

Montgomery County Employment Update

February 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
February 2019	455,200	441,400	13,800	3.0%	4.0%	3.8%
January 2019	453,500	439,500	14,000	3.1%	4.1%	4.0%
February 2018	447,100	430,200	16,900	3.8%	4.5%	4.1%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate fell .1% to 3.0% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.8%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 4.0% and the national level decreased by .2% to 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 February 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.4%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.1%	600
Horsham	3.2%	500
Lower Merion	2.6%	800
Lower Providence	3.2%	400
Montgomery	2.7%	400
Norristown	4.5%	800
Pottstown	5.1%	600
Upper Dublin	2.8%	400
Upper Merion	2.7%	500
Upper Moreland	3.5%	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
February 2019	730	15	14	14	5	11	\$12.82	\$19.03	\$10.36
Year-to-Date	6,136	92	146	84	78	88	\$14.37	\$19.61	\$11.09

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

Success Story:

Pam came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County after being laid off from a mortgage company. Initially, Pam was only able to find temporary jobs after her layoff but knew that she needed to secure full-time employment. During her initial meeting with a Career Coach, Pam expressed an interest in changing careers. She took a career assessment and found that she had an aptitude and passion for Healthcare. Pam was approved for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to attend training but unfortunately, she was also going through a housing crisis which delayed the start date. Her Career Coach helped her with housing resources and Pam was able to secure an apartment and a part-time job to support herself while attending the Pharmacy Technician training at Montgomery County Community College. Everything fell into place and Pam successfully completed the training and was hired for a full-time position as a Pharmacy Technician with OmniCare in King of Prussia, earning a starting wage of \$16 per hour with benefits.

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

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