

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2018

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
June 2018	446,400	431,500	14,800	3.3%	4.3%	4.0%
May 2018	443,900	430,800	13,100	3.0%	4.5%	3.8%
June 2017	447,500	430,700	16,900	3.8%	4.8%	4.3%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .3% to 3.3% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.0%) and Lancaster County (3.2%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .2% to 4.3% and the national level rose .2% to 4.0%.

Trends:

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

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 June 2018	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.8%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.9%	800
Horsham	3.3%	500
Lower Merion	3.0%	900
Lower Providence	4.0%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.4%	800
Pottstown	5.2%	600
Upper Dublin	3.4%	500
Upper Merion	3.2%	500
Upper Moreland	3.6%	500
Upper Providence	3.3%	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
June 2018	759	13	19	11	10	11	\$14.42	\$15.94	\$11.96
Year-to-Date	9,735	161	269	116	133	169	\$14.02	\$19.01	\$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:

Maria came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County to get assistance with finding a job and to build up her administrative skills. A native of Antigua, Maria left her job of seven years to come back to the United States to take care of her daughter, who suffers with severe medical issues. While working to resolve family barriers, she realized that starting on a career path would be critical to long term financial stability. She enrolled in the PA CareerLink® Microsoft Office computer course, presented by Montgomery County Community College (MCCC). She completed that training and was ready to take on the next level of education that would prepare her for a successful career. She passed all eligibility requirements and completed the Office Assistant/Customer Service training offered through the Workforce Innovation Fund Grant at MCCC. As a supplement to the training, Maria also completed a six-hour job readiness workshop series so that upon receiving her training certification, she was fully prepared to begin the job search process. With assistance from her Career Coach team and MCCC, Maria was able to quickly secure a full-time position as an Administrative Assistant with JEVS and is happy to be using the skills she learned while in training.