

Montgomery County Employment Update

September 2015

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (September 2015)
September 2015	435,200	417,900	17,300	4.0%	5.4%	5.1%
August 2015	437,800	419,400	18,400	4.2%	5.4%	5.1%
September 2014	434,500	414,800	19,700	4.5%	5.4%	5.9%

Perspective:

Montgomery County continues to have the 2nd lowest Unemployment Rate (4.0%) in the state of Pennsylvania. The Unemployment Rate remained steady in Pennsylvania at 5.4% and nationally at 5.1%.

Trends:

Top Industries by Number of Employees – Health Care and Social Assistance; Retail Trade; Professional Scientific & Technical Services; Manufacturing

Top Employers by Number of Employees – Lockheed Martin Corp.; American Petroleum Tankers LLC; Pfizer Inc.; Abington Health; Mercy Health Systems

Top Occupational Groups by Projected Growth – Office & Administrative Support; Sales & Related; Business & Financial; Food Preparation & Serving; Healthcare Practitioners & Technicians

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
September 2015	836	65	21	11	4	12	\$12.77	\$16.98	\$9.65
Year-to-Date	2,617	162	69	27	11	30	\$13.75	\$17.54	\$9.76

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

PA CareerLink® New Participant data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

Deborah came to the PA CareerLink® as a recipient of Unemployment Compensation. She was selected as a candidate to participate in the On-The-Job Training program as part of the National Emergency Grant for Dislocated Workers. Deborah interviewed and was hired for a full time OJT position with Orange Energy, earning over \$28 per hour, as a Business Development Manager. This job was the perfect fit for her because it aligned with her past experience and future career goals. It has also been a great match for Orange Energy as Deborah has been retained beyond her training period and has been given additional responsibilities because she had the chance to prove herself to be an asset to the company through the OJT experience.

Tahisha enrolled in the EARN program as a Certified Nurse's Aide that could no longer engage in that type of work due to health limitations. She completed a CareerScope Assessment to identify a new career pathway and her profile indicated the highest interest in Business Detail which includes Administrative & Information Support. Tahisha attended the MS Office training and completed the Office Assistant Certification training. She was placed in a community service role as a Receptionist and her resume was updated to reflect her recent training and experience. Tahisha followed her community service position with a clerical internship at REDI, Inc. She immediately loved her new work environment and the staff. Throughout her internship experience, she was able to further develop her skills and feedback from her supervisor was positive and showed consistent improvement. Prior to the completion of the internship, Tahisha was offered a permanent position through The Amoores Group, the parent company of where she was interning, as a Receptionist earning \$10.00 per hour.

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

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

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate # Unemployed	
Abington	4.4%	1,300
Cheltenham	4.9%	1,000
Horsham	4.2%	600
Lower Merion	3.8%	1,100
Lower Providence	5.2%	700
Montgomery	3.7%	600
Norristown	5.1%	900
Pottstown	6.5%	800
Upper Dublin	4.0%	600
Upper Merion	3.7%	600
Upper Moreland	4.6%	600