

# Montgomery County Employment Update

September 2018

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
September 2018	450,300	435,000	15,300	3.4%	4.1%	3.7%
August 2018	447,600	433,200	14,400	3.2%	4.1%	3.9%
September 2017	450,100	433,100	17,000	3.8%	4.8%	4.2%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .2% to 3.4% and remains 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 remained steady at 4.1% and the national level fell by .2% to 3.7%.

## 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, Ex. Public Admin; Construction; Accommodation & Food Services; Finance and Insurance.

Township/Borough September 2018	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.4%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.5%	700
Horsham	3.1%	500
Lower Merion	2.8%	800
Lower Providence	3.2%	400
Montgomery	2.8%	400
Norristown	4.0%	700
Pottstown	4.5%	500
Upper Dublin	3.1%	400
Upper Merion	3.1%	500
Upper Moreland	3.7%	500
Upper Providence	2.7%	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>September 2018</b>	659	4	24	10	9	13	\$17.59	\$24.16	\$10.24
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	2,246	28	65	27	34	47	\$15.75	\$19.60	\$11.19

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

## Success Stories:

Chungmin came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County after having been laid off after four years as a Warehouse Worker. He previously earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering while he was in Korea but had a challenging time translating that degree into a sustainable career. Chungmin worked diligently with his Career Coach to update his resume, review job search strategies, enhance his interviewing techniques and look at furthering his education and skillset. After an unsuccessful job search, Chungmin and his Career Coach looked at training opportunities that could build off his prior experience and give him an edge in the job market. Computer Numerical Control (CNC) training was an ideal match. He was excelling in the course and continued to work with his Career Coach simultaneously so that he could be job ready upon completion of his certification. Chungmin pursued several job leads offered through the Business Services Team and also attended a job fair that specifically focused on the Manufacturing industry. His persistence and dedication paid off and he was hired for a full-time position as a CNC Machinist with Merit Metal earning \$18 per hour with benefits. His employer was impressed with his recent training and Chungmin is happy to be back at work applying his skills in this new position.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary September 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