknown, Cristal's dedication to the process paid off and feels like she made a beneficial career choice for her family.