

Montgomery County Employment Update

July 2014

Unemployment Data:

Time Period	County Labor Force	County Employment	County Unemployment	Montgomery County	State of PA	US (July 2014)
July 2014	434,200	414,300	20,000	4.6%	5.6%	6.2%
June 2014	435,100	413,600	21,500	4.9%	5.6%	6.1%
July 2013	440,000	411,800	28,200	6.4%	7.5%	7.3%

Perspective:

The economic recovery regained some momentum in Montgomery County, with the unemployment rate dropping .3% to 4.6% which is nearly 2 full points lower than last year. The Pennsylvania unemployment rate remained steady at 5.6% last month while the national unemployment rate increased .1% to 6.2%.

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	4.7%
Cheltenham	5.5%
Horsham	4.8%
Lower Merion	4.0%
Lower Providence	5.3%
Montgomery	4.6%
Norristown	6.2%
Pottstown	6.9%
Upper Dublin	4.4%
Upper Merion	4.1%
Upper Moreland	5.3%

Workforce Performance Metrics:

Program Year (7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015)	New Participants			New Hires			Average Earnings		
	PA CareerLink®	WIA Training	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIA Training	EARN	PA CareerLink®	WIA*	EARN
July 2014	1,169	16	25	12	7	11	\$15.20	\$17.23	\$8.68
Year-to-Date	1,169	16	25	12	7	11	\$15.20	\$17.23	\$8.68

WIA – Workforce Investment Act; EARN – Employment Advancement Retention Network
PA CareerLink® data is taken from RPT052

Success Stories:

The Commerce Department's Recruitment Division has had success with placing Job Seekers in Customer Service positions with Telerx in Horsham. During a follow up phone call, they were asked if there were any RNs or LPNs looking for work beyond the normal set of positions they usually need. After utilizing a Candidate Search on Job Gateway, both openings were quickly filled. The hourly pay rates were \$25 per hour and \$23 per hour, respectively. The LPN candidate was placed in record time. She was referred to the employer on a Monday morning, interviewed later that same day, and started the very next day.

A customer was recently connected with the Housing Resource Center (HRC) at the Pottstown Cluster after being homeless and staying at a seasonal shelter. Over the last few years, this customer had been in and out of jail. Through the help of the staff at the HRC, the customer secured an efficiency apartment. The customer worked with a Career Counselor from the Commerce Department, who helped build the customer's resume. The customer applied for a position at a logistics company and started work there this summer. The Pottstown HRC paid the customer's full rent for the first 3 months. Now, the customer is paying part of the rent and will be paying the entire rent later this fall.

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

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