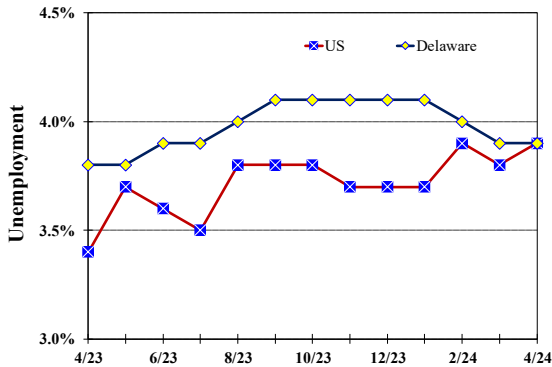


April 2024

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Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US
April 2023 – April 2024



Monthly Commentary

Delaware’s labor force continued its trend downward in April to 506,300, a sixth consecutive month of declines, but remained higher than a year ago. The seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate of 60.1 percent is the lowest since April 2020 when the rate was 59.5 percent, the lowest point since record-keeping began in 1976. April’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.9 percent marks the first time Delaware’s rate has equaled the US unemployment rate since January 2020. Delaware’s unemployment rate has remained higher than the US rate for thirty-three consecutive months, since June 2021, when Delaware’s rate was 5.8 percent and the US rate was 5.9 percent.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023
Civilian Labor Force	506,300	507,000	504,400
Employed	486,500	487,000	485,100
Unemployed	19,800	20,000	19,300
Unemployment Rate %	3.9	3.9	3.8
US Unemployment Rate %	3.9	3.8	3.4

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023
New Castle County	3.6	3.8	3.4
Wilmington	5.5	5.6	5.1
Newark	3.2	4.4	2.9
Kent County	4.2	4.5	4.1
Dover	5.8	6.0	4.8
Sussex County	3.8	4.2	3.6

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.
Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023
Weekly Earnings	\$1,016.32	\$996.16	\$1,018.98
Weekly Hours	32.0	32.0	32.4
Hourly Earnings	\$31.76	\$31.13	\$31.45

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 2024 was 3.9%, unchanged from March 2024. There were 19,800 unemployed Delawareans in April 2024 compared to 19,300 in April 2023. The US unemployment rate was 3.9% in April 2024, up from 3.8% in March 2024. In April 2023, the US unemployment rate was 3.4%, while Delaware rate was 3.8%.

In April 2024, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 490,400, up from 488,300 in March 2024. Since April 2023, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 7,200, a rise of 1.5%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 1.8%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	490.4	488.3	2.1	7.2
CONSTRUCTION	24.2	23.9	0.3	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	27.9	27.8	0.1	0.7
Durable Goods	8.8	8.6	0.2	-0.5
Nondurable Goods	19.1	19.2	-0.1	1.2
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	89.8	89.7	0.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.6	0.3	0.3
Retail Trade	51.5	51.5	0.0	0.4
Transp. & Utilities	25.4	25.6	-0.2	-0.7
INFORMATION	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.8	50.7	0.1	0.4
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	63.3	62.7	0.6	-1.6
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	85.8	85.7	0.1	2.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	54.1	53.7	0.4	1.7
OTHER SERVICES	19.1	18.9	0.2	0.2
GOVERNMENT	71.8	71.6	0.2	3.0
Federal Government	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.5
State Government	34.6	34.5	0.1	1.3
Local Government	30.5	30.4	0.1	1.2

† 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.

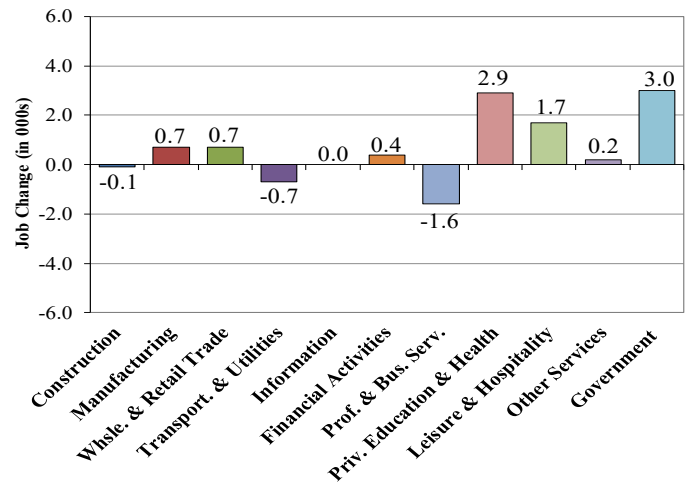
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

April 2023 – April 2024



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Apr. 2024 from:		
	Apr. 2023	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2024
US City Average	3.4	1.0	0.4
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	4.1	0.7	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2003–2023

