

Montgomery County Employment Update

January 2014

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (January 2014)
January 2014	432,400	408,500	23,800	5.5%	6.9%	6.6%
December 2013	435,900	409,100	26,700	6.1%	7.3%	6.7%
January 2013	441,100	410,100	30,900	7.0%	7.9%	7.9%

Perspective:

The state of Pennsylvania unemployment rate declined by 0.4%; to 6.9% while Montgomery County posted a decline of 0.6% to 5.5%. The Montgomery County WIA unemployment rate declined and now shares the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in the state with Lancaster County.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries; Educational Services; Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries; Nonstore Retailers

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

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
January 2014	1,351	27	17	5	8	5	\$21.33	\$13.73	\$8.90
Year-to-Date	6,684	126	130	770	55	81	\$9.83	\$16.14	\$9.81

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:

Robert was referred to our recruiters by his neighbor, who is a Montgomery County employee. He was unsuccessful finding employment and was concerned that he would lose his apartment. Our recruiters referred him to Preferred Automotive for a detailer on the job training position. He was quickly hired. When our recruiters followed up with the employer, they reported back that “he is a joy”.

Katie began the EARN program in September 2013. She is a single mother with 4 children under the age of 5. Katie has been unemployed since early 2012. Our career counselors worked with Katie on her resume and interviewing skills. After several interviews with different companies, Katie was recently hired for an OJT customer service associate position at USM.

U.S. data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted January 2014 data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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