

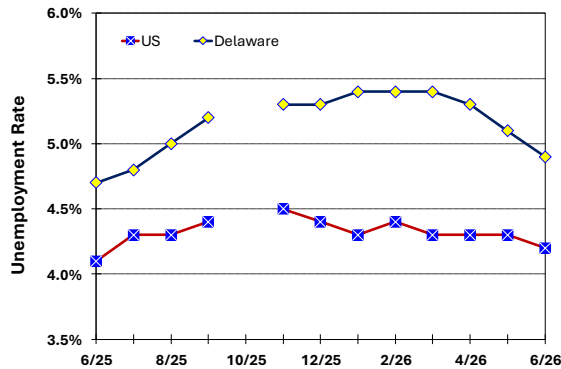
June 2026

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Unemployment Rate

June 2025 - June 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

	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025
Civilian Labor Force	508,300	510,200	515,600
Employed	483,200	484,200	491,600
Unemployed	25,100	26,000	24,000
Unemployment Rate %	4.9	5.1	4.7
US Unemployment Rate %	4.2	4.3	4.1

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025
New Castle County	4.8	4.1	4.9
Wilmington	6.3	5.6	6.7
Newark	6.3	4.3	6.1
Middletown	4.4	3.6	4.5
Kent County	5.4	4.6	5.3
Dover	6.6	5.5	6.5
Sussex County	4.7	4.1	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

Delaware's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased for the second consecutive month, reaching a new high of 498,000 jobs. During the first half of 2026, Delaware added 3,200 jobs, representing growth of 0.6 percent, compared to a 0.3 percent increase in national employment over the same period. Over a twelve-month period, since June 2025, employment in Delaware has grown by 2,600 jobs or 0.5 percent, outpacing the national increase of 0.3 percent. The largest gains occurred in *Professional and Business Services* (+2,300 jobs, or 3.5 percent) and *Private Education and Health Services* (+1,700 jobs, or 1.8 percent). Nationally, employment in these sectors increased by 0.5 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025
Weekly Earnings	\$1,074.24	\$1,075.03	\$1,073.54
Weekly Hours	32.0	32.1	32.8
Hourly Earnings	\$33.57	\$33.49	\$32.73

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 June 2026 was 4.9%, down from 5.1% in May 2026. There were 25,100 unemployed Delawareans in June 2026 compared to 24,000 in June 2025. The US unemployment rate was 4.2% in June 2026, down from 4.3% in May 2026. In June 2025, the US unemployment rate was 4.1%, while Delaware's rate was 4.7%.

In June 2026, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 498,000, up from 497,000 in May 2026. Since June 2025, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 2,600, a rise of 0.5%. Nationally, jobs increased by 0.3% during the same period.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	June 2026	May 2026	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	498.0	497.0	1.0	2.6
CONSTRUCTION	24.9	24.7	0.2	0.0
MANUFACTURING	25.8	25.9	-0.1	-1.1
Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	18.0	18.1	-0.1	-0.8
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.0	90.2	-0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	13.2	13.2	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	50.0	50.2	-0.2	-0.9
Transp. & Utilities	26.8	26.8	0.0	0.2
INFORMATION	3.3	3.4	-0.1	-0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.0	49.0	0.0	-0.2
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	66.8	66.2	0.6	2.3
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	94.0	94.1	-0.1	1.7
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	51.7	51.6	0.1	0.2
OTHER SERVICES	19.8	19.8	0.0	0.2
GOVERNMENT	72.7	72.1	0.6	0.2
Federal Government	6.3	6.3	0.0	-0.3
State Government	34.5	33.9	0.6	0.3
Local Government	31.9	31.9	0.0	0.2

† 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.

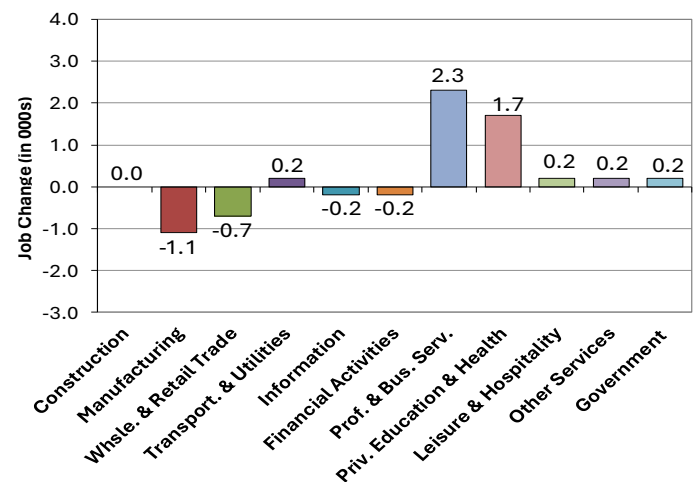
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

June 2025 — June 2026



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to June 2026 from:		
	June 2025	Apr. 2026	May 2026
US City Average	3.5	0.3	-0.3
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	5.4	1.3	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2005—2025

