

Montgomery County Employment Update

October 2018

Unemployment Data:

| Time Period | County Labor Force | County Employment | County Unemployment | Montgomery County | State of PA | US |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|------|
| October 2018 | 454,400 | 438,500 | 15,900 | 3.5% | 4.1% | 3.7% |
| September 2018 | 450,300 | 435,000 | 15,300 | 3.4% | 4.1% | 3.7% |
| October 2017 | 448,500 | 431,900 | 16,600 | 3.7% | 4.8% | 4.1% |

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.5% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.3%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania remained steady at 4.1% and the national level remained at 3.7% for the second consecutive month.

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 October 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 | 4.2% | 800 |
| Pottstown | 4.5% | 500 |
| Upper Dublin | 3.1% | 400 |
| Upper Merion | 3.2% | 500 |
| Upper Moreland | 3.6% | 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 |
| October 2018 | 821 | 9 | 22 | 10 | 12 | 9 | \$15.53 | \$16.13 | \$12.97 |
| Year-to-Date | 3,062 | 37 | 87 | 36 | 47 | 56 | \$15.69 | \$18.73 | \$11.48 |

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

Success Stories:

Dana enrolled in the EARN program after losing her position as a care giver when her client needed more intensive services than she could provide. As a single mother of 5 children, she really wanted to find full-time, steady employment to provide for her family, especially her youngest child who has ongoing medical issues. Dana was committed to the process and took advantage of all services offered through the EARN program including workshops, resume building, mock interviews, recruitment events, and one-on-one sessions with her Career Coach. Dana needed more experience for her resume and signed up for a community service opportunity at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County where she helped other job seekers register for PA CareerLink® services. Staff recognized her positive energy, time management skills and overall professionalism; Dana learned about a new skill set she had, customer service. She decided to attend an information session for Panera and thought it would be a great starting point for her new career. Dana prepared for her interview and landed the job as a full-time associate earning over \$10 per hour. She is happy she got her foot in the door and is very excited at the opportunities for advancement including management positions.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary October 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 Q2 2018 from DOL