Monthly Commentary

The State’s April seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from March at 4.5%, while the number of jobs in the State grew by a net 8,000 or 1.8% over the year. Delaware’s Labor Force Participation (LFP) rate was 61.2 percent in April, 0.8 percentage points lower than a year ago. Delaware’s LFP reached 59.4 percent in April 2020, the lowest point on record, dating back to 1976. The U.S. LFP rate, 62.2 percent, was a net increase of 0.5 percentage points from the year prior, driven by increased women and minority participation.
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