

Montgomery County Employment Update

August 2013

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (August 2013)
July 2013	441,600	413,500	28,000	6.4%	7.5%	7.3%
June 2013	443,000	414,400	28,600	6.5%	7.5%	7.4%
July 2012	437,500	407,200	30,300	6.9%	8.1%	8.1%

Perspective:

The Pennsylvania state unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.5%. Montgomery County saw a slight decrease to 6.4%. Norristown remained steady at 7.5% and Pottstown saw an increase of 0.4% to 10.3%. The national unemployment rate declined 0.1% to 7.3%.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Ambulatory Health Care Services; Food Services and Drinking Places; Executive, Legislative and Other General Government Support; Administrative and Support Services

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Nursing and Residential Care Facilities; Credit Intermediation and Related Activities

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate
Abington	7.3%
Cheltenham	7.6%
Horsham	6.3%
Lower Merion	5.6%
Lower Providence	6.4%
Montgomery	6.8%
Norristown	7.5%
Pottstown	10.3%
Upper Dublin	5.9%
Upper Merion	5.6%
Upper Moreland	6.6%

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIA Training	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIA Training	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIA* Training	EARN
August 2013	1,251	10	23	111	7	15	\$9.89	\$18.23	\$9.54
Year-to-Date	2,661	26	47	120	18	24	\$10.05	\$14.67	\$9.83

WIA – Workforce Investment Act; EARN – Employment Advancement Retention Network

*The WIA Training average earnings does not include wage data for 1 individual.

Success Stories:

Katie is currently 6 months pregnant, has a 3 year old son and lives in a homeless shelter. She is working on securing housing with assistance from the shelter and EARN. Katie is diligently working toward obtaining her GED. She is completing a community service project with the EARN Program as a front desk receptionist. She is extremely helpful and asks for additional responsibilities. Katie has not yet secured full time employment, but she is removing barriers and gaining valuable work experience which will lead to future success and self-sufficiency.

Wayne completed Industrial Maintenance Mechanic training at the Montgomery County Community College Blue Bell campus. Less than two months after finishing training, he secured a position at Dietz & Watson working 50 hours per week earning \$18 per hour with benefits.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted August 2013 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted July 2013 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.