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Delaware Employment Update



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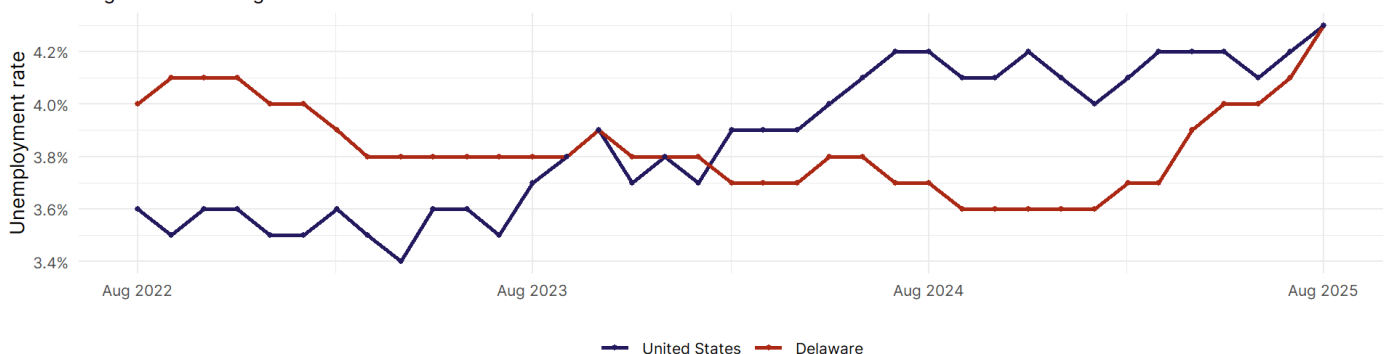
United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Delaware Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Delaware added 800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.3 percent.** In the prior month, Delaware added 400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Delaware added 3,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage points from 3.7 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Delaware **is tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Delaware's private sector added 1,100 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 3,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Delaware added 800 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Delaware **rose by 173**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 56.
- **Delaware's labor force participation rate remained steady at 59 percent** in August and **ranks 42nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.5 percentage points.

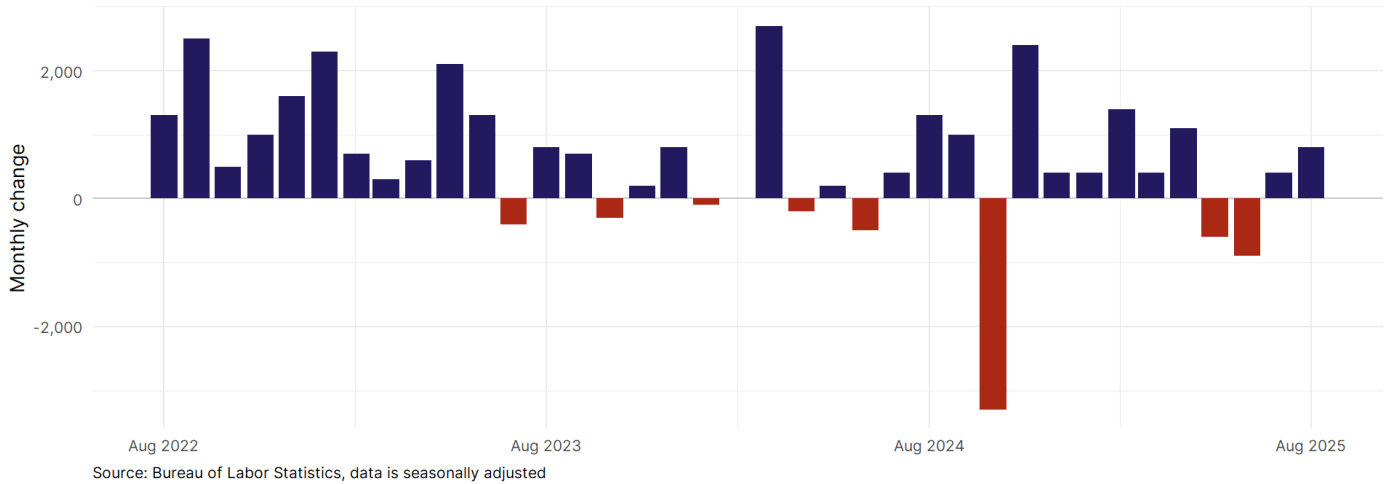
Unemployment Rate in Delaware
August 2022 to August 2025



