

Montgomery County Employment Update

February 2018

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
February 2018	447,500	430,200	17,300	3.9%	4.8%	4.1%
January 2018	445,600	428,800	16,700	3.8%	4.8%	4.1%
February 2017	447,600	430,100	17,400	3.9%	5.1%	4.7%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.9% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.6%) and Lancaster County (3.6%). The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 4.8% and the national level remained at 4.1% for the 5th 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 February 2018	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.1%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.9%	800
Horsham	4.1%	600
Lower Merion	3.1%	900
Lower Providence	4.1%	500
Montgomery	3.4%	500
Norristown	5.5%	1,000
Pottstown	5.8%	700
Upper Dublin	3.4%	500
Upper Merion	3.4%	600
Upper Moreland	4.7%	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
February 2018	885	21	24	5	6	8	\$12.67	\$22.41	\$10.19
Year-to-Date	6,419	109	189	69	89	112	\$14.36	\$19.58	\$11.68

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

Success Stories:

Larenda was working part-time as a Home Health Aide when she first attended the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County for services. She explained that she was having trouble advancing in the medical field because she lacked the credentials needed to take her career to the next level. Larenda's goal was to continue her career in healthcare as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to be able to support her two young children. Upon meeting with a career coach, she found out more about local training opportunities that could lead to becoming a Pennsylvania Certified Nursing Assistant. After going through the workshops, assessments and other eligibility requirements necessary to secure Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding, Larenda successfully completed her training at Dotlen Academy. She was ready to start her career but needed to gain additional experience in the field first. The Valley Forge Medical Center hired her as a part-time receptionist earning \$13.72 per hour. This opportunity provided her the chance to gain more knowledge while also getting her foot in the door. After just three months, Larenda transitioned into working as a fulltime CNA with the Valley Forge Medical Center and she could not be happier with her career.