

# Montgomery County Employment Update

September 2013

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (September 2013)
August 2013	438,100	409,300	28,800	6.6%	7.7%	N/A
July 2013	441,600	413,500	28,000	6.4%	7.5%	7.3%

## Perspective:

The Pennsylvania state unemployment rate increased 0.2% to 7.7%. Montgomery County also saw an increase of 0.2% to 6.6%, but retains the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest unemployment rate in the state. Independent economists believe the national unemployment rate will remain unchanged in September; the official release has been delayed due to the shutdown.

## 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	5.8%
Upper Moreland	6.6%

This data was not available for update due to the government shutdown.

## 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
<b>September 2013</b>	1,108	21	19	20	3	11	\$12.44	\$15.18	\$10.96
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	3,769	47	65	142	21	37	\$10.52	\$13.71	\$10.09

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

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

## Success Stories:

Ciaria is a single mother with two young children, who enrolled in EARN with a significant housing barrier. Her case manager was able to connect with the Interfaith Housing Network. Ciaria's career counselor helped her with interviewing skills and formatting a resume. She secured employment at almost \$14 per hour and was able to find an apartment through help from the Interfaith Housing Network.

Daniel, Gabrel and Fitzcarl retained our services after being laid off from their previous work as maintenance mechanics. The recruiter and career counselor worked with these individuals to update their resumes. Our staff set up a hiring event and scheduled the customers to be interviewed by JBS. All three were hired full-time at the company's location in Souderton as maintenance mechanics for \$18.00/hr.

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

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