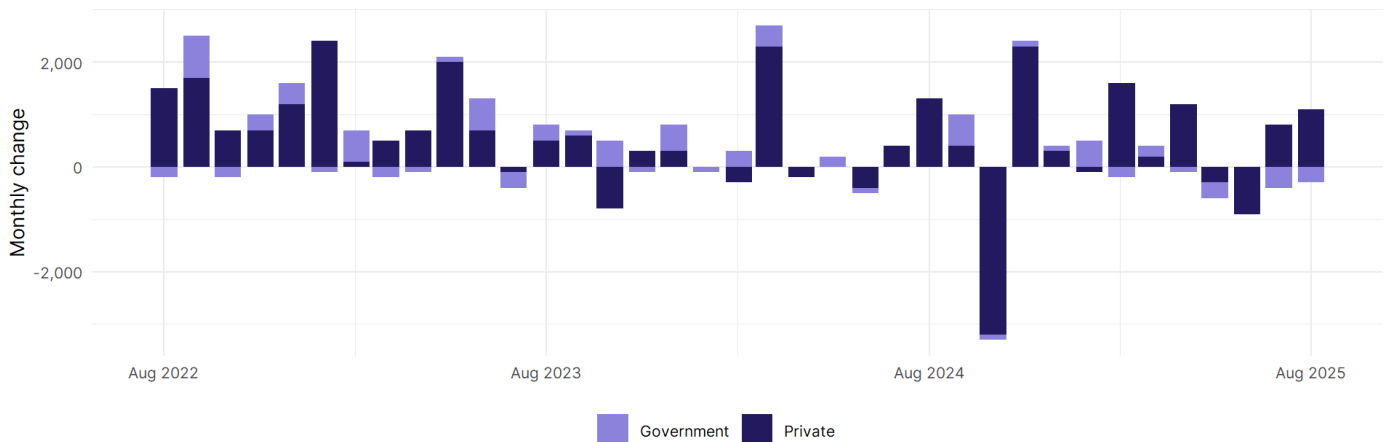
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Delaware Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Delaware
August 2022 to August 2025



Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Delaware
August 2022 to August 2025

