

# Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2018

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
July 2018	448,100	434,000	14,100	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%
June 2018	446,400	431,500	14,800	3.3%	4.3%	4.0%
July 2017	448,400	431,500	16,900	3.8%	4.8%	4.3%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .2% to 3.1% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.9%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 4.2% and the national level fell .1% to 3.9%.

## 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; Construction; Accommodation & Food Services; Finance and Insurance.

Township/Borough July 2018	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.8%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.9%	800
Horsham	3.4%	500
Lower Merion	3.0%	900
Lower Providence	4.1%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.4%	800
Pottstown	5.3%	600
Upper Dublin	3.3%	500
Upper Merion	3.2%	500
Upper Moreland	3.6%	500
Upper Providence	3.4%	400

## Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
<b>July 2018</b>	874	11	25	8	12	16	\$12.03	\$15.76	\$11.62
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	874	11	25	8	12	16	\$12.03	\$15.76	\$11.62

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

## Success Stories:

Matt Murphy is a single father who arrived at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County as a dislocated worker. After 18 years as a Garden Center Manager, his career working at a local landscaping business came to an end when the company was sold. Matt's Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies and Theology would not support a transition into a related job in the industry of his employment experience. He had expertise with transporting landscaping equipment through long distance driving, so after meeting with his Career Coach to go over the services offered at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County, he decided to apply for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to build upon his transferrable skills. Matt was approved after completing the eligibility requirements and successfully completed the CDL-A training course with Smith & Solomon. He excelled in the course and after a brief job search, he was offered a full-time position as an Instructor with Smith & Solomon earning over \$22 per hour with benefits. The success of Matt's training and new employment has provided him with the ability to support his daughter through college, which was his goal throughout his enrollment.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary July 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). Trends are as of Q1 2018 from DOL