

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey					
Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark					
Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Aug 2026 (P)	Jul 2026 (R)	Aug 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,918,162	4,910,645	4,909,106	7,517	9,056
Employment	4,705,446	4,694,390	4,638,766	11,056	66,680
Unemployment	212,716	216,255	270,340	-3,539	-57,624
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.4	5.5	-0.1	-1.2
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Aug 2026 (P)	Jul 2026 (R)	Aug 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,359,600	4,361,300	4,369,500	-1,700	-9,900
Total Private	3,737,500	3,737,300	3,750,600	200	-13,100
Goods-Producing	412,400	411,500	419,200	900	-6,800
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Construction	162,300	161,300	166,100	1,000	-3,800
Manufacturing	248,600	248,700	251,600	-100	-3,000
Service-Providing	3,947,200	3,949,800	3,950,300	-2,600	-3,100
Private Service-Providing	3,325,100	3,325,800	3,331,400	-700	-6,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	891,200	890,600	898,400	600	-7,200
Information	73,500	73,600	76,800	-100	-3,300
Financial Activities	266,700	266,900	269,800	-200	-3,100
Professional and Business	699,700	703,200	707,400	-3,500	-7,700
Education and Health Services	824,300	825,700	801,400	-1,400	22,900
Leisure and Hospitality	402,200	398,800	408,300	3,400	-6,100
Other Services	167,500	167,000	169,300	500	-1,800
Government	622,100	624,000	618,900	-1,900	3,200
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	-9,300	-8,200	-7,300	N/A	N/A
Total Private	-8,800	-8,800	-4,800	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	42.8	41.3	40.2	1.5	2.6
Durable Goods	43.6	42.5	42.3	1.1	1.3
Nondurable Goods	42.1	40.3	38.5	1.8	3.6
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.87	\$27.75	\$26.83	\$0.12	\$1.04
Durable Goods	\$31.02	\$30.98	\$27.80	\$0.04	\$3.22
Nondurable Goods	\$25.31	\$25.02	\$25.95	\$0.29	-\$0.64
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,192.84	\$1,146.08	\$1,078.57	\$46.76	\$114.27
Durable Goods	\$1,352.47	\$1,316.65	\$1,175.94	\$35.82	\$176.53
Nondurable Goods	\$1,065.55	\$1,008.31	\$999.08	\$57.24	\$66.47

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* Production Workers

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

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Area Unemployment Statistics & Current Employment Statistics

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Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2025 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Aug 2026 (P)	Jul 2026 (R)	Aug 2025	Aug 2026 (P)	Jul 2026 (R)	Aug 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,965,237	4,971,421	4,924,658	4,918,162	4,910,645	4,909,106
Resident Employment	4,731,522	4,741,628	4,637,407	4,705,446	4,694,390	4,638,766
Unemployment	233,715	229,793	287,251	212,716	216,255	270,340
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.6	5.8	4.3	4.4	5.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.2	64.3	63.8	63.6	63.5	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	61.1	61.3	60.1	60.8	60.7	60.1
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 2005 - 2025						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
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	4,674,518		4,361,147	313,371	6.7	
2022	4,771,781		4,586,675	185,106	3.9	
2023	4,879,285		4,668,296	210,989	4.3	
2024	4,899,384		4,672,089	227,295	4.6	
2025	4,905,633		4,648,499	257,134	5.2	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2025 - 2026						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
Jan 2025	4,896,874		4,655,242	241,632	4.9	
Feb	4,898,132		4,652,062	246,070	5.0	
Mar	4,898,440		4,649,173	249,267	5.1	
Apr	4,897,988		4,645,747	252,241	5.1	
May	4,897,944		4,641,144	256,800	5.2	
Jun	4,899,596		4,636,881	262,715	5.4	
Jul	4,903,658		4,635,972	267,686	5.5	
Aug	4,909,106		4,638,766	270,340	5.5	
Sep	4,915,086		4,644,843	270,243	5.5	
Oct						
Nov	4,919,896		4,655,110	264,786	5.4	
Dec	4,919,038		4,655,408	263,630	5.4	
Jan 2026	(R) (P)	4,918,046	4,663,409	254,637	5.2	
Feb		4,912,328	4,663,876	248,452	5.1	
Mar		4,906,727	4,665,813	240,914	4.9	
Apr		4,903,423	4,669,460	233,963	4.8	
May		4,909,153	4,680,604	228,549	4.7	
Jun		4,908,203	4,685,214	222,989	4.5	
Jul		4,910,645	4,694,390	216,255	4.4	
Aug		4,918,162	4,705,446	212,716	4.3	
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Area Unemployment Statistics

