

Montgomery County Employment Update

December 2018

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
December 2018	454,600	438,700	15,900	3.5%	4.2%	3.9%
November 2018	453,200	437,600	15,600	3.4%	4.2%	3.7%
December 2017	447,500	430,200	17,200	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.5% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.2%) and Lancaster County (3.4%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania remained at 4.2% and the national level increased by .2% to 3.9%.

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; Other Services, Ex. Public Admin; Construction; Finance & Insurance; Accommodation & Food Services; Administrative & Waste Services; Wholesale Trade.

Township/Borough December 2018	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.1%	900
Cheltenham	3.2%	700
Horsham	2.8%	400
Lower Merion	2.4%	700
Lower Providence	2.8%	400
Montgomery	2.6%	400
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	4.7%	600
Upper Dublin	2.7%	400
Upper Merion	2.6%	500
Upper Moreland	3.2%	400
Upper Providence	2.5%	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
December 2018	676	10	12	8	7	4	\$13.66	\$17.95	\$10.62
Year-to-Date	4,442	56	111	54	63	68	\$15.09	\$19.44	\$11.37

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

Success Stories:

Reggie had been laid off from his position as a Warehouse Worker and Forklift Operator where he worked for three years. He first came into the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County to utilize the Career Resource Center to search for employment. He met with a Career Coach to get some feedback on his resume, discuss job search opportunities, and review his potential barriers to reemployment. Reggie was referred to the Business Services Team as a potential candidate for an On-the-Job Training (OJT) opening with RTA Cabinets in Conshohocken as a Warehouse Associate. He was excited at the prospect of building on his prior experience while learning the new techniques and procedures of a different employer. Reggie passed the initial screening for the OJT and successfully completed the 60-day training period. He was hired as a full-time Warehouse Associate earning \$14 per hour with benefits. Both Reggie and RTA's management are happy with his progress and look forward to his growth.

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

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