

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
	May 2025 (P)	Apr 2025 (R)	May 2024	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,895,361	4,899,805	4,903,227	-4,444	-7,866
Employment	4,659,202	4,665,422	4,681,620	-6,220	-22,418
Unemployment	236,159	234,383	221,607	1,776	14,552
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.3

Employment Data (establishment)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	May 2025 (P)	Apr 2025 (R)	May 2024	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,394,500	4,394,500	4,369,200	0	25,300
Total Private Sector	3,769,800	3,768,500	3,749,100	1,300	20,700
Goods Producing	417,800	418,500	421,900	-700	-4,100
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Construction	160,300	161,400	164,900	-1,100	-4,600
Manufacturing	256,000	255,600	255,500	400	500
Service-Providing	3,976,700	3,976,000	3,947,300	700	29,400
Private Service-Providing	3,352,000	3,350,000	3,327,200	2,000	24,800
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	903,100	902,800	907,200	300	-4,100
Information	71,800	72,700	76,800	-900	-5,000
Financial Activities	271,100	271,000	269,700	100	1,400
Professional and Business Services	706,900	706,000	710,100	900	-3,200
Education and Health Services	817,000	818,700	782,000	-1,700	35,000
Leisure and Hospitality	406,700	402,500	407,500	4,200	-800
Other Services	175,400	176,300	173,900	-900	1,500
Public Sector	624,700	626,000	620,100	-1,300	4,600

3-Month Average Change

Total Nonfarm	-700	3,900	4,300	N/A	N/A
Private Sector	-600	-200	3,700	N/A	N/A

Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*

Manufacturing	40.1	40.5	40.7	-0.4	-0.6
Durable Goods	41.8	42.6	41.8	-0.8	0.0
Nondurable Goods	38.6	38.7	39.8	-0.1	-1.2

Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*

Manufacturing	\$26.74	\$26.75	\$25.55	-\$0.01	\$1.19
Durable Goods	\$27.75	\$27.60	\$27.77	\$0.15	-\$0.02
Nondurable Goods	\$25.81	\$25.93	\$23.47	-\$0.12	\$2.34

Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**

Manufacturing	\$1,072.27	\$1,083.38	\$1,039.89	-\$11.11	\$32.38
Durable Goods	\$1,159.95	\$1,175.76	\$1,160.79	-\$15.81	-\$0.84
Nondurable Goods	\$996.27	\$1,003.49	\$934.11	-\$7.22	\$62.16

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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		
	May 2025 (P)	Apr 2025 (R)	May 2024	May 2025 (P)	Apr 2025 (R)	May 2024
Civilian Labor Force	4,850,970	4,894,932	4,873,081	4,895,361	4,899,805	4,903,227
Resident Employment	4,624,548	4,666,772	4,663,505	4,659,202	4,665,422	4,681,620
Unemployment	226,422	228,160	209,576	236,159	234,383	221,607
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.8	4.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.8	64.1	63.8	63.9	64.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.3	60.8	61.3	60.7	60.8	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	4,897,266		4,668,218	229,048	4.7	
Apr (R)	4,899,805		4,665,422	234,383	4.8	
May (P)	4,895,361		4,659,202	236,159	4.8	
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry for May 2025
Not Seasonally Adjusted, 2024 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	May 2025 (P)	Apr 2025 (R)	May 2024	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,407,800	4,368,500	4,383,300	24,500
Total Private Sector	3,777,900	3,733,400	3,758,000	19,900
Goods Producing	418,200	418,100	422,800	-4,600
Mining & Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Construction	160,900	161,200	166,400	-5,500
Manufacturing	255,800	255,400	254,900	900
Durable Goods*	114,900	114,800	113,800	1,100
Fabricated Metal Products	21,600	21,700	21,600	0
Machinery Manufacturing	13,200	13,200	13,100	100
Computer and Electronic Products	26,200	26,300	26,500	-300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,500	16,600	16,600	-100
Nondurable Goods*	140,900	140,600	141,100	-200
Food Manufacturing	42,300	42,000	41,800	500
Printing and Related Support	11,200	11,300	11,300	-100
Chemical Manufacturing	50,000	50,000	50,700	-700
Pharmaceutical and Medicine	30,200	30,300	30,900	-700
Service-Providing	3,989,600	3,950,400	3,960,500	29,100
Private Service-Providing	3,359,700	3,315,300	3,335,200	24,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	894,800	888,700	899,000	-4,200
Wholesale Trade*	211,300	211,500	216,600	-5,300
Retail Trade*	424,900	422,200	429,700	-4,800
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	35,400	33,900	35,700	-300
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,700	109,700	112,200	-1,500
General Merchandise Retailers	70,000	70,200	71,700	-1,700
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,600	36,600	38,100	-1,500
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers	42,400	41,600	41,400	1,000
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Inst., Book, et. al Retailers	34,400	34,000	34,200	200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	258,600	255,000	252,700	5,900
Utilities*	14,900	14,800	14,900	0
Transportation & Warehousing*	243,700	240,200	237,800	5,900
Information	71,700	71,700	76,700	-5,000
Publishing Industries	19,200	19,200	20,200	-1,000
Telecommunications	17,600	17,800	20,500	-2,900
Computing Infrastructure, Data Processing, Hosting, Related	15,600	15,700	16,500	-900
Financial Activities	270,200	269,100	268,600	1,600
Finance and Insurance*	205,500	205,200	203,600	1,900
Financial Investments and Related Activities	44,300	44,300	44,600	-300
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,200	90,200	89,200	1,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing*	64,700	63,900	65,000	-300
Professional and Business Services	707,100	702,600	714,400	-7,300
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services*	333,000	334,200	335,100	-2,100
Management of Companies and Enterprises*	80,900	80,900	83,200	-2,300
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation*	293,200	287,500	296,100	-2,900
Private Education and Health Services	820,100	820,800	787,400	32,700
Private Educational Services*	133,000	135,900	122,700	10,300
Private Health Care and Social Assistance*	687,100	684,900	664,700	22,400
Hospitals	172,400	171,800	166,900	5,500
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	98,100	97,800	93,100	5,000
Social Assistance	143,400	143,300	135,700	7,700
Leisure and Hospitality	419,300	387,200	413,600	5,700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation*	80,400	68,900	75,200	5,200
Accommodation and Food Services*	338,900	318,300	338,400	500
Food Services and Drinking Places	292,000	274,400	291,900	100
Other Services	176,500	175,200	175,500	1,000
Repair and Maintenance	37,000	36,600	36,400	600
Personal and Laundry Services	65,000	64,900	64,900	100
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	74,500	73,700	74,200	300
Government	629,900	635,100	625,300	4,600

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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	4,393,500	3,767,400	255,200	162,700	3,348,100	626,100
Apr R	4,394,500	3,768,500	255,600	161,400	3,350,000	626,000
May P	4,394,500	3,769,800	256,000	160,300	3,352,000	624,700
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Key Economic Indicators: May 2024 to May 2025 (Seasonally Adjusted)

