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In May, Delaware's seasonally adjusted job openings increased by 3,000 to 26,000 — the first monthly gain since October 2024. The number of unemployed workers also rose to 20,100, leaving 5,900 more job openings than job seekers, up from a gap of 3,400 in April. Delaware had the second highest ratio of job openings to unemployed workers at 1.3, slightly behind Maryland's ratio of 1.4. New Jersey had the region's lowest ratio, dropping to 0.9 this month from 1.0 in April, meaning it had more job seekers than openings. Both Pennsylvania and the U.S. overall had a ratio of 1.1 in May.

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

MAY 2025*

Total #
26,000
Job Openings

Minus
20,100
Unemployed
People

Equals
5,900
More Openings
than Unemployed

**The number of Job Openings exceeds the
number of Unemployed People**

(*) Preliminary data

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