

Montgomery County Employment Update

January 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
January 2019	453,500	439,500	14,000	3.1%	4.1%	4.0%
December 2018	454,600	438,700	15,900	3.5%	4.2%	3.9%
January 2018	445,800	428,900	16,900	3.8%	4.6%	4.1%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate fell .4% to 3.1% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.8%) and Lancaster County (3.0%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 4.1% and the national level increased by .1% to 4.0%.

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 January 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.5%	1,100
Cheltenham	3.4%	700
Horsham	3.2%	500
Lower Merion	2.5%	700
Lower Providence	3.2%	400
Montgomery	2.7%	400
Norristown	4.4%	800
Pottstown	4.8%	600
Upper Dublin	3.0%	400
Upper Merion	2.8%	500
Upper Moreland	3.7%	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
January 2019	965	21	21	10	9	9	\$13.35	\$22.30	\$9.92
Year-to-Date	5,409	77	132	65	72	77	\$14.81	\$19.79	\$11.20

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

Success Stories:

Mercedes enrolled in the Montgomery County EARN program in November 2018. When she first arrived, she was very optimistic about the opportunity to have structure and support in her job search. She attended various workshops including Resume Development, Interviewing Techniques and Job Retention before dedicating her time to job search. Mercedes grew frustrated because she believed her criminal background from years ago was holding her back from securing employment. After connecting her with EARN's Business Services Liaison for targeted job search and Legal Aide for guidance, she regained her confidence. She also completed EDSI's Customer Service Bootcamp giving her an extra set of skills to present to potential employers. Mercedes was referred to a recruitment event with HMSHost and was hired as a Cashier earning \$10 per hour with benefits. While still in the retention phase of her enrollment, Mercedes surprised the EARN team by showing up with her managers from HMSHost to another recruitment event to help coordinate the hiring of more participants from EARN.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted January 2019 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary January 2019 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