

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey
Seasonally Adjusted
2024 Benchmark

Labor Force Data (resident)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Apr 2025 (P)	Mar 2025 (R)	Apr 2024	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,899,755	4,897,266	4,895,749	2,489	4,006
Employment	4,665,361	4,668,218	4,676,713	-2,857	-11,352
Unemployment	234,394	229,048	219,036	5,346	15,358
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.1	0.3

Employment Data (establishment)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Apr 2025 (P)	Mar 2025 (R)	Apr 2024	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,398,300	4,393,500	4,362,300	4,800	36,000
Total Private Sector	3,771,000	3,767,400	3,743,600	3,600	27,400
Goods Producing	419,500	419,300	422,100	200	-2,600
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,400	1,500	100	0
Construction	161,900	162,700	165,200	-800	-3,300
Manufacturing	256,100	255,200	255,400	900	700
Service-Providing	3,978,800	3,974,200	3,940,200	4,600	38,600
Private Service-Providing	3,351,500	3,348,100	3,321,500	3,400	30,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	904,400	905,500	906,800	-1,100	-2,400
Information	73,400	73,100	77,800	300	-4,400
Financial Activities	271,600	270,000	269,900	1,600	1,700
Professional and Business Services	704,400	706,300	708,300	-1,900	-3,900
Education and Health Services	820,500	813,400	779,200	7,100	41,300
Leisure and Hospitality	401,300	404,100	406,100	-2,800	-4,800
Other Services	175,900	175,700	173,400	200	2,500
Public Sector	627,300	626,100	618,700	1,200	8,600

3-Month Average Change

Total Nonfarm	5,200	-100	3,600	N/A	N/A
Private Sector	600	-1,800	1,400	N/A	N/A

Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*

Manufacturing	40.1	39.8	40.6	0.3	-0.5
Durable Goods	42.5	41.9	41.3	0.6	1.2
Nondurable Goods	38.1	37.9	40.0	0.2	-1.9

Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*

Manufacturing	\$26.75	\$26.49	\$25.35	\$0.26	\$1.40
Durable Goods	\$27.61	\$27.24	\$27.84	\$0.37	-\$0.23
Nondurable Goods	\$25.92	\$25.77	\$23.04	\$0.15	\$2.88

Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**

Manufacturing	\$1,072.68	\$1,054.30	\$1,029.21	\$18.38	\$43.47
Durable Goods	\$1,173.43	\$1,141.36	\$1,149.79	\$32.07	\$23.64
Nondurable Goods	\$987.55	\$976.68	\$921.60	\$10.87	\$65.95

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* Production workers.

** Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Economic and Demographic Research.

Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2024 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Apr 2025 (P)	Mar 2025 (R)	Apr 2024	Apr 2025 (P)	Mar 2025 (R)	Apr 2024
Civilian Labor Force	4,894,665	4,909,250	4,885,809	4,899,755	4,897,266	4,895,749
Resident Employment	4,666,445	4,663,654	4,689,080	4,665,361	4,668,218	4,676,713
Unemployment	228,220	245,596	196,729	234,394	229,048	219,036
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.8	4.7	4.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.8	64.0	64.3	63.9	63.9	64.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.8	60.8	61.7	60.8	60.9	61.6
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 2004 - 2024						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
2004	4,365,437		4,150,754	214,683	4.9	
2005	4,407,346		4,211,307	196,039	4.4	
2006	4,460,951		4,252,563	208,388	4.7	
2007	4,458,637		4,271,086	187,551	4.2	
2008	4,521,751		4,277,489	244,262	5.4	
2009	4,572,772		4,167,938	404,834	8.9	
2010	4,586,241		4,142,277	443,964	9.7	
2011	4,598,213		4,166,134	432,079	9.4	
2012	4,628,608		4,191,480	437,128	9.4	
2013	4,594,340		4,207,084	387,256	8.4	
2014	4,573,112		4,267,323	305,789	6.7	
2015	4,596,855		4,334,055	262,800	5.7	
2016	4,612,876		4,384,980	227,896	4.9	
2017	4,612,037		4,403,654	208,383	4.5	
2018	4,607,436		4,423,016	184,420	4.0	
2019	4,693,206		4,529,991	163,215	3.5	
2020	4,643,700		4,204,301	439,399	9.5	
2021	4,654,243		4,342,075	312,168	6.7	
2022	4,756,002		4,572,879	183,123	3.9	
2023	4,867,113		4,659,779	207,334	4.3	
2024	4,898,008		4,676,064	221,944	4.5	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2024 - 2025						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate %	
Jan 2024	4,876,755		4,660,831	215,924	4.4	
Feb	4,881,124		4,665,741	215,383	4.4	
Mar	4,887,906		4,671,305	216,601	4.4	
Apr	4,895,749		4,676,713	219,036	4.5	
May	4,903,227		4,681,620	221,607	4.5	
Jun	4,908,736		4,684,975	223,761	4.6	
Jul	4,910,706		4,685,420	225,286	4.6	
Aug	4,909,638		4,683,712	225,926	4.6	
Sep	4,907,142		4,681,283	225,859	4.6	
Oct	4,904,466		4,678,938	225,528	4.6	
Nov	4,903,351		4,678,009	225,342	4.6	
Dec	4,903,331		4,678,030	225,301	4.6	
Jan 2025		4,898,499	4,673,290	225,209	4.6	
Feb		4,897,945	4,672,171	225,774	4.6	
Mar	(R)	4,897,266	4,668,218	229,048	4.7	
Apr	(P)	4,899,755	4,665,361	234,394	4.8	
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for April 2025
Not Seasonally Adjusted, 2024 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Apr 2025 (P)	Mar 2025 (R)	Apr 2024	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,372,400	4,334,200	4,341,800	30,600
Total Private Sector	3,737,400	3,701,000	3,712,100	25,300
Goods Producing	418,900	411,700	419,500	-600
Mining & Logging	1,500	1,400	1,500	0
Construction	161,500	155,700	163,800	-2,300
Manufacturing	255,900	254,600	254,200	1,700
Durable Goods*	114,900	115,000	114,000	900
Fabricated Metal Products	21,700	21,700	21,700	0
Machinery Manufacturing	13,200	13,200	13,000	200
Computer and Electronic Products	26,300	26,300	26,700	-400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,600	16,600	16,700	-100
Nondurable Goods*	141,000	139,600	140,200	800
Food Manufacturing	42,100	41,700	41,300	800
Printing and Related Support	11,300	11,200	11,300	0
Chemical Manufacturing	50,000	49,700	50,500	-500
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	30,500	30,200	30,700	-200
Service-Providing	3,953,500	3,922,500	3,922,300	31,200
Private Service-Providing	3,318,500	3,289,300	3,292,600	25,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	890,500	892,100	892,400	-1,900
Wholesale Trade*	211,300	212,600	215,600	-4,300
Retail Trade*	422,200	420,100	424,800	-2,600
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,800	32,400	34,600	-800
Food and Beverage Retailers	109,800	109,600	110,700	-900
General Merchandise Retailers	70,200	69,900	71,600	-1,400
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,500	36,700	38,100	-1,600
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	41,500	41,700	40,200	1,300
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Inst., Book, et. al Retailers	34,100	33,100	33,300	800
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	257,000	259,400	252,000	5,000
Utilities*	14,900	15,000	15,000	-100
Transportation & Warehousing*	242,100	244,400	237,000	5,100
Information	72,200	72,200	77,300	-5,100
Publishing Industries	19,300	19,300	20,500	-1,200
Telecommunications	17,700	18,000	20,500	-2,800
Computing Infrastructure, Data Processing, Hosting, Related	15,800	15,800	16,500	-700
Financial Activities	269,900	267,800	267,900	2,000
Finance and Insurance*	205,800	204,500	203,800	2,000
Financial Investments and Related Activities	44,700	44,300	44,800	-100
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,400	89,800	89,100	1,300
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing*	64,100	63,300	64,100	0
Professional and Business Services	701,200	693,200	709,200	-8,000
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services*	335,300	334,500	336,900	-1,600
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	80,700	80,800	83,100	-2,400
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	285,200	277,900	289,200	-4,000
Private Education and Health Services	823,100	816,000	783,200	39,900
Private Educational Services*	137,100	134,000	123,700	13,400
Private Health Care and Social Assistance*	686,000	682,000	659,500	26,500
Hospitals	171,900	171,600	165,700	6,200
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	97,700	97,500	92,200	5,500
Social Assistance	143,600	141,200	134,100	9,500
Leisure and Hospitality	387,000	374,900	389,500	-2,500
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation*	67,600	63,100	67,500	100
Accommodation and Food Services*	319,400	311,800	322,000	-2,600
Food Services and Drinking Places	275,000	268,600	278,400	-3,400
Other Services	174,600	173,100	173,100	1,500
Repair and Maintenance	36,700	36,100	36,400	300
Personal and Laundry Services	64,300	64,200	63,600	700
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	73,600	72,800	73,100	500
Government	635,000	633,200	629,700	5,300

