

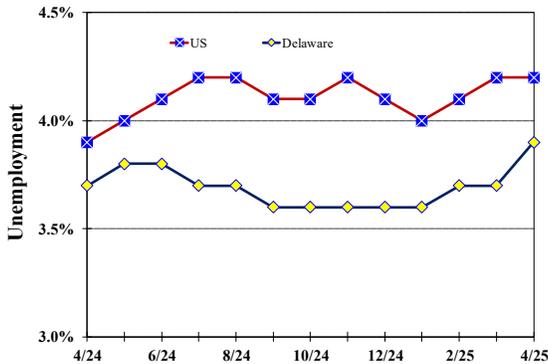
**April 2025**

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**Unemployment Rate**

Delaware and US

April 2024 - April 2025



**Monthly Commentary**

Year-to-date, seasonally adjusted over-the-month job growth has averaged 850 new jobs, slightly above the 600 jobs gained during the same period in 2024. In April, the Private Education and Health Services industry grew by 3,300 jobs over-the-year, representing three-quarters of the total over-the-year jobs increase. Growth was led by new jobs in Hospitals and Nursing and Residential Care Facilities, which increased by 1,300 and 600, respectively. Food Service and Drinking Places, a subsector of the Leisure and Hospitality Industry, saw the greatest decline in its number of jobs compared to a year ago, falling by 1,500. Federal Government jobs remain at 6,700, the same level as in April 2024.

**Delaware Civilian Labor Force**

Delaware Residents

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024
Civilian Labor Force	507,300	506,700	506,800
Employed	487,700	487,700	487,900
Unemployed	19,600	19,000	18,900
Unemployment Rate %	3.9	3.7	3.7
US Unemployment Rate %	4.2	4.2	3.9

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Area Unemployment Rates (%)**

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024
<b>New Castle County</b>	3.8	4.0	3.4
Wilmington	5.4	5.2	4.8
Newark	4.1	6.2	3.3
Middletown	3.5	3.6	3.1
<b>Kent County</b>	4.2	4.5	3.7
Dover	4.9	5.4	4.9
<b>Sussex County</b>	3.9	4.1	3.5

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Hours & Earnings**

All Employee (Total Private)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$1,052.03	\$1,066.29	\$1,016.00
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	32.5	32.9	32.0
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$32.37	\$32.41	\$31.75

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April 2025 was 3.9%, up from 3.7% in March 2025. There were 19,600 unemployed Delawareans in April 2025 compared to 18,900 in April 2024. The US unemployment rate was 4.2% in April 2025, unchanged from March 2025. In April 2024, the US unemployment rate was 3.9%, while Delaware's rate was 3.7%.

In April 2025, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 494,200, up from 493,000 in March 2025. Since April 2024, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 4,400, a rise of 0.9%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 1.2%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	494.2	493.0	1.2	4.4
CONSTRUCTION	24.5	24.6	-0.1	0.0
MANUFACTURING	26.7	26.7	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	8.0	8.0	0.0	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	18.7	18.7	0.0	0.4
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	91.1	90.8	0.3	0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.6	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	52.1	52.0	0.1	1.0
Transp. & Utilities	26.4	26.2	0.2	-0.2
INFORMATION	3.5	3.6	-0.1	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.0	48.9	0.1	-0.5
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.0	64.7	0.3	0.0
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	89.6	89.5	0.1	3.3
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	53.5	53.3	0.2	-0.6
OTHER SERVICES	19.5	19.5	0.0	-0.2
GOVERNMENT	71.8	71.4	0.4	1.5
Federal Government	6.7	6.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	33.4	33.2	0.2	0.2
Local Government	31.7	31.4	0.3	1.3

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.  
Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.  
Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

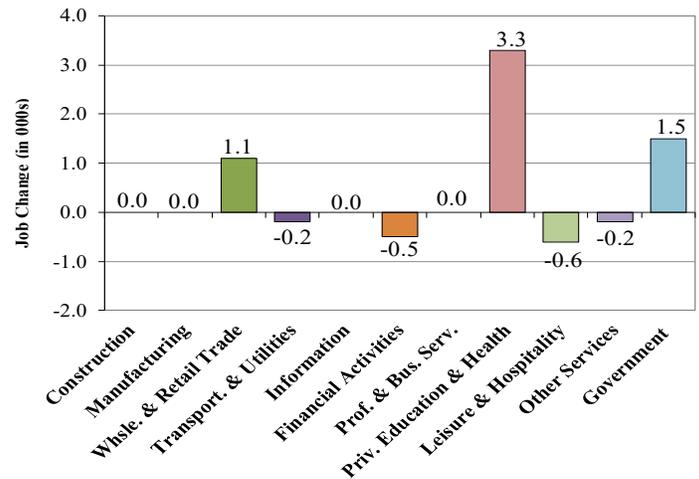
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

April 2024 – April 2025



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Apr. 2025 from:		
	Apr. 2024	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025
US City Average	2.3	0.5	0.3
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	2.9	0.5	NA

\* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2004–2024

