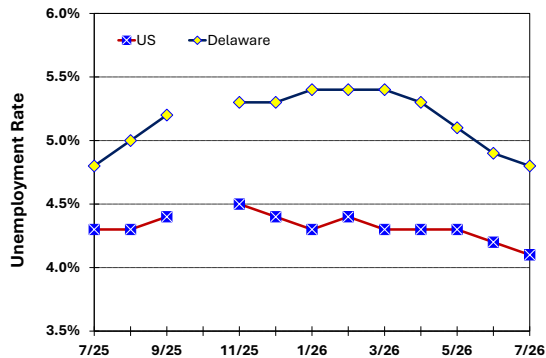


Unemployment Rate

July 2025 - July 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

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025
Civilian Labor Force	506,700	508,300	516,000
Employed	482,400	483,200	491,200
Unemployed	24,300	25,100	24,800
Unemployment Rate %	4.8	4.9	4.8
US Unemployment Rate %	4.1	4.2	4.3

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025
New Castle County	4.8	4.9	5.2
Wilmington	6.2	6.3	6.7
Newark	6.8	6.3	8.0
Middletown	4.8	4.5	4.9
Kent County	5.4	5.4	5.9
Dover	6.8	6.6	7.3
Sussex County	4.3	4.7	4.4

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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

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Monthly Commentary

In July, Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined for the fourth consecutive month to 4.8 percent, its lowest level since July 2025. This represents a shift from a year earlier, when Delaware's unemployment rate had increased in seven of the previous nine months, reaching 4.8 percent. Delaware's improving unemployment rate has also resulted in a stronger national ranking. In January, Delaware was tied with California for the 49th-lowest unemployment rate nationwide, at 5.4 percent. By June, the unemployment rate had declined to 4.9 percent, moving Delaware to the 42nd-lowest rate in the nation, tied with Arizona.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025
Weekly Earnings	\$1,083.46	\$1,077.92	\$1,053.32
Weekly Hours	32.4	32.1	32.4
Hourly Earnings	\$33.44	\$33.58	\$32.51

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 July 2026 was 4.8%, down from 4.9% in June 2026. There were 24,300 unemployed Delawareans in July 2026 compared to 24,800 in July 2025. The US unemployment rate was 4.1% in July 2026, down from 4.2% in June 2026. In July 2025, the US unemployment rate was 4.3%, while Delaware's rate was 4.8%.

In July 2026, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 495,100, down from 496,200 in June 2026. Since July 2025, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have decreased by a net loss of 200, a drop of less than one tenth of a percent. Nationally, jobs increased by 0.2% during the same period.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

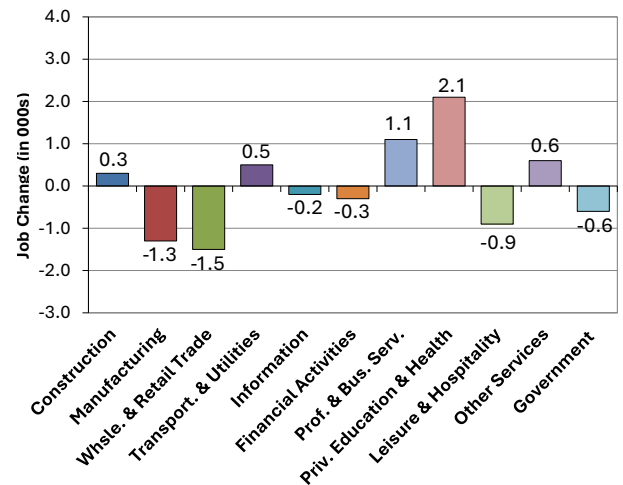
Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	July 2026	June 2026	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	495.1	496.2	-1.1	-0.2
CONSTRUCTION	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.3
MANUFACTURING	25.8	25.8	0.0	-1.3
Durable Goods	7.7	7.8	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	18.1	18.0	0.1	-1.1
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	89.3	89.9	-0.6	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	13.1	13.2	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	49.6	49.9	-0.3	-1.5
Transp. & Utilities	26.6	26.8	-0.2	0.5
INFORMATION	3.3	3.3	0.0	-0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.9	49.2	-0.3	-0.3
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	66.1	66.2	-0.1	1.1
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	94.2	94.0	0.2	2.1
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	50.7	51.0	-0.3	-0.9
OTHER SERVICES	20.0	19.9	0.1	0.6
GOVERNMENT	71.8	71.9	-0.1	-0.6
Federal Government	6.3	6.3	0.0	-0.3
State Government	33.5	33.6	-0.1	-0.5
Local Government	32.0	32.0	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.

Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

July 2025 - July 2026



Consumer Price Index

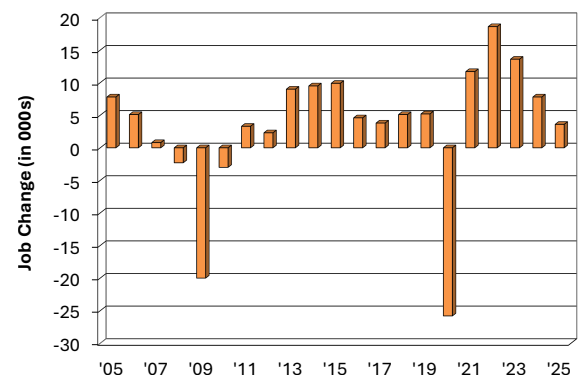
All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to July 2026 from:		
	July 2025	May 2026	June 2026
US City Average	3.4	-0.4	0.0
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2005 - 2025



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