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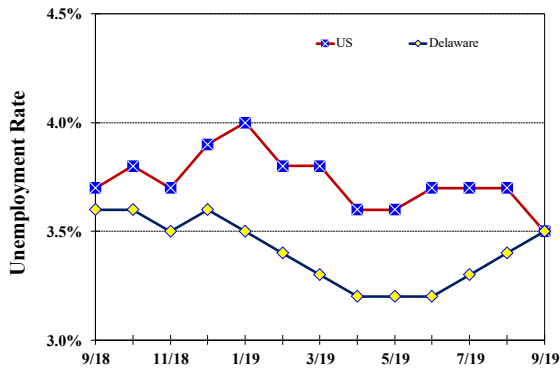
# Monthly Labor Review

## September 2019

### Unemployment Rate

#### Delaware and US

September 2018 - September 2019



### Monthly Commentary

For the third consecutive month, Delaware’s unemployment rate has risen one-tenth of a point. The unemployment rate for September is 3.5 percent and is equal to where it was at the beginning of the year in January. Delaware’s unemployment rate for September is also the same as the US rate, which ends a streak of 15 consecutive months of Delaware’s unemployment rate being below the US. While there are 600 more unemployed Delaware residents in September than there were in August, the number of unemployed is 200 less than a year ago.

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey of Delaware business establishments shows an increase of 8,000 jobs over the past 12 months, however much of the increase in employment has occurred in just the last two months. Seasonally adjusted, jobs increased by 2,200 in August and by 2,400 in September with most of the gains in the past two months coming from Professional & Business Services and Leisure & Hospitality. Over the past 12 months, Delaware’s job increases are being led by Education & Health and Leisure & Hospitality.



### Delaware Civilian Labor Force Delaware Residents

	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	Sept. 2018
Civilian Labor Force	489,200	489,100	483,200
Employed	472,000	472,500	465,800
Unemployed	17,200	16,600	17,400
Unemployment Rate %	3.5	3.4	3.6
US Unemployment Rate %	3.5	3.7	3.7

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

### Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	Sept. 2018
<b>New Castle County</b>	3.8	4.1	3.6
Wilmington	5.4	5.9	5.2
Newark	4.1	4.1	3.7
<b>Kent County</b>	4.2	4.8	3.9
Dover	5.5	6.2	4.9
<b>Sussex County</b>	3.4	3.5	3.3

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September 2019 was 3.5%, up from 3.4% in August 2019. There were 17,200 unemployed Delawareans in September 2019 compared to 17,400 in September 2018. The US unemployment rate was 3.5% in September 2019, down from 3.7% in August 2019. In September 2018 the US unemployment rate was 3.7%, while Delaware's rate was 3.6%.

In September 2019, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 469,100, up from 466,700 in August 2019. Since September 2018, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +8,000, a rise of 1.7%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 1.4%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

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

INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	469.1	466.7	2.4	8.0
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	23.0	0.2	0.7
MANUFACTURING	27.6	27.6	0.0	0.5
Durable Goods	9.8	9.7	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.8	17.9	-0.1	0.2
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	78.9	79.3	-0.4	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	51.8	52.2	-0.4	-0.6
Transp. & Utilities	16.0	16.0	0.0	-0.5
INFORMATION *	3.9	4.0	-0.1	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.1	48.0	0.1	1.2
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	63.5	62.6	0.9	-1.1
EDUCATION & HEALTH	83.2	82.7	0.5	3.2
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	53.7	52.6	1.1	2.6
OTHER SERVICES	18.3	18.3	0.0	-0.3
GOVERNMENT	68.7	68.6	0.1	2.0
Federal Government	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	33.3	33.4	-0.1	0.1
Local Government	29.6	29.4	0.2	1.8

\* Industries are not seasonally adjusted.  
† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.  
Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.  
Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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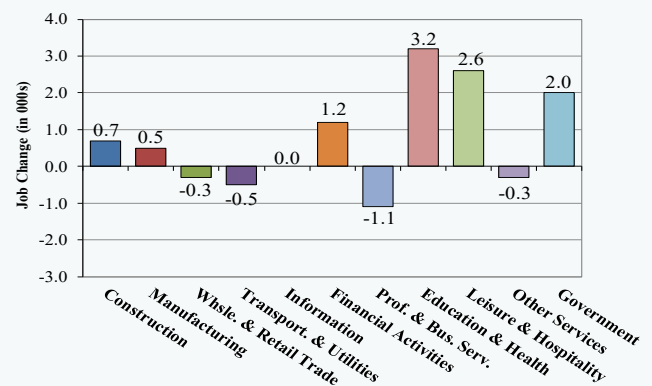
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

September 2018—September 2019



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Sept. 2019 from:		
	Aug. 2019	July 2019	Sept. 2018
US City Average	0.1	0.1	1.7
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

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

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 1998—2018

