

Montgomery County Employment Update

September 2019

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US
September 2019	460,800	445,400	15,500	3.4%	4.0%	3.5%
August 2019	456,100	440,800	15,300	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%
September 2018	450,300	435,000	15,300	3.4%	4.2%	3.7%

Perspective:

Montgomery County's Unemployment Rate remained at 3.4% and is the Workforce Development Area with the 3rd lowest rate in the Commonwealth behind Chester County (3.1%) and Lancaster County (3.3%). The Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania increased by .1% to 4.0% and the national level decreased by .2% to 3.5%.

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 September 2019	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	3.5%	1,100
Cheltenham	3.6%	800
Horsham	3.1%	500
Lower Merion	2.9%	900
Lower Providence	3.3%	400
Montgomery	3.0%	500
Norristown	4.0%	700
Pottstown	4.6%	600
Upper Dublin	2.8%	400
Upper Merion	2.9%	500
Upper Moreland	3.5%	500
Upper Providence	2.8%	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
September 2019	680	22	17	11	12	8	\$15.51	\$18.94	\$13.13
Year-to-Date	2,261	64	49	49	28	30	\$15.30	\$23.42	\$12.14

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Story:

Matthew came to the PA CareerLink® Montgomery County in August 2019 and expressed interest in attending Montgomery County's first Southeastern PA Manufacturing Alliance (SEPMA) Manufacturing Bootcamp. Though he was employed at the time as a customer service associate at Giant, Matthew was hopeful that obtaining the Bootcamp credential would open up new career options in the manufacturing industry. He completed rigorous testing to gain entrance into the Bootcamp which included the TABE and Bennett Mechanical Skills tests. The six week session focused on equipping trainees with the basic skills, safety knowledge, industry expectations and overall awareness of career pathways in manufacturing. Matthew successfully graduated with his OSHA-10 Certification and was ready to start his new career. The PA CareerLink® Montgomery County Business Services Team helped circulate Matthew's resume to SEPMA employers, and within two weeks, he accepted a full-time machine operator position with SPS Technologies earning \$14.68 per hour with benefits.

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

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