

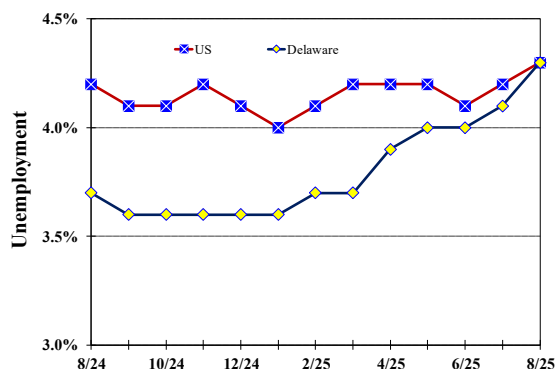
## August 2025

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### Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US

August 2024 - August 2025



### Monthly Commentary

Nearly two-thirds of August's year-over-year job growth (3,500) came from the *Private Education and Health Services* sector (2,100). The industry's *Ambulatory Health Care* and *Hospital* subsector jobs rose by 800 and 700 new jobs, respectively. The *Trade, Transportation, and Utilities* super sector followed with a gain of 1,000 jobs, led by growth in *Retail Trade* (400) and *Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities* (700) sectors. In contrast, the *Professional and Business Services* super sector saw the largest decline, losing 600 jobs, including 300 each in *Employment Services* and *Services to Buildings and Dwellings*.

### Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024
Civilian Labor Force	510,500	509,600	507,400
Employed	488,600	488,500	488,700
Unemployed	21,900	21,100	18,700
Unemployment Rate %	4.3	4.1	3.7
US Unemployment Rate %	4.3	4.2	4.2

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

### Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024
<b>New Castle County</b>	5.3	4.8	4.2
Wilmington	7.2	6.3	6.2
Newark	6.9	7.4	5.1
Middletown	5.0	4.6	4.1
<b>Kent County</b>	5.9	5.4	4.7
Dover	7.3	6.7	6.0
<b>Sussex County</b>	4.4	4.0	3.4

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)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$1,068.28	\$1,053.00	\$1,015.32
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	32.5	32.4	32.1
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$32.87	\$32.50	\$31.63

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 August 2025 was 4.3%, up from 4.1% in July 2025. There were 21,900 unemployed Delawareans in August 2025 compared to 18,700 in August 2024. The US unemployment rate was 4.3% in August 2025, up from 4.2% in July 2025. In August 2024, the US unemployment rate was 4.2%, while Delaware's rate was 3.7%.

In August 2025, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 493,800, up from 493,000 in July 2025. Since August 2024, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 3,500, a rise of 0.7%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 0.8%.

### Delaware Nonfarm Employment

*Jobs at Delaware Locations*  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	493.8	493.0	0.8	3.5
CONSTRUCTION	24.6	24.7	-0.1	0.4
MANUFACTURING	26.5	26.6	-0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.9	7.9	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	18.6	18.7	-0.1	0.1
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.4	90.2	0.2	1.0
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.6	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	51.6	51.4	0.2	0.4
Transp. & Utilities	26.2	26.2	0.0	0.7
INFORMATION	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.4	49.4	0.0	-0.4
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.6	65.6	0.0	-0.6
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	90.2	89.8	0.4	2.1
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	53.5	52.9	0.6	0.8
OTHER SERVICES	19.8	19.7	0.1	0.3
GOVERNMENT	70.3	70.6	-0.3	0.0
Federal Government	6.4	6.6	-0.2	-0.3
State Government	32.7	32.6	0.1	-0.4
Local Government	31.2	31.4	-0.2	0.7

† 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.

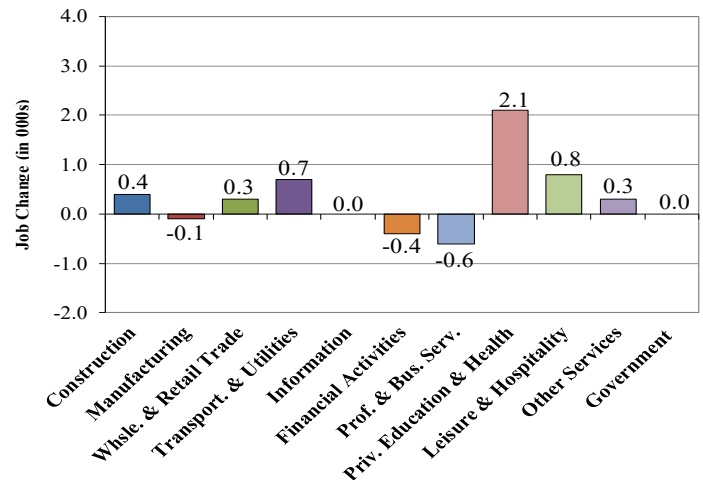
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### Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

August 2024 — August 2025



### Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Aug. 2025 from:		
	Aug. 2024	Jun. 2025	Jul. 2025
US City Average	2.9	0.4	0.3
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	3.3	0.5	NA

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

### Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2004–2024