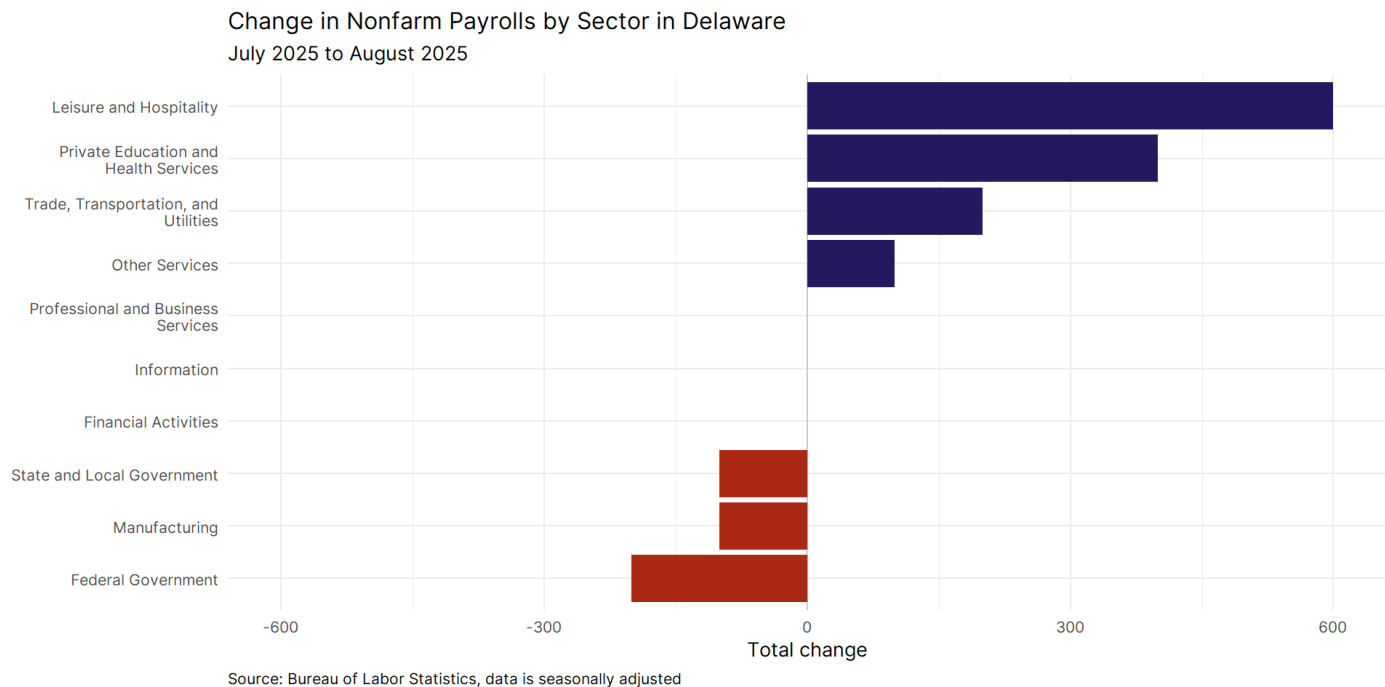


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- **Delaware added 800 net payroll jobs, or 0.2 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Delaware added 400 jobs. Delaware nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Delaware is tied for 27th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Delaware added 1,100 private sector jobs, or 0.3 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Delaware added 800 jobs. Delaware private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Delaware is tied for 26th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

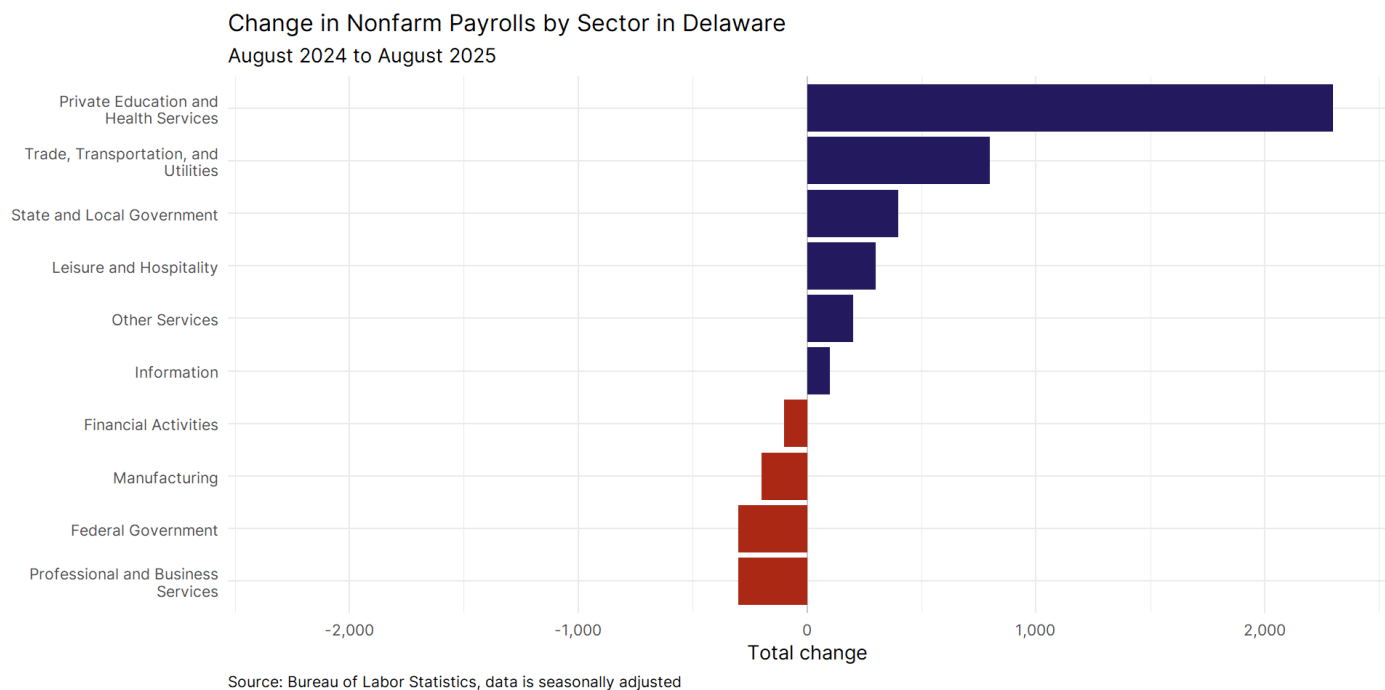
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Leisure and Hospitality** (+600) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+400).
- The worst performing sectors were **Federal Government** (-200) and **Manufacturing** (-100).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+2,300) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+800).
- The worst performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (-300) and **Federal Government** (-300).

