

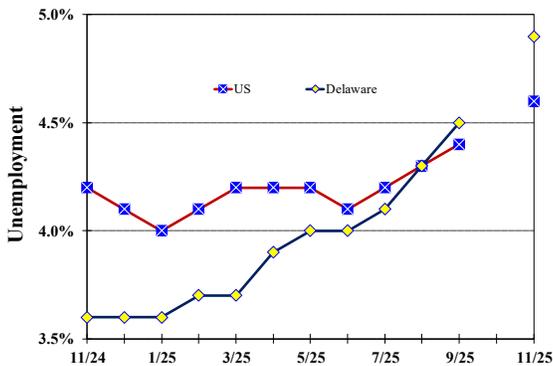
November 2025

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Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US

November 2024 - November 2025



Monthly Commentary

In November, Delaware’s year-over-year job growth continues to be driven by the *Private Education and Health Services* industry, which added 2,500 jobs (not-seasonally adjusted), accounting for 75 percent of the state’s total nonfarm job increase of 3,300. Sussex County led statewide growth, adding 2,000 jobs, primarily in *Private Education and Health Services, Professional and Business Services, and Leisure and Hospitality*. New Castle County added 1,300 jobs, led by gains in *Private Education and Health Services, Professional and Business Services, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities*. Employment in Kent County remained largely flat, as gains in *Private Education and Health Services* were offset by losses in *Leisure and Hospitality, Federal Government, and Manufacturing*.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Nov. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2024
Civilian Labor Force	515,000	-	506,600
Employed	489,600	-	488,400
Unemployed	25,400	-	18,200
Unemployment Rate %	4.9	-	3.6
US Unemployment Rate %	4.6	-	4.2

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Note: The October 2025 unemployment data is not available due to a lapse in Federal appropriations.

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Nov. 2025	Oct 2025	Nov. 2024
New Castle County	5.2	-	3.1
Wilmington	6.9	-	4.5
Newark	6.2	-	3.4
Middletown	4.7	-	3.0
Kent County	5.8	-	3.4
Dover	6.9	-	4.0
Sussex County	5.4	-	3.1

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.
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Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Nov. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2024
Weekly Earnings	\$1,113.76	\$1,090.91	\$1,035.18
Weekly Hours	32.7	32.4	32.4
Hourly Earnings	\$34.06	\$33.67	\$31.95

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 November 2025 was 4.9%, up from 4.5% in September 2025. There were 25,400 unemployed Delawareans in November 2025 compared to 18,200 in November 2024. The US unemployment rate was 4.6% in November 2025, up from 4.4% in September 2025. In November 2024, the US unemployment rate was 4.2%, while Delaware's rate was 3.6%.

In November 2025, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 494,000, up from 493,300 in October 2025. Since November 2024, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 3,300, a rise of 0.7%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 0.5%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 2025	Oct. 2025	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	494.0	493.3	0.7	3.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.4	-0.1	-0.2
MANUFACTURING	26.0	26.0	0.0	-0.7
Durable Goods	8.0	8.0	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	18.0	18.0	0.0	-0.6
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.8	90.8	0.0	0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.7	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	52.0	52.1	-0.1	0.5
Transp. & Utilities	26.1	26.0	0.1	0.2
INFORMATION	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.5	49.2	0.3	0.4
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.3	65.2	0.1	0.8
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	90.8	90.7	0.1	2.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	52.7	52.5	0.2	-0.2
OTHER SERVICES	20.4	20.3	0.1	0.5
GOVERNMENT	70.7	70.6	0.1	-0.3
Federal Government	6.3	6.2	0.1	-0.4
State Government	32.8	32.8	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	31.6	31.6	0.0	0.3

† 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.

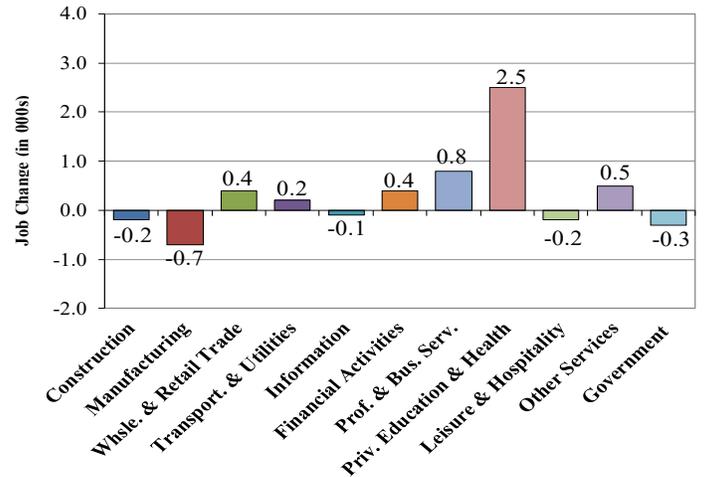
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

November 2024 – November 2025



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Nov. 2025 from:		
	Nov. 2024	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025
US City Average	2.7	-0.2	NA
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2004–2024

