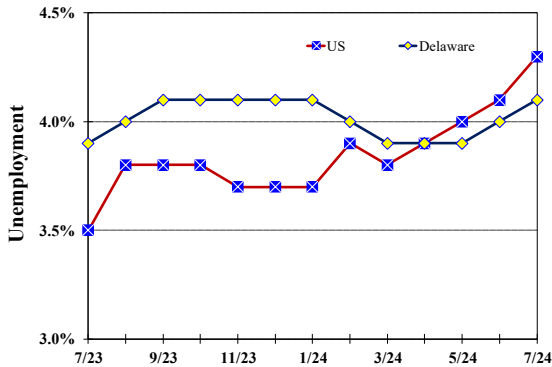


**July 2024**

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**Unemployment Rate**

*Delaware and US*  
**July 2023 - July 2024**



**Monthly Commentary**

Delaware's labor force declined for a ninth consecutive month in July to 505,300 workers, a 4,600 decrease from 509,900 workers in October 2023. July's labor force participation rate, the percentage of its labor force compared to its work-eligible population, was 59.7, the second lowest level on record and 0.2 percentage points higher than its lowest point ever recorded in April 2020. The number of employed Delawareans declined over-the-month by 900 workers to 484,400. The number of unemployed workers increased by 700 over-the-month, the largest increase since February 2021 when it was up 800 over-the-month.

**Delaware Civilian Labor Force**

Delaware Residents

	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023
Civilian Labor Force	505,300	505,500	508,000
Employed	484,400	485,300	488,100
Unemployed	20,900	20,200	19,900
Unemployment Rate %	4.1	4.0	3.9
US Unemployment Rate %	4.3	4.1	3.5

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

**Area Unemployment Rates (%)**

	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023
<b>New Castle County</b>	4.8	4.6	4.1
Wilmington	6.9	7.1	6.4
Newark	6.0	4.9	5.5
<b>Kent County</b>	5.7	5.5	4.9
Dover	7.5	7.4	6.5
<b>Sussex County</b>	4.2	4.0	3.3

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

**Hours & Earnings**

All Employee (Total Private)

	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$992.41	\$1,009.00	\$1,001.06
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	31.9	31.9	32.8
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$31.11	\$31.63	\$30.52

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 2024 was 4.1%, up from 4.0% in June 2024. There were 20,900 unemployed Delawareans in July 2024 compared to 19,900 in July 2023. The US unemployment rate was 4.3% in July 2024, up from 4.1% in June 2024. In July 2023, the US unemployment rate was 3.5%, while Delaware's rate was 3.9%.

In July 2024, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 490,000, up from 489,700 in June 2024. Since July 2023, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 6,200, a rise of 1.3%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased by 1.6%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	July 2024	June 2024	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	490.0	489.7	0.3	6.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.8	24.0	-0.2	0.0
MANUFACTURING	27.9	27.5	0.4	0.7
Durable Goods	8.9	8.6	0.3	0.0
Nondurable Goods	19.0	18.9	0.1	0.7
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	89.6	89.2	0.4	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.3	0.4	0.1
Retail Trade	51.3	51.4	-0.1	-0.2
Transp. & Utilities	25.6	25.5	0.1	-0.5
INFORMATION	3.5	3.5	0.0	-0.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	51.1	50.9	0.2	0.2
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.7	65.7	0.0	0.5
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	84.9	85.2	-0.3	1.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	52.3	52.7	-0.4	0.9
OTHER SERVICES	19.3	19.2	0.1	0.3
GOVERNMENT	71.9	71.8	0.1	2.7
Federal Government	6.7	6.6	0.1	0.3
State Government	34.4	34.5	-0.1	1.0
Local Government	30.8	30.7	0.1	1.4

† 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.

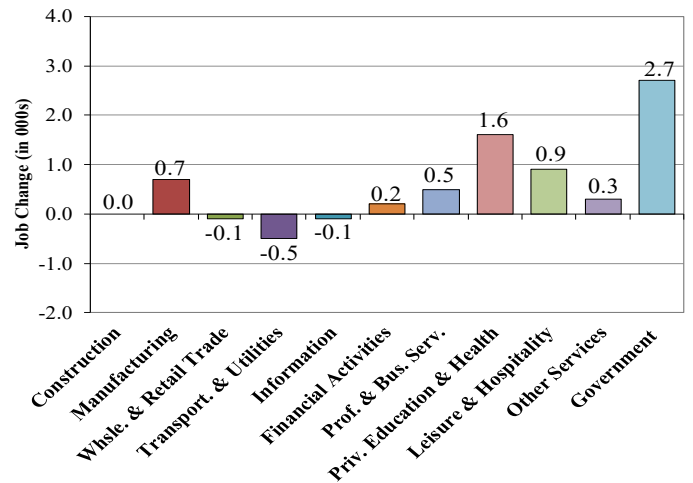
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

July 2023 – July 2024



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to July 2024 from:		
	July 2023	May 2024	June 2024
US City Average	2.9	0.1	0.1
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

\* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2003–2023