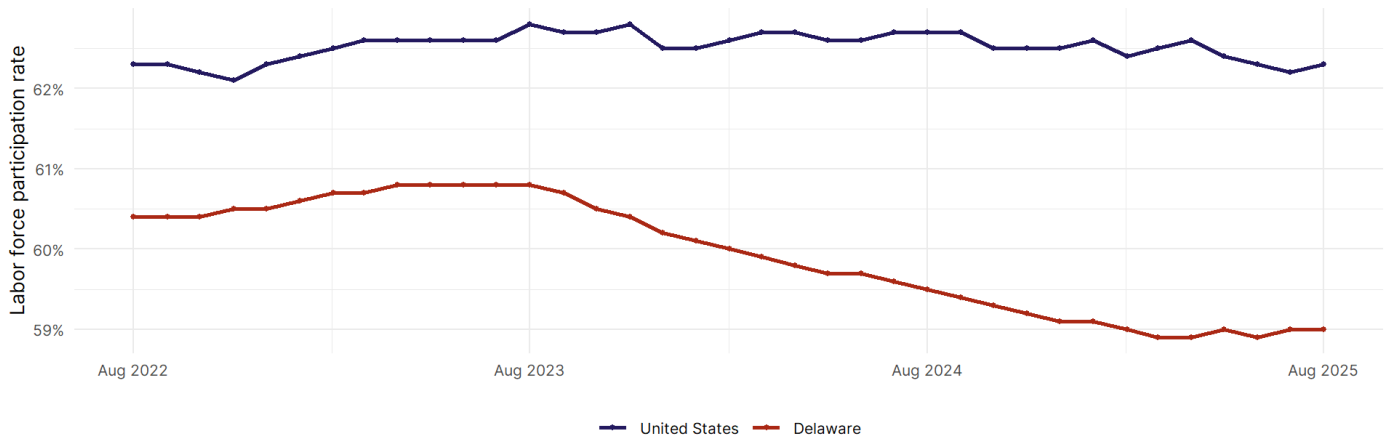


Delaware Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

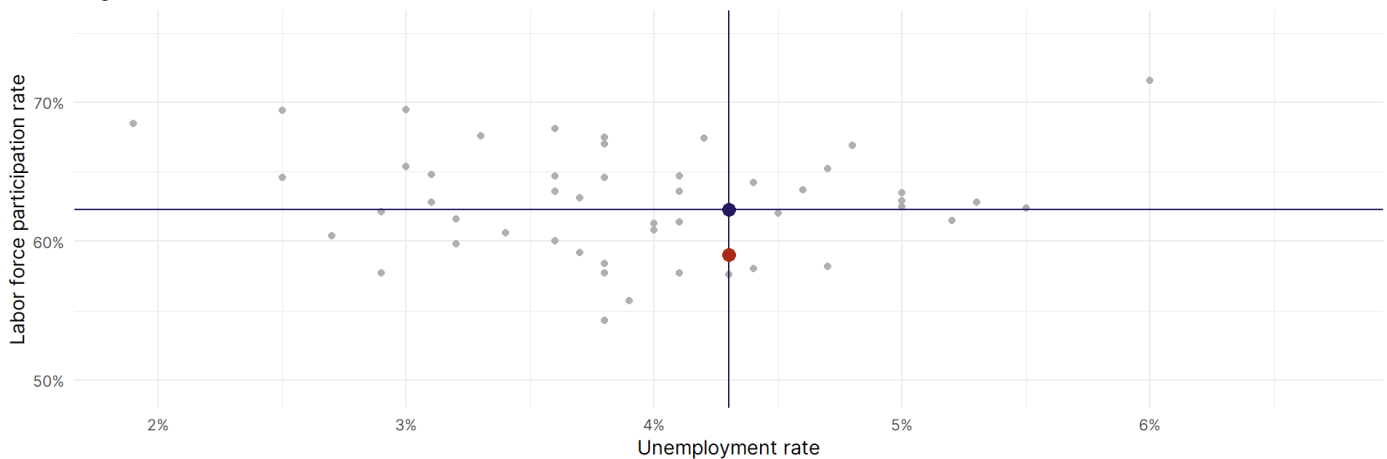
- The labor force participation rate in **Delaware remained unchanged at 59 percent in August.**
- **Delaware ranks 42nd** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Delaware was **63.2 percent** in June 2020, and the 10-year low was **58.9 percent** occurring in June 2025.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Delaware
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State
August 2025



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