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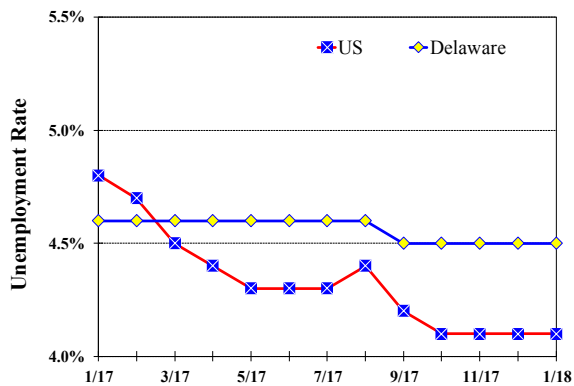
# Monthly Labor Review

## January 2018

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

#### Delaware and US

January 2017 - January 2018



### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Each year at this time, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revises data from previous years for the states. Unlike most recent years, this year's revisions for Delaware were relatively small. On the household side, the gain in employed residents for all of 2017 was reduced from 3,700 to 3,200. The previously reported increase of 1,500 unemployed residents was revised to a decrease of 100. The state's unemployment rate was smoothed and reduced in most months, bringing Delaware's annual unemployment rate down to 4.6% from 4.7%. On the business establishment side, the number of jobs in the state had been reported as falling by 200; the revised data show Delaware ending 2017 with the same number as the end of 2016. The differences between the two data series are people who work more than one job, those who are self-employed, farmworkers, and people who work in a state different from their home.

In the current year, things are starting out well, with an increase of 700 employed residents, an unemployment rate remaining at 4.5%, and 2,300 net new jobs at employers in the state. Some caution is warranted, however: over the past seven years, initial January job changes averaging 1,800 jobs were eventually revised to 700, with four of those revisions moving the job change in the opposite direction.



### DELAWARE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Delaware Residents

	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	478,400	477,900	475,500
Employed	456,900	456,200	453,600
Unemployed	21,500	21,700	21,900
Unemployment Rate %	4.5	4.5	4.6
US Unemployment Rate %	4.1	4.1	4.8

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2017
<b>New Castle County</b>	4.4	3.8	4.7
Wilmington	6.2	5.6	6.7
Newark	4.1	3.4	4.6
<b>Kent County</b>	5.0	4.2	5.2
Dover	6.0	5.1	6.2
<b>Sussex County</b>	5.5	4.7	5.9

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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## DELAWARE LABOR FORCE TRENDS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January 2018 was 4.5%, unchanged from December 2017. There were 21,500 unemployed Delawareans in January 2018 compared to 21,900 in January 2017. The US unemployment rate was 4.1% in January 2018, unchanged from December 2017. In January 2017 the US unemployment rate was 4.8%, while Delaware's rate was 4.6%.

In January 2018, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 457,600, up from 455,500 in December 2017. Since January 2017, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +800, a rise of 0.2%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 1.5%.

### DELAWARE NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

*Jobs at Delaware Locations*  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	457.6	455.5	2.1	0.8
CONSTRUCTION	22.4	22.5	-0.1	0.6
MANUFACTURING	25.9	25.8	0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	9.4	9.2	0.2	0.0
Nondurable Goods	16.5	16.6	-0.1	-0.2
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	81.5	80.6	0.9	0.0
Wholesale Trade	10.2	10.3	-0.1	-0.8
Retail Trade	53.1	52.2	0.9	-0.3
Transp. & Utilities	18.2	18.1	0.1	1.1
INFORMATION *	4.4	4.5	-0.1	-0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.6	47.8	-0.2	0.0
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	62.6	61.7	0.9	0.6
EDUCATION & HEALTH	78.3	78.3	0.0	0.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	49.4	49.0	0.4	-1.2
OTHER SERVICES	18.9	18.9	0.0	-0.1
GOVERNMENT	66.6	66.4	0.2	0.4
Federal Government *	5.7	5.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	33.1	33.1	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	27.8	27.7	0.1	0.6

\* Industries are not seasonally adjusted.

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.

Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.

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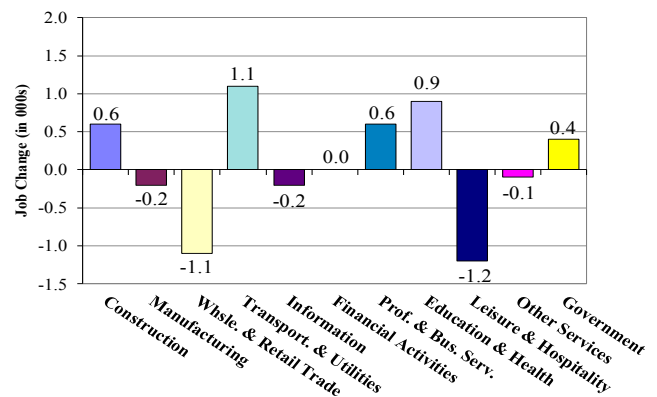
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### DELAWARE OVER-THE-YEAR JOB CHANGE

January 2017—January 2018



### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Jan. 2018 from:		
	Dec. 2017	Nov. 2017	Jan. 2017
US City Average	0.5	0.5	2.1
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

\* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

### DELAWARE ANNUAL NET JOB CHANGE

Annual Average 1997—2017