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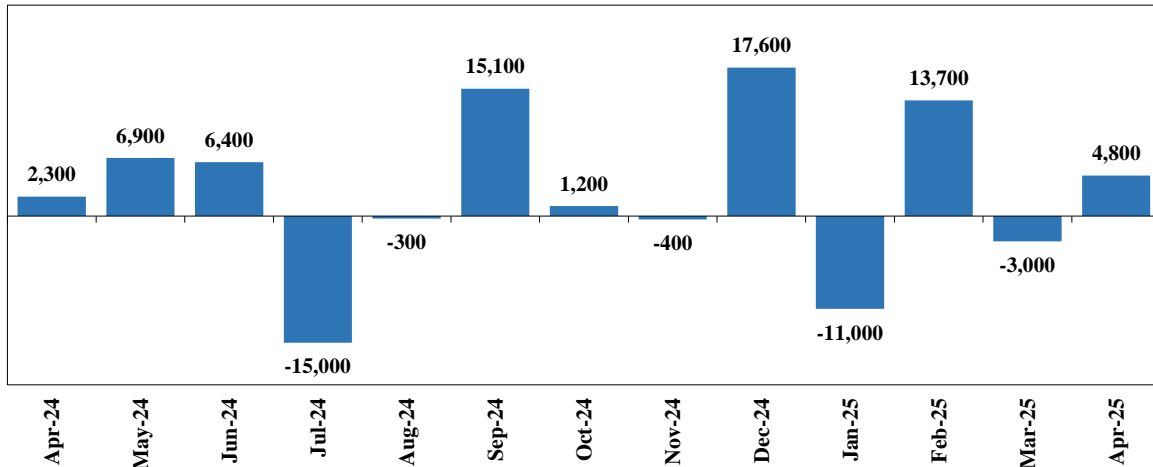
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment, 2024 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector				Public
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2004	4,004,100	3,361,200	337,000	165,900	2,856,700	642,900
2005	4,044,000	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,074,900	3,418,300	322,500	174,900	2,919,200	656,600
2007	4,081,600	3,425,100	310,000	172,300	2,941,200	656,400
2008	4,052,300	3,394,200	297,000	164,500	2,931,100	658,100
2009	3,896,800	3,235,700	262,600	138,600	2,833,000	661,100
2010	3,849,800	3,201,700	253,900	129,500	2,816,900	648,100
2011	3,847,600	3,221,100	248,800	129,900	2,841,100	626,600
2012	3,889,600	3,266,100	243,000	130,400	2,891,500	623,500
2013	3,934,700	3,311,500	240,900	137,600	2,931,800	623,200
2014	3,966,300	3,341,900	241,000	141,600	2,957,900	624,400
2015	4,009,500	3,391,100	241,100	148,400	3,000,200	618,400
2016	4,069,500	3,452,300	244,500	153,500	3,052,900	617,200
2017	4,125,000	3,507,100	247,100	156,100	3,102,500	617,900
2018	4,162,700	3,544,900	250,000	158,000	3,135,600	617,800
2019	4,198,100	3,577,300	251,500	160,700	3,163,700	620,800
2020	3,860,700	3,267,000	238,300	152,300	2,875,000	593,700
2021	4,040,000	3,450,500	241,400	157,600	3,050,200	589,500
2022	4,245,500	3,646,300	250,700	163,600	3,230,500	599,200
2023	4,325,400	3,716,600	254,500	165,900	3,294,700	608,900
