

Montgomery County Employment Update

April 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
April 2019	452,600	439,300	13,300	2.9%	3.8%	3.6%
March 2019	455,600	441,700	13,900	3.1%	3.9%	3.8%
April 2018	444,400	428,500	15,900	3.6%	4.3%	3.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .2% to 2.9% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.7%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania decreased by .1% to 3.8% and the national level decreased by .2% to 3.6%.

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 April 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	2.8%	800
Cheltenham	2.8%	600
Horsham	2.5%	400
Lower Merion	2.1%	600
Lower Providence	2.6%	300
Montgomery	2.3%	300
Norristown	3.4%	600
Pottstown	4.2%	500
Upper Dublin	2.3%	300
Upper Merion	2.4%	400
Upper Moreland	2.9%	400
Upper Providence	2.2%	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
April 2019	730	16	19	29	10	14	\$14.95	\$21.99	\$10.86
Year-to-Date	7,623	122	178	148	88	116	\$14.61	\$19.87	\$11.13

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

Success Stories:

Kathleen enrolled in Montgomery County's EARN Program for assistance with securing employment. As a mother of a young toddler at the beginning of her journey towards sobriety, Kathleen knew the support from EARN's network of resources would be helpful in taking her next step. She began to discuss career pathway options with her Career Coach and was interested in pursuing a career in Medical Billing and Coding. Following her referral to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County, she was deemed eligible to receive funding for vocational training through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Kathleen enrolled at Montgomery County Community College to become a Certified Medical Biller and Coder. Upon completing the program and passing her state certification exam, she worked with her Career Coach to prepare for job search through resume consultations and mock interviews. During Montgomery County's 12th Annual Job Fair, the Business Services Team coordinated a meeting between Kathleen and a recruiter from Merakey, an organization that specializes in offering supportive services to individuals who struggle with substance abuse. She impressed the recruiter and was hired for a full-time position as an Office Administrator earning \$12 per hour with benefits. Kathleen is able to use elements of her training and personal experience to help her organization help others who are working towards the same goals of sobriety and employment.

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

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