

# Montgomery County Employment Update

October 2013

## Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (October 2013)
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The September 2013 Regional and State Employment and Unemployment news release and the September 2013 Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment news release, which would have disseminated preliminary September data, will not be published. Instead, final September data for both news releases will be included with the publication of the October news release data scheduled on November 22, 2013 (Regional and State Employment and Unemployment) and December 5, 2013 (Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment).

[http://bls.gov/bls/updated\\_release\\_schedule.htm](http://bls.gov/bls/updated_release_schedule.htm)

## 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 shut down.

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

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%

## Trends:

**Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels** – Regulatory 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

## 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>October 2013</b>	1,045	15	20	109	6	13	\$9.66	\$17.79	\$10.45
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	3,550	64	86	353	30	54	\$9.75	\$16.14	\$10.19

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

PA CareerLink® data is taken from RPT052

Average earnings data does not include 1 client.

## Success Stories:

Ebony is a mother of 4 children who enrolled in the EARN program as a requirement. Her case manager registered her at the Philadelphia Premium Outlets job fair and she was able to find work within a few weeks of enrolling in the program. Shortly after she started her job at the outlets, she was able to find full time employment at Kmart.

Young struggled to find employment and spent more than a year without a job. He was invited to the CareerLink® for orientation. Young followed up with several workshops and a meeting with a career counselor. With funding from WIA, Young enrolled in CDL A training at North Montco Technical Career Center. The CareerLink® staff also helped him secure fulltime employment with USM in Norristown at \$15 per hour while he completes this course.

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

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