Montgomery County Employment Update

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (December 2013)
December 2013	435,800	409,100	26,700	6.1%	7.3%	6.7%
November 2013	432,200	405,000	27,200	6.3%	7.5%	7.0%
December 2012	439,800	409,900	29,800	6.8%	8.1%	7.9%

Perspective:

The state of Pennsylvania and Montgomery County unemployment rates decreased by 0.2%; to 7.3% and 6.1% respectively. The Montgomery County WIA continues to retain the 3rd lowest unemployment rate in the state.

Trends:

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

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Nursing and Residential Care Facilities; Administrative and Support Services; Specialty Trade Contractors; Credit Intermediation and Related Activities

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate
Abington	5.9%
Cheltenham	6.6%
Horsham	5.3%
Lower Merion	4.8%
Lower Providence	5.6%
Montgomery	5.6%
Norristown	6.8%
Pottstown	8.2%
Upper Dublin	5.5%
Upper Merion	4.9%
Upper Moreland	6.0%

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
December 2013	966	11	15	123	10	3	$8.85	$19.20	$9.42
Year-to-Date	5,385	101	113	765	42	72	$9.75	$16.94	$9.93

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:

Youssef and Meriam retained our services after moving to the United States from Egypt. They were granted political asylum for fear of retaliation due to their religious affiliation. Youssef has a civil engineering degree and Meriam studied fine arts in Egypt. Though Youssef has plenty of engineering experience, he was not able to secure an engineering job due to lack of work history in the United States. Our team helped him find a job at the pretzel factory while he takes additional engineering courses. After a false start at Walmart, Meriam's case manager helped her find a job at a local childcare facility which is a better fit for her kind and caring personality.

Charles was unemployed prior to relocating to Montgomery County from Baltimore. In addition, he had a criminal background which made finding employment difficult. Charles attended CDL training and attained his CDL license. He applied to over 40 companies before Mid-Atlantic Limo offered him a job. Charles has performed flawlessly and will celebrate his 1 year anniversary in February.