

# Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2015

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (July 2015)
July 2015	436,600	419,100	17,600	4.0%	5.4%	5.3%
June 2015	438,700	419,600	19,100	4.4%	5.4%	5.3%
July 2014	434,600	415,400	19,200	4.4%	5.7%	6.2%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest Unemployment Rate (4.0%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate remained steady in both Pennsylvania at 5.4% and nationally at 5.3%.

## Trends:

**Top Online Job Postings by Occupation** – Registered nurses; Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; Retail Salespersons.

**Top Online Job Postings by Industry** – Health Care & Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Administrative & Waste Services; Professional & Technical Services; Manufacturing.

**Top Online Job Postings by Employer** – Bayada; Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies; Genesis HealthCare.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	4.6%	1,400
Cheltenham	4.6%	900
Horsham	3.9%	600
Lower Merion	3.7%	1,100
Lower Providence	4.8%	600
Montgomery	3.6%	500
Norristown	5.2%	900
Pottstown	6.3%	700
Upper Dublin	3.9%	500
Upper Merion	3.9%	600
Upper Moreland	4.6%	600

## Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA			PA			PA		
	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
<b>July 2015</b>	954	50	23	6	3	8	\$16.57	\$13.51	\$11.06
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	954	50	23	6	3	8	\$16.57	\$13.51	\$11.06

WIOA – The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; EARN – Employment Advancement & Retention Network  
PA CareerLink® data is taken from RPT052

## Success Stories:

William was referred by the Veterans Affairs Department for assistance with securing employment. He was facing imminent eviction and not only needed a job, but needed one quickly. He was matched up with a Career Pathway Consultant the very next day to go over the services he was eligible to receive. He did not have a chance to take advantage of any of those services because he was immediately connected to a potential employer by the Recruitment division. William was interviewed and hired for a full time position at Trosini Landscape Management earning \$12 per hour. Just four days after he came into the office, he started working and was able to avoid eviction.

Cheryl enrolled in the EARN program with some significant barriers to employment. Her housing situation was unstable and she also needed to restore her Driver's License in order to ensure that she could obtain and retain employment. She worked with her Case Manager and the Your Way Home program to get both barriers resolved. Cheryl was applying for many jobs but was getting discouraged that she was not making it to the interview phase. She took advantage of resume assistance, interviewing and other job readiness workshops to improve her marketability and self-confidence. Her hard work paid off with a timely job lead that ended up being a perfect fit. Cheryl was hired for a full time position at Impact Thrift with benefits and could not be happier that she is working and able to support her family.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted June, 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 Economic Outlook (CPWDC).