

Montgomery County Employment Update

May 2015

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (May 2015)
May 2015	437,800	418,700	19,100	4.4%	5.3%	5.5%
April 2015	432,500	414,000	18,500	4.3%	5.3%	5.4%
May 2014	435,300	414,300	21,000	4.8%	6.0%	6.3%

Perspective:

Montgomery County has the 3rd lowest Unemployment Rate (4.4%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 5.3% and increased by .1% to 5.5% nationally.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Credit Intermediation & Related Activity; Educational Services; Ambulatory Health Care Services; Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods; Social Assistance.

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Professional & Technical Services; Food Services & Drinking Places; Administrative & Support Services; Broadcasting (except Internet); Specialty Trade Contractors.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.0%	1,200
Cheltenham	3.8%	800
Horsham	3.2%	500
Lower Merion	3.1%	900
Lower Providence	3.7%	500
Montgomery	3.1%	500
Norristown	4.6%	800
Pottstown	5.5%	600
Upper Dublin	3.2%	400
Upper Merion	3.3%	500
Upper Moreland	4.4%	600

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA	WIA	EARN	PA	WIA	EARN	PA	WIA	EARN
	CareerLink®	Training		CareerLink®	Training		CareerLink®	Training	
May 2015	781	8	18	11	5	5	\$16.47	\$16.17	\$9.91
Year-to-Date	10,371	247	211	72	129	131	\$15.25	\$14.93	\$10.38

WIA – Workforce Investment Act; EARN – Employment Advancement Retention Network
PA CareerLink® data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Michael came to the PA CareerLink® as an unemployed Veteran. He was seeking training but was not sure if he wanted to pursue a career with a CDL or as a CNC machinist. He attended a training information session and decided to go for his CDL with Smith & Solomon. Michael attended all of the required workshops and passed the Work Keys assessment and enrolled in the training program. He successfully completed his training and obtained his Commercial Driver's License with a Class A endorsement. Better yet, he secured full time employment with Country Fresh PA as an overnight delivery driver earning \$18.85 per hour. Michael is very thankful for the assistance he received at the PA CareerLink®.

Ms. Reed enrolled in the EARN program in January, 2015 determined to find employment. She participated in all of the workshops and understood the importance of utilizing the tools and skills she learned to reach her goal. She also did community service at the Career Development Center as the receptionist and demonstrated an outstanding attitude and sense of professionalism. She was an excellent example and inspiration for other participants. Ms. Reed worked hard at brushing up on and improving her skills so she could market herself as a self-assured, experienced and motivated individual. Her hard work paid off in April, 2015 when she was offered a position as a Case Manager for the Veterans Multi-Service Center. She was hired full time with a starting wage of \$16.82 per hour (\$35,000 annually) with benefits. She is thankful and appreciative of all of the services and assistance she received from EARN staff.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted May 2015 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted April, 2015 data provided by PA Department of Labor and Industry's Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA), the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS) and Montgomery County Workforce Investment Area Fast Facts.