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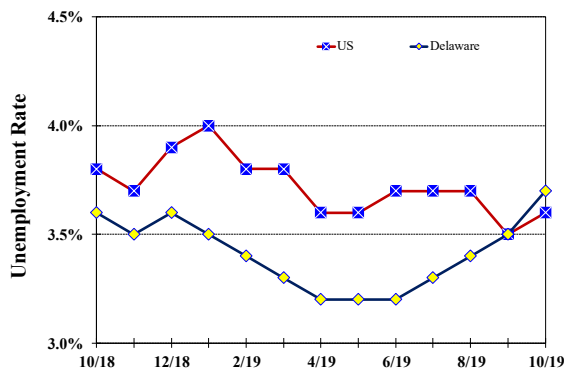
Monthly Labor Review

October 2019

Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US

October 2018 - October 2019



Monthly Commentary

Delaware’s unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a point to 3.7 percent in October. There are some underlying signs of weakness in the labor market. Workers become unemployed for four reasons: Job losers are those who have been laid off or have completed temporary jobs; job leavers are people who have voluntarily left their job in search of better opportunities; new entrants are job seekers new to the labor market such as recent high school and college graduates; and re-entrants have re-entered the labor market after spending some time out of the labor market. Unpublished unemployment data from the Delaware Current Population Survey using 12-month averages show that the share of job losers has increased to 75 percent of the unemployed from just under 40 percent one year ago. The share of job leavers and re-entrants who voluntarily enter the pool of unemployed seeking better opportunities has fallen to under 20 percent from just over 50 percent one year ago. The increase in the number of job losers combined with a decrease in voluntary unemployment of job leavers and re-entrants seeking better opportunities could be a sign of labor market weakness in the months ahead.



Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018
Civilian Labor Force	489,800	489,200	483,400
Employed	471,900	472,000	466,200
Unemployed	17,900	17,200	17,200
Unemployment Rate %	3.7	3.5	3.6
US Unemployment Rate %	3.6	3.5	3.8

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2018
New Castle County	3.8	3.8	3.3
Wilmington	5.6	5.4	5.0
Newark	3.9	4.1	3.2
Kent County	4.2	4.2	3.6
Dover	5.7	5.5	4.4
Sussex County	3.6	3.4	3.3

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October 2019 was 3.7%, up from 3.5% in September 2019. There were 17,900 unemployed Delawareans in October 2019 compared to 17,200 in October 2018. The US unemployment rate was 3.6% in October 2019, up from 3.5% in September 2019. In October 2018 the US unemployment rate was 3.8%, while Delaware's rate was 3.6%.

In October 2019, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 468,900, down from 469,400 in September 2019. Since October 2018, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +6,500, a rise of 1.4%. Nationally, jobs during that period also increased 1.4%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	468.9	469.4	-0.5	6.5
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	23.3	0.0	0.5
MANUFACTURING	27.5	27.5	0.0	0.4
Durable Goods	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.3
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	79.8	79.3	0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	52.7	51.9	0.8	0.3
Transp. & Utilities	16.0	16.3	-0.3	-0.2
INFORMATION *	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.3	48.2	0.1	1.1
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	62.5	63.6	-1.1	-1.7
EDUCATION & HEALTH	83.3	83.2	0.1	2.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	54.0	53.8	0.2	2.9
OTHER SERVICES	18.5	18.3	0.2	-0.1
GOVERNMENT	67.8	68.3	-0.5	0.5
Federal Government	5.7	5.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	33.3	33.4	-0.1	-0.2
Local Government	28.8	29.1	-0.3	0.7

* 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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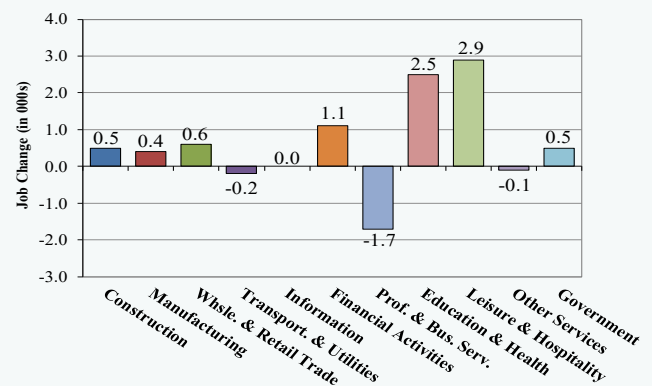
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

October 2018—October 2019



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Oct. 2019 from:		
	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2018
US City Average	0.2	0.3	1.8
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	-0.4	1.9

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 1998—2018

