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Delaware job openings jumped to 36,000 in January, an increase of 6,000 openings over December 2023 and their highest level since April 2023 when openings reached 37,000. January's total number of unemployed workers fell by 200 over-the-month to 20,700, creating a job openings versus unemployed worker ratio of 1.7, Delaware's highest ratio since July 2023. Among regional states, Pennsylvania's ratio tied Delaware at 1.7. Maryland continued to have the highest ratio at 3.0 job openings to unemployed workers, while New Jersey's ratio fell below one to 0.9. The US ratio was unchanged from the previous month at 1.4.

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

JANUARY 2024*

Total #
36,000
Job Openings

Minus
20,700
Unemployed People

Equals
15,300
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.