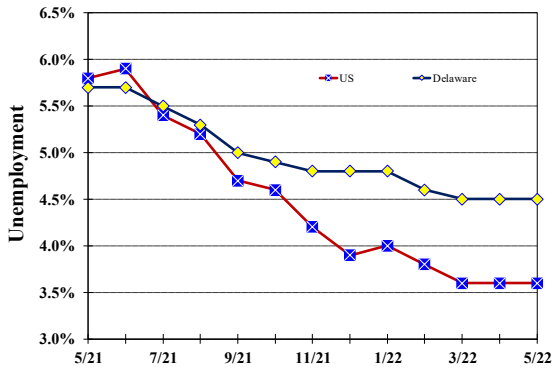


Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US
May 2021 – May 2022



Monthly Commentary

May's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent remained unchanged for the third consecutive month. The number of Delaware jobs continues to grow, adding a net 8,100 or 1.8 percent over May 2021. Delaware's Labor Force Participation rate of 61.2 percent also remained unchanged from April. There were 22,600 unemployed Delawareans in May 2022, roughly one-third of the number of unemployed during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic in May 2020. At that time, the total number of unemployed increased to 65,600, the highest point on record, dating back to 1976.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	May 2022	Apr. 2022	May 2021
Civilian Labor Force	500,100	498,900	498,000
Employed	477,500	476,500	469,700
Unemployed	22,600	22,400	28,300
Unemployment Rate %	4.5	4.5	5.7
US Unemployment Rate %	3.6	3.6	5.8

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	May 2022	Apr. 2022	May 2021
New Castle County	4.2	4.3	5.2
Wilmington	6.3	6.4	9.2
Newark	4.0	3.6	3.5
Kent County	5.0	5.1	6.1
Dover	6.8	7.0	9.3
Sussex County	3.8	4.2	4.5

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)

	May 2022	Apr. 2022	May 2021
Weekly Earnings	\$982.41	\$983.40	\$955.60
Weekly Hours	33.1	33.0	33.1
Hourly Earnings	\$29.68	\$29.80	\$28.87

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 May 2022 was 4.5%, unchanged from April 2022. There were 22,600 unemployed Delawareans in May 2022 compared to 28,300 in May 2021. The US unemployment rate was 3.6% in May 2022, unchanged from April 2022. In May 2021, the US unemployment rate was 5.8%, while Delaware's rate was 5.7%.

In May 2022, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 457,400, up from 457,000 in April 2022. Since May 2021, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 8,100, a rise of 1.8%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 4.5%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	May 2022	Apr. 2022	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	457.4	457.0	0.4	8.1
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.2	-0.2	1.1
MANUFACTURING	26.3	26.2	0.1	1.8
Durable Goods	9.8	9.7	0.1	0.9
Nondurable Goods	16.5	16.5	0.0	0.9
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	82.9	83.4	-0.5	1.6
Wholesale Trade	11.4	11.5	-0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	50.7	51.5	-0.8	0.6
Transp. & Utilities	20.8	20.4	0.4	0.7
INFORMATION	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.3	47.4	-0.1	-0.1
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	63.2	63.0	0.2	0.2
EDUCATION & HEALTH	76.4	76.4	0.0	-2.3
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	49.1	48.1	1.0	5.0
OTHER SERVICES	18.7	18.5	0.2	0.6
GOVERNMENT	65.9	66.2	-0.3	0.0
Federal Government	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.1
State Government	31.9	32.2	-0.3	-0.5
Local Government	28.1	28.1	0.0	0.4

† 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.

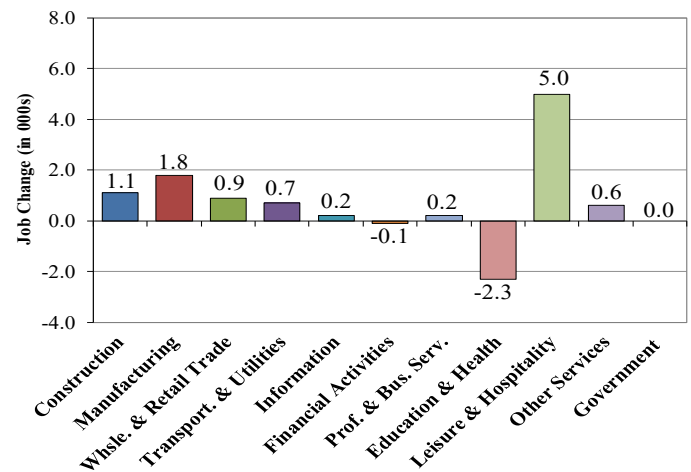
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

May 2021 – May 2022



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to May 2022 from:		
	May 2021	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2022
US City Average	8.6	1.7	1.1
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	NA	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2001–2021

