

Montgomery County Employment Update

August 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
August 2019	456,100	440,800	15,300	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%
July 2019	453,800	438,700	15,100	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%
August 2018	447,600	433,200	14,400	3.2%	4.2%	3.8%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate increased by .1% to 3.4% and remains the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.0%) and Lancaster County (3.2%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania remained at 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; Administrative and Waste Services; Finance and Insurance; 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; Accommodation & Food Services; Finance and Insurance; Administrative and Waste Services; Wholesale Trade.

Township/Borough August 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.7%	1,100
Cheltenham	4.1%	900
Horsham	3.5%	500
Lower Merion	2.9%	900
Lower Providence	4.0%	500
Montgomery	3.5%	500
Norristown	4.2%	800
Pottstown	5.8%	700
Upper Dublin	3.1%	400
Upper Merion	3.2%	600
Upper Moreland	3.7%	500
Upper Providence	3.4%	400

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA			PA			PA		
	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
August 2019	712	25	11	16	5	8	\$15.19	\$30.00	\$11.78
Year-to-Date	1,585	42	32	38	16	22	\$15.24	\$26.79	\$11.78

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Story:

Fontaine enrolled in the EARN program with the intention of finding a job to set a positive example for his child. As a new, single father, Fontaine expressed feeling overwhelmed with the responsibility of finding a job to provide adequate care for his son. Upon hearing this, his Career Coach recommended that he meet with EARN's Licensed Family Advocate (LFA) to find coping resources to assist with stress and parenting. Fontaine was able to meet with the LFA individually but was also able to attend specific stressor focused group sessions where other program participants could share their struggles and successes. Once Fontaine was able to establish coping mechanisms, he was able to fully focus on his job search. He started by attending various workshops on Resume Writing and Job Search Strategies. Fontaine needed some additional help with his employment preparation so he also began a series of several mock interviews with his Career Coach so that he could become more comfortable. His dedication to preparation paid off and Fontaine began working full-time for EB Tech as a Drainage Specialist, earning \$15 per hour with benefits.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted, non-preliminary August 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 Q2 2019 from DOL