

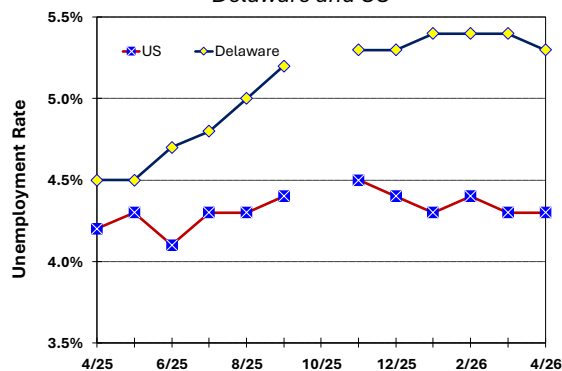
April 2026

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Unemployment Rate

April 2025 - April 2026

Delaware and US



Note: The October 2025 data is not available due to a lapse in Federal appropriations.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Apr. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2025
Civilian Labor Force	511,700	513,300	514,900
Employed	484,600	485,700	492,000
Unemployed	27,100	27,600	22,900
Unemployment Rate %	5.3	5.4	4.5
US Unemployment Rate %	4.3	4.3	4.2

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Apr. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2025
New Castle County	4.6	4.9	4.1
Wilmington	6.1	6.3	5.7
Newark	6.2	7.5	4.5
Middletown	4.2	4.6	3.8
Kent County	5.2	5.6	4.5
Dover	6.6	7.1	5.3
Sussex County	4.9	5.3	4.3

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 April, Delaware's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment declined by 1,900 jobs from the prior year. Over-the-year job losses have now been recorded in six of the past seven months. The Leisure and Hospitality sector experienced the largest year-over-year decline, shedding 1,500 jobs. Within this sector, Food Services and Drinking Places had the greatest number of job losses, decreasing by 1,000 jobs over the year. The Manufacturing industry ranked second in total job losses with employment falling by 1,100 compared to a year earlier. The Financial Activities sector ranked third in annual job losses, declining by 800 positions in April. Partially offsetting these declines, the Private Education and Health Services sector continued to lead overall job growth, adding 1,200 positions since April 2025.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Apr. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2025
Weekly Earnings	\$1,082.16	\$1,092.10	\$1,048.78
Weekly Hours	32.4	32.6	32.5
Hourly Earnings	\$33.40	\$33.50	\$32.27

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 2026 was 5.3%, down from 5.4% in March 2026. There were 27,100 unemployed Delawareans in April 2026 compared to 22,900 in April 2025. The US unemployment rate was 4.3% in April 2026, unchanged from March 2026. In April 2025, the US unemployment rate was 4.2%, while Delaware's rate was 4.5%.

In April 2026, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 494,500, down from 495,300 in March 2026. Since April 2025, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have decreased by a net loss of 1,900, a drop of 0.4%. Nationally, jobs increased by 0.2% during the same period.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 2026	Mar. 2026	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	494.5	495.3	-0.8	-1.9
CONSTRUCTION	25.1	24.9	0.2	0.6
MANUFACTURING	25.6	26.1	-0.5	-1.1
Durable Goods	7.7	7.8	-0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.9	18.3	-0.4	-0.8
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.1	89.6	0.5	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	13.0	13.0	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	50.4	50.2	0.2	-0.5
Transp. & Utilities	26.7	26.4	0.3	0.1
INFORMATION	3.3	3.3	0.0	-0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.9	49.4	-0.5	-0.8
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.4	65.6	-0.2	1.0
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	93.2	93.2	0.0	1.2
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	51.7	51.6	0.1	-1.5
OTHER SERVICES	19.7	20.1	-0.4	0.0
GOVERNMENT	71.5	71.5	0.0	-0.5
Federal Government	6.3	6.2	0.1	-0.4
State Government	33.2	33.3	-0.1	-0.6
Local Government	32.0	32.0	0.0	0.5

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.

Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.

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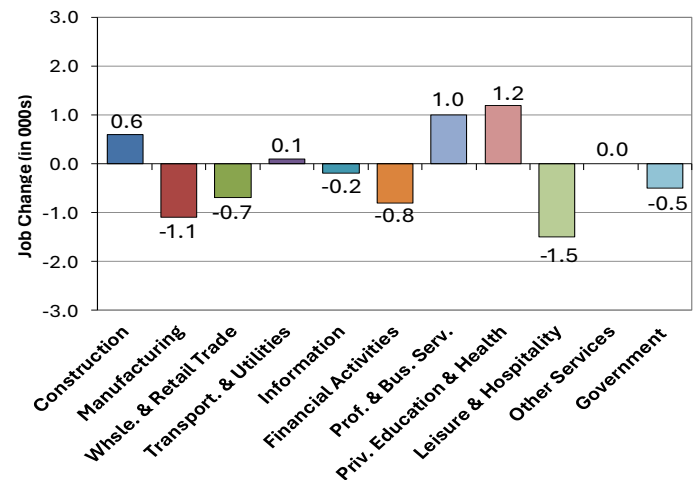
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

April 2025 — April 2026



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Apr. 2026 from:		
	Apr. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026
US City Average	3.8	1.9	0.9
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	4.8	1.7	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2005—2025

