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September job openings fell by 2,000 to 25,000, marking a fourth consecutive monthly decline. The number of unemployed workers were 300 fewer than in August at 21,000 for a difference of 4,000 more job openings than unemployed workers. Regionally, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland each saw declines while New Jersey experienced the only increase in their total number of job openings. Delaware's ratio of unemployed workers to job openings fell over-the-month from 1.3 to 1.2, tying Pennsylvania. Maryland continues to have the highest ratio at 1.6 jobseekers to openings while New Jersey's ratio was the region's lowest at 1.0. The national ratio remained 1.1 for the third consecutive month.

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

SEPTEMBER 2024*

Total #
25,000
Job Openings

Minus
21,000
Unemployed People

Equals
4,000
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.