



## News

### EMPLOYMENT: MAY 2009

**As of May, total employment in the region continued its decline, but the rate of decline has softened considerably. However, unemployment continues to increase in all three states: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.**

#### Employment

According to the latest release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from April to May, seasonally adjusted employment declined in Pennsylvania (-17,700 net jobs, or -0.3 percent), New Jersey (-6,200 net jobs, or -0.2 percent), and Delaware (-300 net jobs, or -0.1 percent). Nationally, there was a net loss of 345,000 jobs (-0.3 percent). The pace of job loss in the nation slowed considerably from April to May; employment in New Jersey and Delaware had similar improvements; Pennsylvania's rate of decline worsened slightly.

Over the 12-month period that ended in May, employment declined in each of the three states in the region. The rate of decline in Delaware was greater than the rate of the national decline; the declines in Pennsylvania and New Jersey were less. Education and health services and government were the only sectors that posted year-to-year increases in each of the three states and in the nation. Other sectors had declines or no change in employment in the three states as well as in the nation.

**MAY 2009 DATA: BLS Payroll Employment by Sector for the Third District**  
(Seasonally Adjusted 12-Month Percent Change)

Payroll Employment Series	DE	NJ	PA	US
Total Nonfarm	-4.3	-3.3	-3.2	-3.9
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	-15.4	-14.3	-8.1	-12.7
Manufacturing	-11.9	-10.0	-11.3	-11.6
Trade-Transportation-Utilities	-5.4	-3.0	-3.1	-4.5
Information Services	0.0*	-4.2	-8.9	-5.0
Financial Activities	-2.6	-4.9	-4.5	-4.9
Professional and Business Services	-10.1	-6.7	-5.5	-6.4
Education and Health Services	2.8	1.7	1.9	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality Services	-3.2	-2.1	-2.9	-2.4
Other Services	-1.0	-0.7	-1.2	-2.2
Government	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.6

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

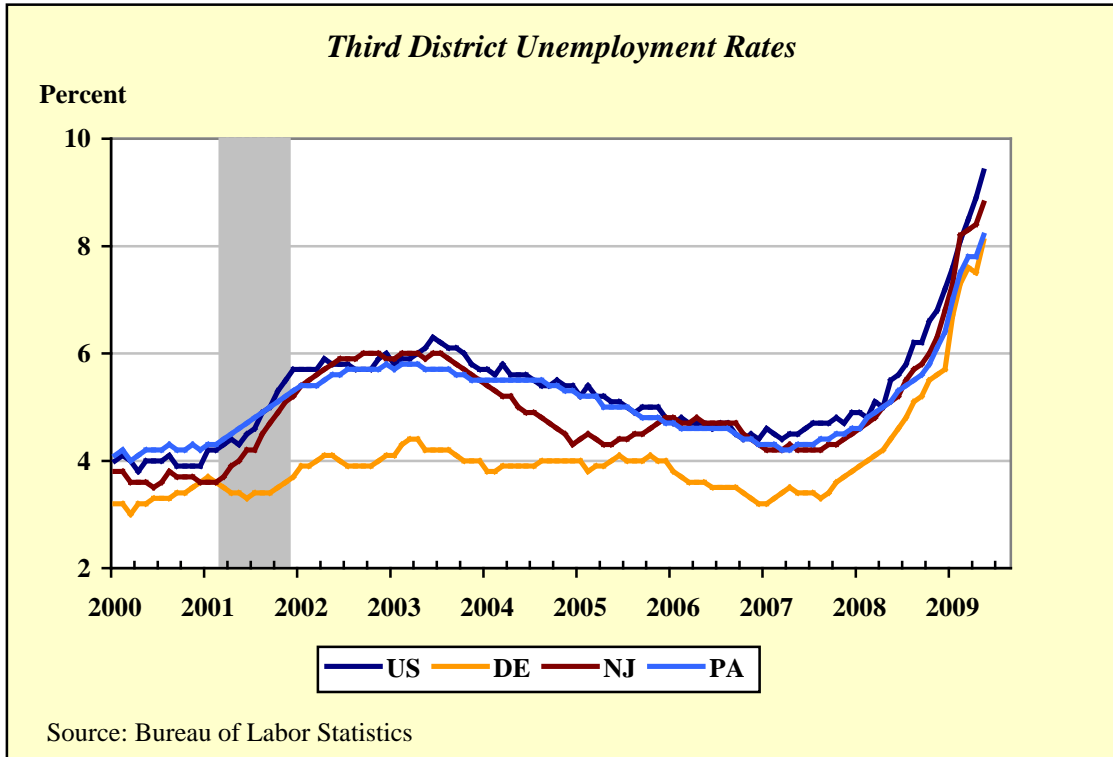
\* Seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The BLS does not report seasonally adjusted employment for information services in Delaware.

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**Unemployment**

From April to May, according to the BLS, unemployment rates in all three states and in the nation increased. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate increased from 7.8 to 8.2 percent, New Jersey's from 8.4 to 8.8 percent, and Delaware's from 7.4 to 8.1 percent. The national rate rose from 8.9 to 9.4 percent.



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