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The number of August job openings remained at 27,000 for the third consecutive month, but were 3,000 fewer than a year ago. The total number of unemployed workers increased to 21,300 resulting in 5,700 more jobs available than workers seeking to fill them. August's difference in job openings to unemployed workers is the lowest since June 2021 when there were 1,300 more job openings than unemployed workers. In comparing neighboring states, Delaware and Pennsylvania tied in their ratio of the number of job openings to unemployed workers at 1.3. New Jersey had more unemployed workers than job openings in August with a ratio of 0.9. Maryland had the highest ratio of 1.8 openings to job seekers while the national ratio was 1.1.

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/](http://www.bls.gov/jlt/).

## Delaware's Unemployed vs Job Openings

AUGUST 2024\*

Total #  
**27,000**  
Job Openings

Minus  
**21,300**  
Unemployed People

Equals  
**5,700**  
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.