In March, the State’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell 0.1 percentage point from February to 4.5%, similar to the 0.2 percentage point decrease in the US unemployment rate. March job growth continued its upward trend, increasing by a net 9,100 or 2.1% over March 2021. The Leisure & Hospitality industry again led job growth, adding 3,400 jobs over the year prior. Wholesale & Retail Trade and Professional and Business Services also grew by 2,300 and 1,200 jobs, respectively, compared to March 2021. Education & Health Services jobs were down by 1,900 over-the-year.
Delaware’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March 2022 was 4.5%, down from 4.6% in February 2022. There were 22,600 unemployed Delawareans in March 2022 compared to 28,500 in March 2021. The US unemployment rate was 3.6% in March 2022, down from 3.8% in February 2022. In March 2021, the US unemployment rate was 6.0%, while Delaware’s rate was 5.8%.

In March 2022, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 456,900, up from 455,500 in February 2022. Since March 2021, Delaware’s total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 9,100, a rise of 2.1%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 4.6%.

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