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Delaware began the year with 19,000 total jobs openings, 6,000 fewer openings than the 25,000 openings the month prior and 12,000 fewer than January 2024. The number of unemployed workers totaled 18,300 in January, creating a difference in the number of unemployed workers versus jobs available of 700, the lowest difference in workers to openings since April 2021 when the difference was 600. Regionally, Delaware had the second lowest ratio of unemployed workers to job openings at 1.0, nearly one opening for each unemployed worker. New Jersey have the lowest ratio at 0.9, while Pennsylvania had the highest ratio of 1.2. Both Maryland and the national ratio were 1.1 in January.

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 2025*

Total #
19,000
Job Openings

Minus
18,300
Unemployed People

Equals
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.