

# Montgomery County Employment Update

April 2018

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
April 2018	444,400	428,500	15,900	3.6%	4.7%	3.9%
March 2018	442,700	427,100	15,500	3.5%	4.8%	4.1%
April 2017	449,600	431,900	17,700	3.9%	4.9%	4.4%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.6% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.3%) and Lancaster County (3.4%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 4.7% and the national level fell .2% to 3.9%.

## 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; Finance and Insurance.

Township/Borough April 2018	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.3%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.4%	700
Horsham	3.2%	500
Lower Merion	2.6%	800
Lower Providence	3.3%	400
Montgomery	2.9%	400
Norristown	4.2%	700
Pottstown	4.6%	500
Upper Dublin	2.8%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.4%	500
Upper Providence	2.8%	400

## 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>April 2018</b>	894	11	22	14	6	11	\$12.25	\$21.49	\$13.21
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	8,098	130	227	93	111	138	\$13.84	\$19.60	\$11.61

WIOA – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; EARN – Employment Advancement & Retention Network

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

## Success Stories:

Lisa was employed as a Patient Advocate for 12 years and had recently been laid off when she came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County for assistance. As a new job seeker, Lisa worked with a Career Coach to help guide and facilitate her job search. She attended many workshops and took advantage of the Computer Training course offered at the PA CareerLink® to further develop her skillset. Lisa participated in a one-on-one resume review where she received guidance on formatting, length and updates that would enhance the final product. Lisa was unsure of her next step but after taking the CareerScope Assessment, she was able to review her aptitude and interests with her Career Coach and evaluate which training options might suit her best. As it turned out, Lisa had identified an employment opportunity that built off her prior work experience and tied into her career path of choice but it required a certification. After completing the requirements to obtain funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Lisa enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant training at Dotlen Academy and excelled. Upon completion, Lisa was hired at Valley Forge Medical Center for the very position that she identified prior to starting her training. She is now a full-time Nursing Assistant earning \$15.44 per hour with benefits and could not be happier with her decision to pursue this career.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary April 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).