

# Montgomery County Employment Update

January 2018

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
January 2018	445,600	428,800	16,700	3.8%	4.8%	4.1%
December 2017	446,000	428,300	17,700	4.0%	4.8%	4.1%
January 2017	446,800	430,400	16,400	3.7%	5.2%	4.8%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .2% to 3.8% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.5%) and Lancaster County (3.7%). The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 4.8% and the national level remained at 4.1% for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 January 2018	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.9%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.8%	800
Horsham	4.0%	600
Lower Merion	3.0%	900
Lower Providence	4.0%	500
Montgomery	3.3%	500
Norristown	5.4%	1,000
Pottstown	6.0%	700
Upper Dublin	3.4%	500
Upper Merion	3.2%	500
Upper Moreland	4.5%	600
Upper Providence	3.5%	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
<b>January 2018</b>	1,059	22	23	4	10	10	\$15.83	\$20.98	\$13.09
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	5,533	88	165	64	83	104	\$14.46	\$19.38	\$11.79

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

## Success Stories:

Heather moved to Montgomery County from West Virginia last summer with her 5-year-old son anxious and excited at the prospect of starting over. Being the single parent of a young child, she needed some extra assistance and enrolled in the Employment, Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) program. During her first week, Heather completed a series of workshops about time management, resume writing and interviewing skills to make sure she was prepared for her job search. Upon her initial session with her Career Coach, she talked about her strong desire to continue her career as a teacher. Heather worked with her Career Coach to ensure all of her certifications and background checks were in order and shortly after, Heather started as a Substitute Teacher with Kelly Educational Services. After a month of substitute teaching, Heather was offered a full-time position teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade English in the Philadelphia School District earning \$66,000 per year with a full benefits package. Heather expressed gratitude to EARN staff for supporting and encouraging her through her journey to make a better life for her family.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted January 2018 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted January 2018 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA), and the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS).