

Montgomery County Employment Update

November 2013

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (November 2013)
November 2013	432,500	405,300	27,100	6.3%	7.5%	7.0%
October 2013	437,200	409,600	27,700	6.3%	7.6%	7.3%
November 2012	441,000	410,800	30,200	6.9%	8.0%	7.8%

Perspective:

The Pennsylvania state unemployment rate decreased 0.1% to 7.5%. Montgomery County remained at 6.3% for the second consecutive month and retains the 3rd lowest unemployment rate in the state.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Social Assistance, Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Nursing and Residential Care Facilities, Food Services and Drinking Places, Credit Intermediation and Related Activities, Specialty Trade Contractors

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate
Abington	6.4%
Cheltenham	6.8%
Horsham	5.4%
Lower Merion	5.0%
Lower Providence	5.4%
Montgomery	5.8%
Norristown	7.1%
Pottstown	8.2%
Upper Dublin	5.4%
Upper Merion	4.9%
Upper Moreland	6.4%

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
November 2013	915	26	11	280	1	4	\$9.72	\$15.00	\$8.94
Year-to-Date	4,425	90	98	642	32	62	\$9.93	\$16.21	\$10.01

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:

Mr. Lewis began working with the EARN staff in September 2013. He quickly was offered an employment opportunity and shortly thereafter an eviction notice. Our staff wrote a letter to the judge indicating that Mr. Lewis had received a job offer; the judge ruled that he would be able to make payment arrangements. The job turned out to be a false start, but he received another job offer for \$12 an hour at Terminex close to home. He contacted the staff to report that he is happy to be employed and that the job is going well.

Tina worked for her previous employer for 20 years; however a demanding new supervisor fired her. With shattered self esteem, Tina began working with the CareerLink. Tina's resume and confidence improved as she attended workshops which enhanced her skillset. Tina worked hard and eventually landed a contract job at Signa. With improved self confidence, she re-enrolled in Medical Billing and Coding training and has worked to improve her MS Office skills.

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 November 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.