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Delaware's total number of job openings increased by 5,000 over-the-month to 29,000, the highest level since May when openings reached 30,000. October's number of unemployed workers totaled 20,200, resulting in 8,800 more jobs available than unemployed workers to fill them, the first gain in the number of unemployed workers versus job openings in five months. In comparing neighboring states' ratios of unemployed workers to job openings, both Delaware and Maryland had over-the-month increases. Delaware's ratio grew by three-tenths from 1.1 to 1.4 while Maryland's ratio grew by two-tenths from 1.5 to 1.7. Pennsylvania had the only decline in its ratio among regional states, falling from 1.3 to 1.1 over the prior month. New Jersey and the national unemployed worker to job openings ratios remained unchanged at 0.9 and 1.1, respectively.

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

OCTOBER 2024\*

Total #  
**29,000**  
Job Openings

Minus  
**20,200**  
Unemployed People

Equals  
**8,800**  
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.