

New Jersey Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- The U.S. economy added 253,000 jobs in April, and the United States has seen 27 consecutive months of job growth under President Biden.
- Since President Biden came into office, the United States has added 12.7 million jobs, and at 3.4%, the unemployment remains near 50-year lows.
- In April, the unemployment rate was a record-low 4.7% for Black workers, 4.4% for Hispanic workers, 3.1% for white workers, 2.8% for Asian workers, and 7.5% (not seasonally adjusted) for American Indian and Alaska Native workers

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 397,200 jobs have been created in New Jersey.
- In the month of April, 15,800 jobs were created in New Jersey.

Sector	Change in Total Jobs in April	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	15,800	114%	397,200
Professional and Business Services	7,600	147%	55,000
Education and Health Services	2,700	134%	87,900
Leisure and Hospitality	1,200	99%	99,000
Retail Trade	500	96%	17,500
Construction	300	107%	11,700
Manufacturing	-100	106%	14,000
Government	-100	59%	20,100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic–the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

New Jersey Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020

