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Delaware had 22,000 job openings in December, the same as in November but 4,000 fewer than one year ago. The number of unemployed workers increased by 1,200 over the month to 26,600, widening the gap between job seekers and available jobs. In December, there were 4,600 more unemployed workers than job openings, up from 3,400 in November. Delaware continued to have fewer job openings than people looking for work, a trend also seen in neighboring states. The rise in unemployment caused Delaware's ratio of unemployed workers to job openings to fall slightly from 0.9 in November to 0.8 in December. Among nearby states, New Jersey experienced the largest shift, with its ratio falling from 0.8 to 0.6. Maryland and Pennsylvania both held steady at 0.9, though their ratios were lower than a year ago. Nationally, the U.S. ratio was also 0.9 in December.

Delaware Job Openings comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS). JOLTS provides information on the demand for labor in Delaware and job turnover. More info on the JOLTS program can be found at www.bls.gov/jlt/.

Delaware's Unemployed vs Job Openings

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The number of Unemployed People exceeds the number of Job Openings

(*) Preliminary data

Source: BLS's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey and the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, seasonally adjusted.