

Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
July 2019	453,800	438,700	15,100	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%
June 2019	452,600	439,100	13,600	3.0%	3.8%	3.7%
July 2018	448,100	434,000	14,100	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .3% to 3.3% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.1%) and Lancaster County (3.1%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania increased by .1% to 3.9% and the national level remained at 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 July 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.8%	1,200
Cheltenham	4.2%	900
Horsham	3.5%	500
Lower Merion	3.2%	1,000
Lower Providence	4.2%	600
Montgomery	3.3%	500
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	5.2%	600
Upper Dublin	3.2%	500
Upper Merion	3.1%	600
Upper Moreland	3.5%	500
Upper Providence	3.5%	500

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
July 2019	731	17	21	22	10	14	\$15.29	\$25.96	\$12.04
Year-to-Date	731	17	21	22	10	14	\$15.29	\$25.96	\$12.04

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Story:

Charmaion spent time working in customer service, but after years of working part-time as a home health aide she knew that she wanted to continue her career in the healthcare industry. She decided to visit the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County for assistance in pursuing her career. She met with a Career Coach to discuss her options and together, they established a plan that would enable her to resume her career pathway. She completed all of the eligibility requirements under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to secure financial assistance and after some interest and aptitude assessments, Charmaion chose Pharmacy Technician training at Montgomery County Community College. She successfully completed the training and immediately began meeting with the Business Services Team for job search assistance. She found a job as a Brain Injury Specialist at ReMed Recovery Services which was even more meaningful for her as she had previously suffered a brain injury herself. In her role, she uses her formal training as a pharmacy technician to help administer medications to people who suffer from brain injuries. With her determination and guidance from the staff at the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County, Charmaion is now earning a wage of \$14.50 per hour plus benefits.

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

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