

Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2013

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (July 2013)
June 2013	442,400	413,800	28,700	6.5%	7.5%	7.4%
May 2013	440,000	411,500	28,500	6.5%	7.5%	7.6%
June 2012	438,000	408,000	30,000	6.9%	8.0%	8.2%

Perspective:

The Pennsylvania state unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.5%. While Montgomery County saw no measurable change, Norristown saw an increase of 0.2% to 7.5% and Pottstown saw an increase of 0.7% to 9.9%. The national unemployment rate declined 0.2% to 7.4%.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Social Assistance; Paper Manufacturing; Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except Copyrighted Works); Insurance Carriers and Related Activities

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Accommodation; Food Services and Drinking Places; Administrative and Support Services; Specialty Trade Contractors

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate
Abington	7.2%
Cheltenham	7.3%
Horsham	6.3%
Lower Merion	5.5%
Lower Providence	6.8%
Montgomery	6.6%
Norristown	7.5%
Pottstown	9.9%
Upper Dublin	6.1%
Upper Merion	6.0%
Upper Moreland	6.6%

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA	WIA	EARN	PA	WIA	EARN	PA	WIA	EARN
	CareerLink®	Training		CareerLink®	Training		CareerLink®	Training	
July 2013	1,410	17	22	8	11	9	\$12.12	\$12.72	\$10.26
Year-to-Date	1,410	17	22	8	11	9	\$12.12	\$12.72	\$10.26

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

Success Stories:

Amy took a training course for Industrial Machine Mechanics at North Montco Technical Career Center. During training she secured a job at Acme Corrugated Box Co. as the CMMS Administrator, earning \$23 per hour. She was able to work and complete the training program by taking night classes.

Markeia had barriers to employment which included mental health challenges and lack of child care when she enrolled in the EARN Program. The case manager provided the participant with resources to secure child care and encouraged the participant to continue weekly therapy sessions for her mental health issues. With the help of both the case manager and recruiter, Markeia was able to secure employment with Walmart and has been working since May 2013. The case manager worked closely with the participant to support her goals of becoming employed since many people discouraged her from trying to secure employment due to her mental health issues.

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

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