2024	4,365,100	3,746,100	255,300	165,200	3,324,100	619,100
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2024						
Jan	4,351,500	3,739,400	254,700	165,600	3,317,700	612,100
Feb	4,356,200	3,738,100	254,600	165,200	3,316,800	618,100
Mar	4,360,000	3,742,300	254,900	165,700	3,320,300	617,700
Apr	4,362,300	3,743,600	255,400	165,200	3,321,500	618,700
May	4,369,200	3,749,100	255,500	164,900	3,327,200	620,100
Jun	4,375,600	3,755,500	255,800	165,100	3,333,100	620,100
Jul	4,360,600	3,740,700	255,300	164,300	3,319,600	619,900
Aug	4,360,300	3,740,400	255,600	165,000	3,318,300	619,900
Sep	4,375,400	3,753,000	255,900	165,300	3,330,300	622,400
Oct	4,376,600	3,755,200	256,100	165,500	3,332,100	621,400
Nov	4,376,200	3,756,100	256,000	166,200	3,332,400	620,100
Dec	4,393,800	3,772,800	256,600	164,800	3,349,900	621,000
2025						
Jan	4,382,800	3,769,200	256,200	164,400	3,347,100	613,600
Feb	4,396,500	3,771,500	256,000	164,500	3,349,500	625,000
Mar R	4,393,500	3,767,400	255,200	162,700	3,348,100	626,100
Apr P	4,398,300	3,771,000	256,100	161,900	3,351,500	627,300
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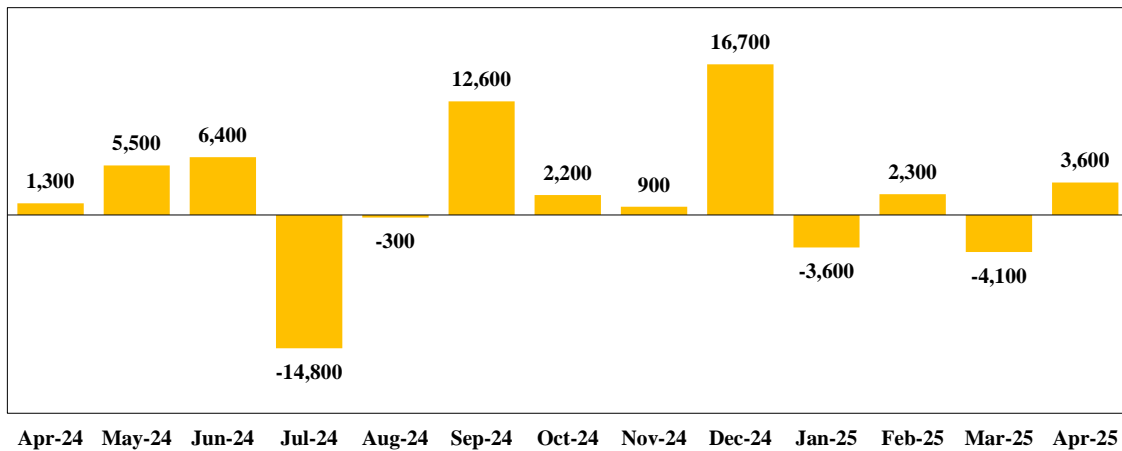
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Key Economic Indicators: April 2024 to April 2025 (Seasonally Adjusted)

NJ Monthly Total Employment Change



NJ Monthly Private Sector Employment Change



New Jersey Total Unemployment Rate

