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In May, the number of seasonally adjusted job openings in Delaware grew to 30,000, an increase of 2,000 openings from their April level and the first over-the-month increase since January 2024. The number of unemployed workers in Delaware totaled 19,900 in May, resulting in 10,100 more job openings than job seekers. Delaware's ratio of job openings to unemployed workers also rose over-the-month from 1.4 to 1.5 and was second highest among its surrounding states. Maryland's ratio of 2.1 was the region's highest. Pennsylvania tied the US' job openings to unemployed ratio at 1.4, while New Jersey had the region's lowest ratio of 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/.

Delaware's Unemployed vs Job Openings

MAY 2024*

Total #
30,000
Job Openings

Minus
19,900
Unemployed People

Equals
10,100
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.