

Montgomery County Employment Update

November 2018

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
November 2018	453,200	437,600	15,600	3.4%	4.2%	3.7%
October 2018	454,400	438,500	15,900	3.5%	4.1%	3.7%
November 2017	448,100	430,800	17,300	3.9%	4.8%	4.1%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .1% to 3.4% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.1%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania increased by .1% to 4.2% and the national level remained at 3.7% for the third consecutive month.

Trends:

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

Top Industries by Number of Establishments are Professional & Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Construction; Finance & Insurance; Accommodation & Food Services; Administrative & Waste Services; Wholesale Trade; Manufacturing.

Township/Borough November 2018	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.2%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.3%	700
Horsham	2.9%	400
Lower Merion	2.6%	800
Lower Providence	2.9%	400
Montgomery	2.7%	400
Norristown	4.0%	700
Pottstown	4.5%	500
Upper Dublin	3.0%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.4%	500
Upper Providence	2.6%	300

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
November 2018	697	9	12	10	6	8	\$14.10	\$27.82	\$11.50
Year-to-Date	3,763	46	99	46	53	64	\$15.34	\$19.76	\$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:

Chanel enrolled in the EARN Program motivated to provide a better life for her family. She was fully aware of the financial impact of being unemployed and set goals to focus on continuing her education, knowing that a career was more beneficial than a job in the long run. Chanel's ultimate goal is to earn her degree in Public Health and was in the process of completing a 200-hour internship with the Montgomery County Health Department when she enrolled. She met with her Career Coach on a regular basis for coaching, job leads, and attended workshops at the center including Ace the Interview and Resume Development. Chanel secured part-time employment with Paoli Hospital as an Admissions Coordinator, earning \$16.50 per hour. She recently received a pay increase, earning \$17.50 per hour while she continues her internship and classes to earn her undergraduate degree in Public Health. Chanel is expecting to graduate in the spring of 2019 and is very appreciative of the support she has received from the EARN program to help her obtain and maintain employment that aligns with her education and her passion.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary November 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 Q3 2018 from DOL