

# Montgomery County Employment Update

May 2019

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
May 2019	451,800	437,600	14,300	3.2%	3.8%	3.6%
April 2019	452,600	439,300	13,300	2.9%	3.8%	3.6%
May 2018	443,900	430,800	13,100	3.0%	4.3%	3.8%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .3% to 3.2% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.9%) and Lancaster County (3.0%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania remained at 3.8% and the national level remained at 3.6%.

## Trends:

**Top Industries by Number of Employees** are Health Care and Social Assistance; Professional and Technical Services; Retail Trade; Manufacturing; Finance and Insurance; Administrative and Waste Services; Accommodation and Food Services; Educational Services; Construction.

**Top Industries by Number of Establishments** are Professional and Technical Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Other Services, Ex. Public Admin; Construction; Finance and Insurance; Accommodation & Food Services; Administrative and Waste Services; Wholesale Trade.

Township/Borough May 2019	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	3.3%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.5%	700
Horsham	2.9%	400
Lower Merion	2.7%	800
Lower Providence	3.1%	400
Montgomery	2.7%	400
Norristown	3.7%	700
Pottstown	4.5%	500
Upper Dublin	2.8%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.3%	400
Upper Providence	2.9%	400

## Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA			PA			PA		
	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
<b>May 2019</b>	763	11	5	30	14	8	\$15.13	\$21.41	\$11.88
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	8,383	132	183	178	110	125	\$14.72	\$19.62	\$11.17

WIOA – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; EARN – Employment Advancement & Retention Network

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

## Success Story:

Steven visited the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County with the goal of obtaining his CDL-A to become a truck driver. He had begun the process several years prior but was unable to commit because of family issues that arose at the time. He met all of the eligibility and assessment requirements to receive funding for training through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and was excited at the prospect of finally taking classes and starting a new career. Steven attended training at Smith & Solomon and also worked with his Career Coach to develop a plan to address his work history which included gaps and short term positions. He also attended an interviewing strategies workshop so he could learn new techniques to implement in his job search. Steven successfully completed training and just three days later, passed the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicle exam to earn his CDL-A endorsement. Steve's ambition paid off and he was hired as a full-time driver with Delaware Valley Concrete in Hatboro, PA earning a starting wage of \$17.50 per hour with benefits.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary May 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 Q1 2019 from DOL