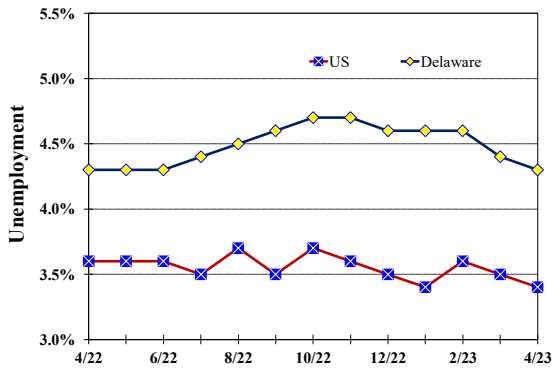


Unemployment Rate

Delaware and US
April 2022 - April 2023



Monthly Commentary

In April, the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington area consumer price index (CPI) rose 4.7 percent from a year ago. Average over-the-year hourly earnings for the private sector outpaced the increase in CPI, rising \$1.58 or by 5.3 percent from \$29.78 to \$31.36. Non-farm jobs fell by 400 over the month, the first over-the-month jobs decline since May 2022, led by a reduction of 500 jobs in the construction industry. Total jobs grew by 9,200 compared to a year ago, spurred by growth in the Financial Activities; Trade, Transportation, & Utility; and Government sectors of 2,000, 1,900, and 1,900 jobs.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Apr. 2023	Mar. 2023	Apr. 2022
Civilian Labor Force	497,800	496,600	498,000
Employed	476,300	474,600	476,500
Unemployed	21,500	22,000	21,500
Unemployment Rate %	4.3	4.4	4.3
US Unemployment Rate %	3.4	3.5	3.6

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Apr. 2023	Mar. 2023	Apr. 2022
New Castle County	3.7	4.1	4.0
Wilmington	5.5	5.7	5.8
Newark	3.2	5.1	3.7
Kent County	4.5	4.9	4.7
Dover	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sussex County	4.0	4.5	4.2

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)

	Apr. 2023	Mar. 2023	Feb. 2022
Weekly Earnings	\$1,016.06	\$988.52	\$979.76
Weekly Hours	32.4	32.4	32.9
Hourly Earnings	\$31.36	\$30.51	\$29.78

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

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Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April 2023 was 4.3%, down from 4.4% in March 2023. There were 21,500 unemployed Delawareans in April 2023, which was unchanged from April 2022. The US unemployment rate was 3.4% in April 2023, down from 3.5% in March 2023. In April 2022, the US unemployment rate was 3.6%, while Delaware's rate was 4.3%.

In April 2023, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 482,400, down from 482,800 in March 2023. Since April 2022, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of 9,200, a rise of 2%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 2.6%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 2023	Mar. 2023	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	482.4	482.8	-0.4	9.2
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.8	-0.5	0.3
MANUFACTURING	26.9	27.1	-0.2	1.0
Durable Goods	9.9	10.1	-0.2	0.5
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.0	0.0	0.5
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	90.9	91.1	-0.2	1.9
Wholesale Trade	13.0	12.6	0.4	0.8
Retail Trade	49.9	50.1	-0.2	-0.1
Transp. & Utilities	28.0	28.4	-0.4	1.2
INFORMATION	3.7	3.7	0.0	-0.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.2	50.2	0.0	2.0
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	67.3	67.4	-0.1	1.3
PRIV. EDUCATION & HEALTH	79.8	79.7	0.1	0.0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	51.9	51.9	0.0	1.2
OTHER SERVICES	18.6	18.6	0.0	-0.3
GOVERNMENT	68.8	68.3	0.5	1.9
Federal Government	6.3	6.2	0.1	0.4
State Government	32.4	32.1	0.3	0.2
Local Government	30.1	30.0	0.1	1.3

† 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.

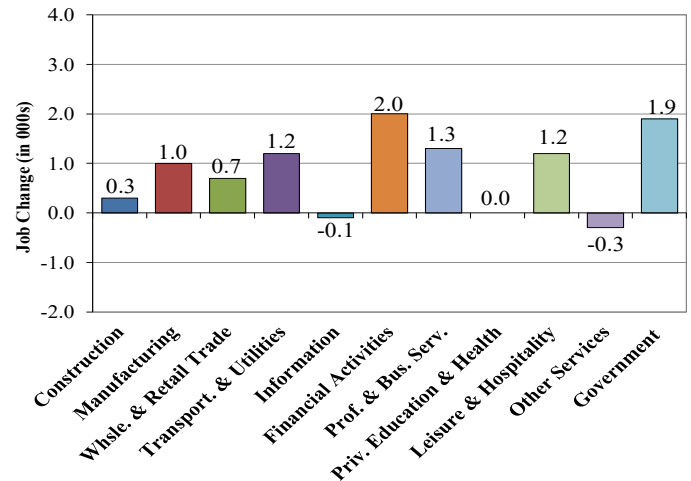
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Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

April 2022 – April 2023



Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Apr. 2023 from:		
	Apr. 2022	Feb. 2023	Mar. 2023
US City Average	4.9	0.8	0.5
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	4.7	0.1	NA

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2002–2022

