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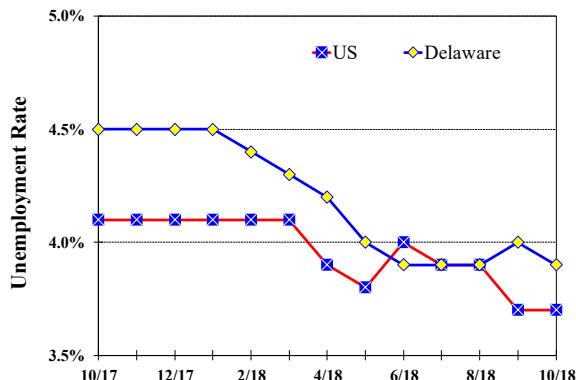
Monthly Labor Review

October 2018

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Delaware and US

October 2017 - October 2018



MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Payroll data for the second quarter of 2018 from nearly all of the state's employers was recently posted on our website (<https://lmi.delawareworks.com/Content/Information/QCEW.php>). Known as the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), it is easily the best count of jobs in Delaware. While the survey-based Nonfarm Employment estimates published in this review are a little more timely, they are also more subject to error and can deviate substantially from the payroll data, requiring them to be benchmarked to the QCEW at the beginning of each year.

The QCEW shows solid growth of 6,833 jobs overall from the second quarter of 2017 to the second quarter of 2018, with about a third of that in the Accommodation and Food Services sector. That growth has not been picked up by the surveys. Another surprise was a gain of over 1,100 jobs in Manufacturing, where the survey-based estimate showed a gain of 33 jobs. The biggest gains were in poultry processing, but perhaps more notable were the widespread small job gains across a large number and variety of manufacturers. Another change that was mostly picked up in the surveys was a 10% drop in Information jobs, which include media and data processing.



DELAWARE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Delaware Residents

	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018	Oct. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	486,600	486,700	478,000
Employed	467,500	467,400	456,300
Unemployed	19,100	19,300	21,700
Unemployment Rate %	3.9	4.0	4.5
US Unemployment Rate %	3.7	3.7	4.1

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

AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018	Oct. 2017
New Castle County	3.5	4.1	4.3
Wilmington	5.2	5.9	6.5
Newark	3.4	4.3	4.4
Kent County	3.8	4.5	4.6
Dover	4.5	5.5	6.1
Sussex County	3.5	3.9	4.2

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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DELAWARE LABOR FORCE TRENDS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October 2018 was 3.9%, down from 4.0% in September 2018. There were 19,100 unemployed Delawareans in October 2018 compared to 21,700 in October 2017. The US unemployment rate was 3.7% in October 2018, unchanged from September 2018. In October 2017 the US unemployment rate was 4.1%, while Delaware's rate was 4.5%.

In October 2018, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 463,700, up from 463,000 in September 2018. Since October 2017, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +5,300, a rise of 1.2%. Nationally, jobs during that period increased 1.7%.

DELAWARE NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

Jobs at Delaware Locations
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 2018	Sept. 2018	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	463.7	463.0	0.7	5.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.5	23.4	0.1	1.3
MANUFACTURING	26.1	26.1	0.0	0.5
Durable Goods	9.4	9.4	0.0	0.2
Nondurable Goods	16.7	16.7	0.0	0.3
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	82.4	82.3	0.1	1.0
Wholesale Trade	10.3	10.2	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	53.5	53.2	0.3	0.2
Transp. & Utilities	18.6	18.9	-0.3	0.8
INFORMATION *	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.3
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.6	47.7	-0.1	-0.3
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	65.7	64.8	0.9	1.9
EDUCATION & HEALTH	79.3	78.9	0.4	0.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	48.8	49.6	-0.8	-0.7
OTHER SERVICES	19.1	19.1	0.0	0.3
GOVERNMENT	67.1	66.9	0.2	0.7
Federal Government *	5.7	5.7	0.0	-0.1
State Government	33.3	33.1	0.2	0.4
Local Government	28.1	28.1	0.0	0.4

* Industries are not seasonally adjusted.

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.

Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.

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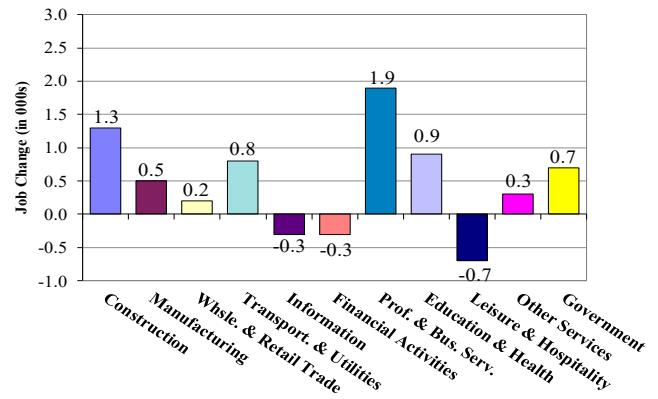
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DELAWARE OVER-THE-YEAR JOB CHANGE

October 2017—October 2018



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Oct. 2018 from:		
	Sept. 2018	Aug. 2018	Oct. 2017
US City Average	0.2	0.3	2.5
Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*	NA	0.0	1.6

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

DELAWARE ANNUAL NET JOB CHANGE

Annual Average 1997—2017

