

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2015

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (June 2015)
June 2015	438,100	418,900	19,100	4.4%	5.4%	5.3%
May 2015	437,500	418,400	19,100	4.4%	5.3%	5.5%
June 2014	435,100	414,200	20,900	4.8%	5.9%	6.1%

Perspective:

Montgomery County has the 2nd lowest Unemployment Rate (4.4%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate increased slightly in Pennsylvania to 5.4% and fell by .2% to 5.3% nationally.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Credit Intermediation & Related Activity; Educational Services; Ambulatory Health Care Services; Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods; Transit and Ground passenger Transport.

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	4.7%	1,400
Cheltenham	4.5%	900
Horsham	3.8%	600
Lower Merion	3.7%	1100
Lower Providence	4.5%	500
Montgomery	3.7%	500
Norristown	5.4%	1000
Pottstown	6.2%	700
Upper Dublin	4.0%	600
Upper Merion	3.9%	700
Upper Moreland	4.8%	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	
June 2015	935	6	23	13	4	7	\$14.00	\$16.23	\$11.27
Year-to-Date	11,304	253	235	86	143	138	\$15.09	\$14.72	\$10.42

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

Success Stories:

Desiree was introduced to the PA CareerLink® by way of the PA Unemployment Compensation process. She had been laid off from an administrative position and wanted to make a career change into the medical field. Desiree worked closely with the PA CareerLink® staff and the Montgomery County Community College to fulfill all of the requirements to secure a seat in the C.N.A training course. Desiree attended a resume workshop and reaped the benefits of a one on one resume session as well to better prepare for employment once her training was complete. Desiree successfully attended and completed the course and is now happily employed earning \$15.62 per hour as a Pennsylvania Certified Nursing Assistant at Regina Nursing Center.

Legrant came to the Reentry Program directly from the Montgomery County Correctional Facility after participating in the pre-release classes. He was determined to begin a new life and put the past behind him. With a good work history and an interest in owning and growing his business, he knew that he needed to get a job to help support his household. Family support and encouragement were already in place, he just needed to obtain an ID, a license and a job. The Reentry Case Manager was able to assist him with obtaining his ID and license and also provided him with several job leads which ultimately resulted in employment. Legrant was able to secure a job with a landscaping company in Souderton making \$15 per hour. He has been there for over six months and is very satisfied with being able to provide for his family.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted May, 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.