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Delaware job openings continued their downward trend in April by falling to 26,000, a decline of 2,000 openings over-the-month and the lowest level since March 2021. The number of unemployed workers also declined over-the-month by 200 to 19,800 resulting in 6,200 more job openings than workers looking to fill jobs. Among its neighboring states, Delaware had the second lowest ratio of job openings to unemployed workers in April at 1.3, a slight decline from March's ratio of 1.4. Maryland had the region's highest ratio at 2.5 job openings per unemployed worker, followed by Pennsylvania at 1.5. New Jersey had the lowest job openings to unemployed ratio at 1.0. The US ratio in April was 1.2.

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

APRIL 2024*

Total #
26,000
Job Openings

Minus
19,800
Unemployed People

Equals
6,200
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.