

Montgomery County Employment Update

August 2018

Unemployment Data:

| Time Period | County Labor Force | County Employment | County Unemployment | Montgomery County | State of PA | US |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|------|
| August 2018 | 447,600 | 433,200 | 14,400 | 3.2% | 4.1% | 3.9% |
| July 2018 | 448,100 | 434,000 | 14,100 | 3.1% | 4.2% | 3.9% |
| August 2017 | 448,200 | 430,900 | 17,300 | 3.9% | 4.8% | 4.4% |

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.2% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.9%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 4.1% and the national level remained steady at 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 August 2018 | Unemployment Rate # Unemployed | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Abington | 3.6% | 1,100 |
| Cheltenham | 3.7% | 800 |
| Horsham | 3.5% | 500 |
| Lower Merion | 2.8% | 800 |
| Lower Providence | 4.0% | 500 |
| Montgomery | 2.9% | 400 |
| Norristown | 4.4% | 800 |
| Pottstown | 5.8% | 700 |
| Upper Dublin | 3.3% | 500 |
| Upper Merion | 3.3% | 600 |
| Upper Moreland | 3.7% | 500 |
| Upper Providence | 3.2% | 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 |
| August 2018 | 725 | 11 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 18 | \$17.20 | \$21.37 | \$11.50 |
| Year-to-Date | 1,596 | 24 | 41 | 17 | 23 | 34 | \$14.77 | \$17.83 | \$11.56 |

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

Success Stories:

Shawn enrolled in the EARN program focused on change. As the primary provider for his children, he was tired of just getting jobs that would allow his family to scrape by, he was ready for a career. Shawn had prior experience in maintenance and janitorial work but was looking for a position that would be long-term and sustainable. He took advantage of many EARN program services and was an active participant in all workshops including Ace the Interview and Resume Writing where he learned how to hone his job search skills. He remained open to constructive feedback, learned how to follow up with perspective employers and more importantly, followed through on the action steps in his employment plan that he established with his Career Coach. Shawn interviewed with Norristown State Hospital using some of the new techniques he learned and was hired for a fulltime position as a Custodian earning \$13.50 per hour, with full benefits including a retirement plan. He shared his excitement with the EARN team about working for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and being able to provide for his family now and in the future.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted August 2018 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary August 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