



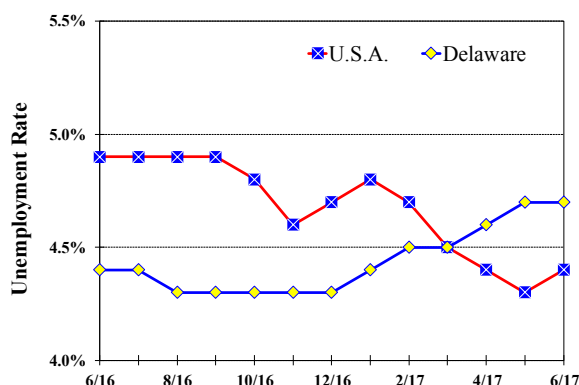
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Monthly Labor Review

June 2017

Unemployment Rate

Delaware and U.S.A.
June 2016 - June 2017



Monthly Commentary

Delaware's unemployment rate remained at 4.7 percent in June, but it is still one of only four states that have not seen a single month of decline in their unemployment rates in 2017 (the others being Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire). Exactly half of all states are on the other side of the ledger, without a single month of increase in their unemployment rates this year.

Delaware fares a little better in terms of job growth. Through May (June data are not yet available for other states), 1,300 jobs were added here, which is 0.3 percent growth since December. The national average is 0.6 percent, but five states had job losses (KS, MS, NJ, VT, and WV), and nine other states grew by less than 0.3 percent. Delaware's position in the bottom third is not likely to improve with the June data – the 1,200 net decline in jobs here last month leave the 2017 total at just 400 jobs gained midway through the year, which is just less than 0.1 percent growth.

Delaware Civilian Labor Force

	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016
Civilian Labor Force	477,300	476,800	473,400
Employment	454,900	454,600	452,700
Unemployment	22,400	22,200	20,700
Unemployment Rate %	4.7	4.7	4.4
U.S. Unemployment Rate %	4.4	4.3	4.9

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

Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	June 2017	May 2017	June 2016
New Castle County	5.1	4.3	4.8
Wilmington	7.2	6.2	7.0
Newark	5.3	4.2	5.3
Kent County	5.7	4.8	5.3
Dover	7.4	6.4	7.0
Sussex County	4.3	4.2	4.1

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June 2017 was 4.7%, unchanged from May 2017. There were 22,400 unemployed Delawareans in June 2017 compared to 20,700 in June 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.4% in June 2017, up from 4.3% in May 2017. In June 2016 the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.9%, while Delaware's rate was 4.4%.

In June 2017 seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 454,800, down from 456,000 in May 2017. Since June 2016 Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have increased by a net gain of +4,600, a rise of 1.0%. Nationally jobs during that period increased 1.5%.

Delaware Nonfarm Employment

Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)
June 2016—June 2017

INDUSTRY GROUP	June 2017	May 2017	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	454.8	456.0	-1.2	4.6
CONSTRUCTION	21.7	21.6	0.1	1.2
MANUFACTURING	25.8	25.8	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods *	9.4	9.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	16.5	16.4	0.1	0.0
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	81.0	80.9	0.1	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.7	11.8	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	52.7	52.3	0.4	-0.2
Transp. & Utilities	16.6	16.8	-0.2	-0.1
INFORMATION *	4.7	4.6	0.1	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.8	47.5	0.3	0.6
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	61.3	60.7	0.6	-0.2
EDUCATION & HEALTH	78.7	79.5	-0.8	1.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	50.2	52.2	-2.0	1.8
OTHER SERVICES	18.0	17.9	0.1	-0.4
GOVERNMENT	65.6	65.3	0.3	0.1
Federal Government *	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.2
State Government	32.3	32.2	0.1	-0.6
Local Government	27.2	27.3	-0.1	0.5

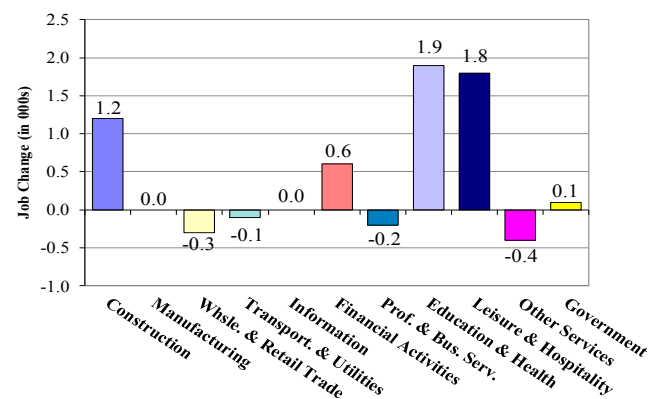
* Industries are not seasonally adjusted.

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.

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

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Delaware Over-The-Year Job Change June 2016—June 2017



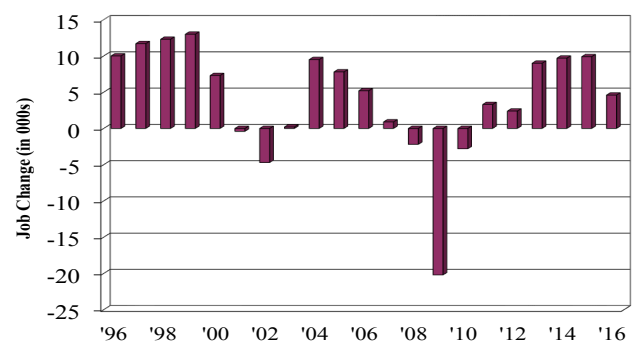
Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to June 2017 from:		
	May 2017	Apr. 2017	June 2016
U.S. City Average	0.1	0.2	1.6
Phila.-Wilm.-Atlantic City*	NA	-0.3	0.7

* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

Delaware Annual Net Job Change Annual Average 1996—2016



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