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November's total number of job openings remained unchanged from their October level at 29,000, but were 1,000 job openings higher than a year ago. Delaware's total number of unemployed workers fell by 700 over-the-month of October to 19,500, creating a difference of 9,500 more jobs available than unemployed workers. In November of 2023, there were 28,000 job openings and 7,100 more job openings than unemployed workers. Regionally, Delaware and Pennsylvania's ratio of unemployed workers to job openings saw the only over-the-month changes, each growing by 0.1 point to 1.5 and 1.1, respectively. In comparing neighboring state's over-the-year ratio changes, Delaware had the only increase, growing from 1.3 to 1.5. Maryland's ratio, which remained the highest among regional states, saw the greatest decline from a year ago, falling from 2.5 job openings to unemployed workers to 1.7. Pennsylvania's ratio fell from 1.7 to 1.1, while New Jersey's ratio now reflects more unemployed workers than job openings, moving from 1.0 to 0.9 over-the-year. Nationally, the ratio of job openings to unemployed workers remained unchanged at 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

NOVEMBER 2024\*

Total #  
**29,000**  
Job Openings

Minus  
**19,500**  
Unemployed People

Equals  
**9,500**  
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.