

Montgomery County Employment Update

March 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
March 2019	455,600	441,700	13,900	3.1%	3.9%	3.8%
February 2019	455,200	441,400	13,800	3.0%	4.0%	3.8%
March 2018	442,700	427,100	15,500	3.5%	4.4%	4.0%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% 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 3.9% and the national level remained at 3.8%.

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 March 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.2%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.0%	600
Horsham	3.0%	500
Lower Merion	2.2%	700
Lower Providence	3.0%	400
Montgomery	2.5%	400
Norristown	4.1%	700
Pottstown	4.8%	600
Upper Dublin	2.7%	400
Upper Merion	2.6%	500
Upper Moreland	3.3%	400
Upper Providence	2.4%	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
March 2019	761	13	13	35	5	14	\$14.92	\$12.95	\$11.65
Year-to-Date	6,898	105	159	119	83	102	\$14.53	\$19.20	\$11.17

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

Success Stories:

Tony learned about PA CareerLink® Montgomery County services during his ten-month incarceration at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF) where he voluntarily attended the Reentry One-Stop Center. The staff saw that Tony needed to transition his fourteen years of managerial experience and skills to another career path because of his felony conviction. After his release, he met with his Career Coach and went through the assessment and eligibility process to receive training funds through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Together, they decided the best option was for Anthony to use his expertise with administrative tasks, organizational skills, problem-solving and technical abilities to earn his Welding Certificate through a training program with the Delaware County Community College. Tony successfully completed the program and accepted full-time employment at Clemens Food Group as a Preventative Maintenance Mechanic with an annual salary of \$40,000 including benefits. Tony's ambition and dedication in his new career offers him additional opportunities to work in the fabrication and welding shop within the next year offering him security to help prevent recidivism.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary March 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 Q4 2018 from DOL