

Montgomery County Employment Update

June 2014

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (June 2014)
June 2014	435,100	413,600	21,500	4.9%	5.6%	6.1%
May 2014	437,200	416,500	20,700	4.7%	5.7%	6.3%
June 2013	438,700	410,400	28,400	6.5%	7.5%	7.5%

Perspective:

The unemployment rate increased slightly in Montgomery County by .2% to 4.9% which is still considerably lower than last year. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate dropped another .1% to 5.6% last month while the national unemployment rate fell .2% to 6.1%.

Trends:

Top Industries with new hires above year-ago levels – Administrative and Support Services; Food Services and Drinking Places; Specialty Trade Contractors; Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods

Top industries that have new hires below year-ago levels – Credit Intermediation and Related Activities; Paper Manufacturing; Securities; Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities; Chemical Manufacturing

Township/Borough	Unemployment Rate
Abington	4.4%
Cheltenham	5.4%
Horsham	4.9%
Lower Merion	3.9%
Lower Providence	4.8%
Montgomery	4.6%
Norristown	6.5%
Pottstown	6.5%
Upper Dublin	4.3%
Upper Merion	4.2%
Upper Moreland	5.5%

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
June 2014	927	26	20	4	10	11	\$18.13	\$15.68	\$9.49
Year-to-Date	11,415	216	225	911	116	136	\$9.90	\$15.57	\$9.68

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

PA CareerLink® data is taken from RPT052

* Out of 108 reported wages

Success Stories:

Astrid, a Veteran of the United States Navy, came into the PA CareerLink® after an unsuccessful job search that had her behind on her bills and on the brink of homelessness. She met with the Veteran Representative and Resume Consultant at the PA CareerLink®, and through resources, referrals and job leads, she was able to secure subsidized housing and a part-time job with BFS Services as a translator. Astrid continued her job search to find a full-time job and her determination paid off with a full-time position as a Bilingual Onsite Coordinator at Prostar, Inc., including full medical benefits. She intends on keeping her part-time job to help her regain her financial stability.

Michael was let go by his prior employer of five years and came into the PA CareerLink® when he learned of the mandatory job search requirement when receiving unemployment compensation. Michael reached out for help to the Recruitment Team who passed along a lead for BQ Basements and after four interviews, he was hired full time at \$16.00 per hour with the option of full medical benefits. He has excelled tremendously in his new job and has generated over \$250,000 of orders for his company.

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

PA and Montgomery County data: unless noted, seasonally adjusted May, 2014 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.