

Montgomery County Employment Update

May 2018

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
May 2018	443,900	430,800	13,100	3.0%	4.5%	3.8%
April 2018	444,400	428,500	15,900	3.6%	4.7%	3.9%
May 2017	448,700	431,400	17,400	3.9%	4.9%	4.3%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .6% to 3.0% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.7%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .2% to 4.5% and the national level fell .1% to 3.8%.

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 May 2018	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.0%	900
Cheltenham	3.2%	700
Horsham	2.9%	400
Lower Merion	2.6%	800
Lower Providence	3.1%	400
Montgomery	2.8%	400
Norristown	3.9%	700
Pottstown	4.3%	500
Upper Dublin	2.8%	400
Upper Merion	2.7%	400
Upper Moreland	3.4%	400
Upper Providence	2.7%	300

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
May 2018	874	18	23	12	9	20	\$14.69	\$16.06	\$11.84
Year-to-Date	8,958	148	250	105	121	158	\$13.98	\$19.32	\$11.73

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Christopher came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County after an extended period of unemployment. He had trouble securing fulltime employment due to a medical condition that prevented him from driving more than a short distance and required him to rely on public transportation. Christopher met with a Career Coach to review training opportunities and they agreed that the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) training offered through the Workforce Innovation Fund (WIF) grant at Montgomery County Community College would be a great fit. He successfully completed his training but was still having a challenging time securing employment. His Career Coach met with a member of the Business Services Team to review some employer feedback and together they decided that Christopher needed to brush up on his interview skills and learn how to address his recent gap in employment. Christopher revamped his resume and reviewed the interview process with his Career Coach to ensure he would be fully prepared for his next opportunity. After several job leads from the Business Services Team and the Montgomery County Community College, Christopher landed a fulltime position as a Bakery Mechanic with Topos Mondial earning \$18 per hour with benefits. His determination paid off and this position is a great match for his newly developed skill set.

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

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