

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
June 2019	452,600	439,100	13,600	3.0%	3.8%	3.7%
May 2019	451,800	437,600	14,300	3.2%	3.8%	3.6%
June 2018	446,400	431,500	14,800	3.3%	4.2%	4.0%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate decreased by .2% to 3.0% and is tied with Lancaster County as the Workforce Development Area with the 2nd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (2.7%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania remained at 3.8% and the national level increased by .1% to 3.7%.

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; Construction; Finance and Insurance; Accommodation & Food Services; Administrative and Waste Services; Wholesale Trade; Manufacturing.

Township/Borough June 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.2%	1,000
Cheltenham	3.6%	800
Horsham	3.1%	500
Lower Merion	2.8%	800
Lower Providence	3.4%	500
Montgomery	2.8%	400
Norristown	3.8%	700
Pottstown	4.7%	600
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
June 2019	716	7	24	36	13	13	\$14.92	\$30.21	\$11.24
Year-to-Date	9,082	139	207	214	123	138	\$14.76	\$20.74	\$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:

Paulette, a single mother of four children, enrolled in the EARN program with one goal in mind: employment. She utilized all workshops, resume services, mock interview sessions, job leads, and career coaching to make sure she was as prepared as possible to secure employment. In less than two months, Paulette began working as a cashier for Giant earning \$10 per hour. Unfortunately, the inconsistent hours and variable schedule conflicted too heavily with her home life and the needs of her children. Paulette returned to the EARN program to meet with her Career Coach to update her resume and restart the job search process to find employment that would accommodate her family's needs. Her resilience finally paid off and she was able to secure a full-time job as a dining assistant with Brandywine Senior Living earning \$12 per hour with benefits. Through her hard work and dedication, Paulette was able to meet all of the goals of the EARN program while still ensuring that she was in a position to provide for her family.

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

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