

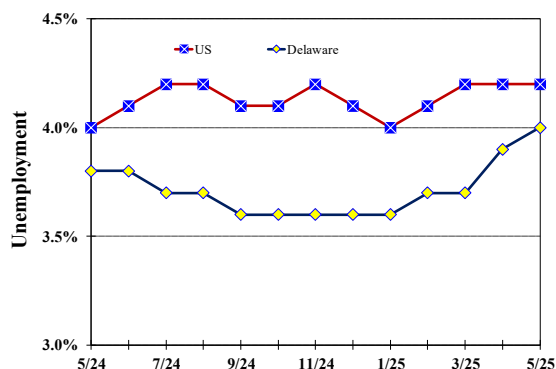
May 2025

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Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US

May 2024 - May 2025



Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024
Civilian Labor Force	508,100	507,300	507,200
Employed	488,000	487,700	488,100
Unemployed	20,100	19,600	19,100
Unemployment Rate %	4.0	3.9	3.8
US Unemployment Rate %	4.2	4.2	4.0

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024
New Castle County	3.8	3.8	3.4
Wilmington	5.3	5.4	4.8
Newark	4.1	4.1	3.2
Middletown	3.5	3.5	3.3
Kent County	4.1	4.2	3.7
Dover	4.9	4.8	4.9
Sussex County	3.7	4.0	3.3

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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

Monthly Commentary

In May, Delaware's labor force participation (LFP) rate grew by 0.1 percentage point to 59.0%, the first over-the-month rate increase in the twenty-five-month period since April 2023. May's rate, however, was 3.4 percentage points lower than the US LFP rate of 62.4% and 0.7 percentage points lower than Delaware's May 2024 LFP rate of 59.7%. The total number of workers in Delaware's labor force grew by 800, the largest over-the-month increase since June 2023 and 900 more workers than a year ago. Based on Current Population Survey data, workers re-entering the labor force made up nearly half the total number of unemployed workers in May, up from one-third in April, and likely also drove this month's increase in labor force participation.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024
Weekly Earnings	\$1,060.80	\$1,048.78	\$1,008.06
Weekly Hours	32.5	32.5	31.8
Hourly Earnings	\$32.64	\$32.27	\$31.70

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 May 2025 was 4.0%, up from 3.9% in April 2025. There were 20,100 unemployed Delawareans in May 2025 compared to 19,100 in May 2024. The US unemployment rate was 4.2% in May 2025, unchanged from April 2025. In May 2024, the US unemployment rate was 4.0%, while Delaware's rate was 3.8%.

In May 2025, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 494,100, unchanged from April 2025. Since May 2024, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 5,300, a rise of 1.1%. Nationally, jobs during that period also increased by 1.1%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	May 2025	Apr. 2025	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	494.1	494.1	0.0	5.3
CONSTRUCTION	25.1	24.7	0.4	1.1
MANUFACTURING	26.4	26.6	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.9	8.0	-0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	18.5	18.6	-0.1	0.1
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.6	90.9	-0.3	0.4
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.6	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	51.7	52.0	-0.3	0.6
Transp. & Utilities	26.4	26.3	0.1	-0.2
INFORMATION	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.4	49.3	0.1	0.2
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.4	65.3	0.1	0.2
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	89.8	89.6	0.2	3.2
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	53.5	53.4	0.1	-0.5
OTHER SERVICES	19.5	19.5	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	70.9	71.3	-0.4	0.9
Federal Government	6.6	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	32.7	33.1	-0.4	-0.1
Local Government	31.6	31.5	0.1	1.1

† 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.

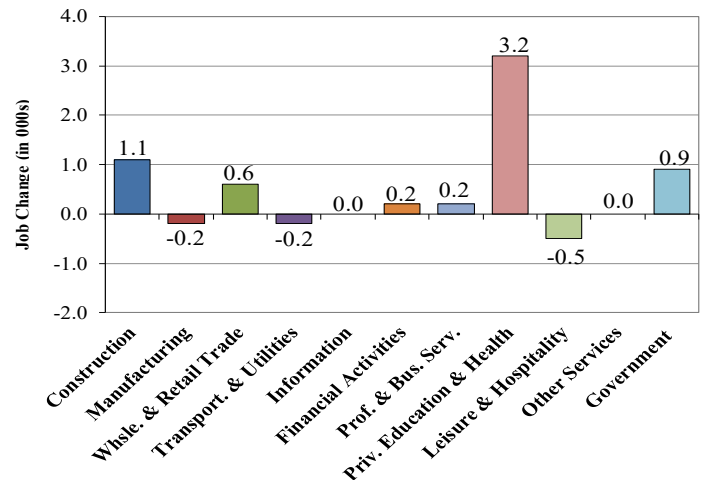
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

May 2024 — May 2025



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to May 2025 from:		
	May 2024	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025
US City Average	2.4	0.5	0.2
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2004–2024

