

# Montgomery County Employment Update

August 2015

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (August 2015)
August 2015	437,600	419,200	18,400	4.2%	5.4%	5.1%
July 2015	437,100	419,300	17,900	4.1%	5.4%	5.3%
August 2014	435,000	414,900	20,200	4.6%	5.5%	6.1%

## Perspective:

Montgomery County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest Unemployment Rate (4.2%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 5.4% and fell nationally to 5.1%.

## Trends:

**Top Online Job Postings by Occupation** – Registered nurses; Customer Service Representatives; Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers.

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

**Top Online Job Postings by Employer** – Bayada; Genesis HealthCare; Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia.

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate   # Unemployed	
Abington	4.9%	1,500
Cheltenham	5.4%	1,100
Horsham	4.3%	600
Lower Merion	4.0%	1,200
Lower Providence	5.7%	700
Montgomery	3.8%	600
Norristown	5.7%	1,000
Pottstown	6.8%	800
Upper Dublin	4.3%	600
Upper Merion	4.0%	700
Upper Moreland	5.0%	700

## Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIOA	EARN
<b>August 2015</b>	829	49	25	10	4	9	\$12.94	\$17.69	\$10.03
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	1,783	99	48	16	7	19	\$14.39	\$16.30	\$10.17

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

## Success Stories:

Debra was referred to the PA CareerLink® through the Profile Re-Employment Program (PREP) because she had been laid off from her previous job and was collecting unemployment compensation. Debra participated in the Resume Development workshops - levels I and II. She had previously worked in the healthcare field and was interested in furthering her skills through additional education. However, she decided to put training on hold and move forward with her job search and in July, began employment with Helping Hands as a Direct Care Giver. Debra thoroughly enjoys working with her handicapped patients and finds the work that she does to be very rewarding.

Ms. Williams enrolled in the Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) as a single mother of two teenagers living in a shelter. Her main priority was securing housing and employment to be able to provide for her family. Through the Your Way Home Program, Ms. Williams was able to sign her lease to a beautiful two bedroom apartment. Through her determination and the collaborative effort of EARN staff, she was able to strengthen her job search and interviewing skills. Two months later, Ms. Williams accepted employment with Home Watch Care Givers as a Direct Care Worker averaging about 24 hours a week earning \$11 per hour. In order to become a full time employee, she needed a vehicle to be able to transport clients. Ms. Williams worked closely with her EARN Case Manager to complete a car purchase request through the Department of Human Services and shortly thereafter,

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she became the proud owner of her own vehicle. Ms. Williams is now working over 30 hours per week and is on her path to self-sufficiency.

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