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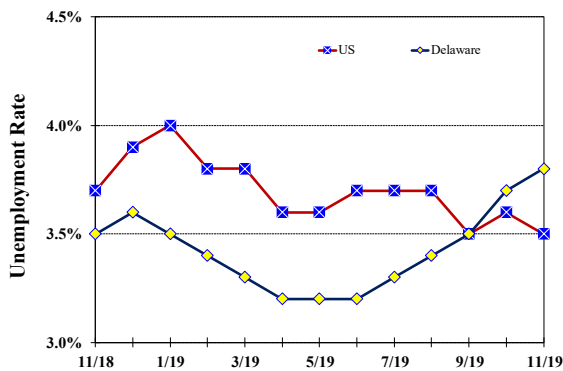
# Monthly Labor Review

## November 2019

### Unemployment Rate

#### Delaware and US

November 2018 - November 2019



### Monthly Commentary

Since November 2018, Delaware’s total non-farm jobs have increased by a net gain of +7,100, a rise of 1.5 percent. Nationally, jobs during the same period also increased 1.5 percent. Over-the-year, the Leisure & Hospitality industry had the largest employment increase with 2,300 jobs, an increase of 4.7 percent. This was followed by Education & Health with an increase of 1,900 jobs, up 2.3 percent; and Government increasing by 1,600 jobs over-the-year, also up 2.3 percent. Job growth in Education & Health was driven by increases in Health Care & Social Assistance, while gains in Government were driven mainly by increases in Local Government Educational Services. Seasonally adjusted, the number of Delaware non-farm jobs increased by 1,200 in November from October. The Retail Trade industry led all industries with seasonally adjusted over-the-month gains in employment of 900.

Delaware’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by one-tenth to 3.8 percent in November. Delaware’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is higher than the US rate for the second consecutive month. Residential employment and unemployment both rose in November, seasonally adjusted, causing the labor force to increase by 1,200 and the labor force participation rate to increase by one-tenth to 62.5 percent.



### Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Nov. 2019	Oct. 2019	Nov. 2018
Civilian Labor Force	491,100	489,900	483,400
Employed	472,400	472,000	466,200
Unemployed	18,700	17,900	17,200
Unemployment Rate %	3.8	3.7	3.5
US Unemployment Rate %	3.5	3.6	3.7

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

### Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Nov. 2019	Oct. 2019	Nov. 2018
<b>New Castle County</b>	3.5	3.8	2.8
Wilmington	5.2	5.6	4.2
Newark	3.2	3.8	2.5
<b>Kent County</b>	4.0	4.2	3.1
Dover	5.2	5.7	3.9
<b>Sussex County</b>	3.9	3.6	3.2

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November 2019 was 3.8%, up from 3.7% in October 2019. There were 18,700 unemployed Delawareans in November 2019 compared to 17,200 in November 2018. The US unemployment rate was 3.5% in November 2019, down from 3.6% in October 2019. In October 2018 the US unemployment rate was 3.7%, while Delaware's rate was 3.5%.

In November 2019, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 470,700, up from 469,500 in October 2019. Since November 2018, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +7,100, a rise of 1.5%. Nationally, jobs during that period also increased 1.5%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

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

INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 2019	Oct. 2019	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	470.7	469.5	1.2	7.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.1	23.3	-0.2	0.3
MANUFACTURING	27.5	27.5	0.0	0.2
Durable Goods	9.6	9.7	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	17.9	17.8	0.1	0.2
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	80.7	79.8	0.9	1.5
Wholesale Trade	11.0	11.1	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	53.5	52.6	0.9	1.1
Transp. & Utilities	16.2	16.1	0.1	0.4
INFORMATION *	4.0	3.9	0.1	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.5	48.2	0.3	1.3
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	62.1	62.5	-0.4	-1.6
EDUCATION & HEALTH	83.1	83.1	0.0	1.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	54.4	54.2	0.2	2.3
OTHER SERVICES	18.4	18.5	-0.1	-0.4
GOVERNMENT	68.9	68.5	0.4	1.6
Federal Government	5.8	5.7	0.1	0.0
State Government	33.8	33.6	0.2	0.4
Local Government	29.3	29.2	0.1	1.2

\* 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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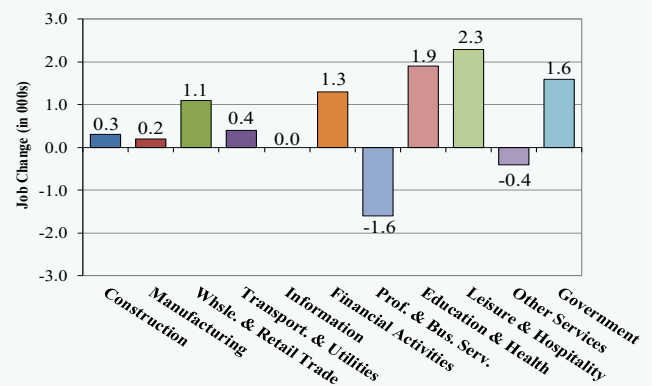
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

November 2018—November 2019



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Nov. 2019 from:		
	Oct. 2019	Sept. 2019	Nov. 2018
US City Average	-0.1	0.2	2.1
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

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

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 1998—2018

