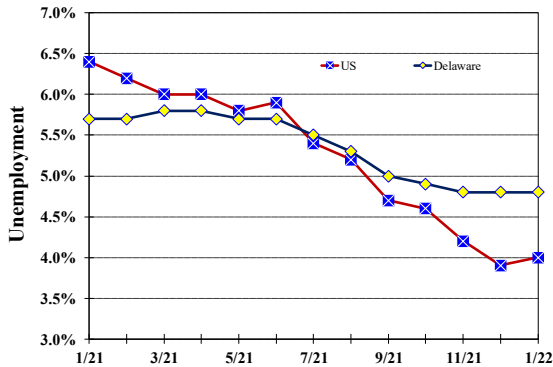


### Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US

January 2021 - January 2022



### Monthly Commentary

Delaware’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2022 remained unchanged from the revised December 2021 rate of 4.8%. Delaware maintains its lowest rate of unemployment since February 2020, when the rate was 3.7%. The State begins the year with a net 8,700 or 2.0% more jobs than in January 2021. In January 2022, Leisure & Hospitality were up 3,500 jobs over-the-year, while Wholesale & Retail Trade as well as Professional and Business Services increased by 2,500 and 1,300 jobs over-the-year, respectively. Education & Health Services are down 2,600 jobs over-the-year.

### Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021
Civilian Labor Force	498,200	497,000	491,500
Employed	474,300	473,100	463,700
Unemployed	23,900	23,900	27,800
Unemployment Rate %	4.8	4.8	5.7
US Unemployment Rate %	4.0	3.9	6.4

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

### Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021
<b>New Castle County</b>	5.0	4.0	6.0
Wilmington	6.9	5.5	10.0
Newark	4.5	3.2	4.8
<b>Kent County</b>	5.8	4.6	6.7
Dover	7.9	5.8	9.7
<b>Sussex County</b>	5.3	4.0	6.0

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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

### Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$962.36	\$966.37	\$937.01
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	32.7	33.3	32.4
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$29.43	\$29.02	\$28.92

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

# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January 2022 was 4.8%, unchanged from December 2021. There were 23,900 unemployed Delawareans in January 2022 compared to 27,800 in January 2021. The US unemployment rate was 4.0% in January 2022, up from 3.9% in December 2021. In January 2021, the US unemployment rate was 6.4%, while Delaware's rate was 5.7%.

In January 2022, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 453,000, down from 453,200 in December 2021. Since January 2021, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 8,700, a rise of 2%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 4.6%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	453.0	453.2	-0.2	8.7
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.4	0.0	0.5
MANUFACTURING	25.1	25.1	0.0	0.2
Durable Goods	9.4	9.4	0.0	0.5
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.7	0.0	-0.3
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	82.9	82.3	0.6	2.9
Wholesale Trade	11.3	11.2	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	51.5	50.9	0.6	2.0
Transp. & Utilities	20.1	20.2	-0.1	0.4
INFORMATION	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.4
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48.1	48.0	0.1	0.7
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	62.7	62.7	0.0	1.3
EDUCATION & HEALTH	75.8	76.1	-0.3	-2.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	46.7	47.3	-0.6	3.5
OTHER SERVICES	18.9	18.7	0.2	0.8
GOVERNMENT	65.7	65.9	-0.2	1.0
Federal Government	6.0	5.7	0.3	0.1
State Government	31.7	32.3	-0.6	-0.2
Local Government	28.0	27.9	0.1	1.1

† 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.

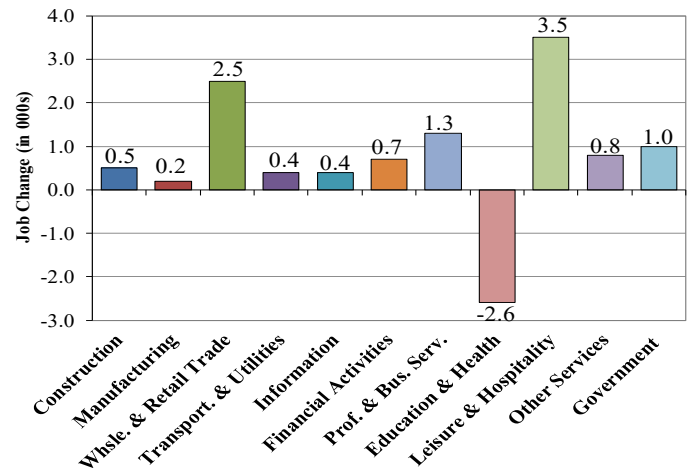
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## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

January 2021 – January 2022



## Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Jan. 2022 from:		
	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021
US City Average	7.5	1.2	0.8
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

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

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2001–2021