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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry Not Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark				
Industry	Current Month Aug 2026 (P)	Previous Month Jul 2026 (R)	One Year Ago Aug 2025	Net Change over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,356,400	4,384,700	4,351,600	4,800
Total Private	3,779,800	3,799,700	3,773,800	6,000
Goods-Producing	419,400	418,500	425,100	-5,700
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Construction	167,400	166,700	171,000	-3,600
Manufacturing	250,500	250,300	252,600	-2,100
Durable Goods	110,100	110,200	111,900	-1,800
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,800	25,800	25,900	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,700	16,700	16,600	100
Nondurable Goods	140,400	140,100	140,700	-300
Food Manufacturing	45,100	45,000	44,200	900
Chemical Manufacturing	46,900	47,100	48,300	-1,400
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,500	29,600	30,300	-800
Service-Providing	3,937,000	3,966,200	3,926,500	10,500
Private Service-Providing	3,360,400	3,381,200	3,348,700	11,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	886,200	889,200	892,300	-6,100
Wholesale Trade	208,200	209,100	212,000	-3,800
Retail Trade	427,800	428,000	431,900	-4,100
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,100	33,400	33,800	-700
Food and Beverage Retailers	112,400	113,200	112,300	100
General Merchandise Retailers	72,100	71,400	71,800	300
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,200	36,400	37,800	-1,600
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	41,700	41,500	43,800	-2,100
Transportation and Warehousing	250,200	252,100	248,400	1,800
Utilities	15,300	15,400	15,300	0
Transportation and Warehousing	234,900	236,700	233,100	1,800
Warehousing and Storage	75,400	75,500	77,600	-2,200
Information	74,300	74,600	78,200	-3,900
Telecommunications	18,900	18,800	19,900	-1,000
Financial Activities	268,900	268,700	272,700	-3,800
Finance and Insurance	204,500	204,200	207,000	-2,500
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	67,700	68,000	69,500	-1,800
Financial Investments and Related Activities	46,300	46,100	45,600	700
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,500	90,100	91,900	-1,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	64,400	64,500	65,700	-1,300
Professional and Business Services	705,500	713,600	704,200	1,300
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	339,500	341,700	338,300	1,200
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	75,500	74,700	76,900	-1,400
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	59,400	59,500	59,500	-100
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,800	79,400	81,000	-2,200
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	287,200	292,500	284,900	2,300
Private Education and Health Services	808,500	816,100	782,000	26,500
Private Educational Services	107,700	113,100	103,100	4,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	700,800	703,000	678,900	21,900
Ambulatory Health Care Services	294,200	294,900	281,500	12,700
Hospitals	182,200	181,700	175,300	6,900
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	103,000	102,400	100,000	3,000
Social Assistance	121,400	124,000	122,100	-700
Leisure and Hospitality	447,200	449,500	447,900	-700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	96,800	97,600	97,700	-900
Accommodation and Food Services	350,400	351,900	350,200	200
Food Services and Drinking Places	299,700	301,900	297,800	1,900
Other Services	169,800	169,500	171,400	-1,600
Repair and Maintenance	34,000	34,200	35,300	-1,300
Personal and Laundry Services	64,300	63,700	65,300	-1,000
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	71,500	71,600	70,800	700
Government	576,600	585,000	577,800	-1,200
Federal Government	46,200	46,200	48,200	-2,000
State Government	147,100	147,400	145,300	1,800
Local Government	383,300	391,400	384,300	-1,000

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Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector			Public	
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	4,083,000	3,426,600	310,000	172,300	2,942,700	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	3,860,600	3,266,800	238,300	152,300	2,874,800	593,700
2021	4,037,600	3,448,100	241,400	157,600	3,047,800	589,500
2022	4,241,500	3,642,300	250,700	163,600	3,226,600	599,200
2023	4,317,000	3,708,100	254,500	165,900	3,286,300	608,900
2024	4,355,700	3,735,800	254,900	165,300	3,314,100	619,900
2025	4,376,500	3,752,700	252,000	165,900	3,333,300	623,800
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2025						
Jan	4,374,100	3,748,200	253,500	164,400	3,328,700	625,900
Feb	4,377,300	3,751,600	253,200	165,200	3,331,700	625,700
Mar	4,377,600	3,751,500	253,300	166,500	3,330,300	626,100
Apr	4,380,800	3,754,800	253,700	165,900	3,333,700	626,000
May	4,391,300	3,765,000	253,600	165,600	3,344,300	626,300
Jun	4,379,100	3,753,700	252,900	165,800	3,333,500	625,400
Jul	4,377,200	3,752,800	252,100	166,200	3,333,000	624,400
Aug	4,369,500	3,750,600	251,600	166,100	3,331,400	618,900
Sep	4,373,800	3,750,400	251,500	166,100	3,331,300	623,400
Oct	4,373,400	3,752,700	250,800	166,700	3,333,700	620,700
Nov	4,375,100	3,753,600	250,300	166,200	3,335,600	621,500
Dec	4,380,500	3,759,000	249,200	166,200	3,342,100	621,500
2026						
Jan	4,384,000	3,762,400	249,400	168,000	3,343,500	621,600
Feb	4,375,800	3,754,700	248,800	162,100	3,342,300	621,100
Mar	4,378,900	3,757,800	248,400	162,500	3,345,500	621,100
Apr	4,386,000	3,763,800	249,100	161,200	3,352,100	622,200
May	4,387,400	3,764,000	247,800	162,300	3,352,500	623,400
Jun	4,383,200	3,758,700	248,200	162,600	3,346,400	624,500
Jul (R)	4,361,300	3,737,300	248,700	161,300	3,325,800	624,000
Aug (P)	4,359,600	3,737,500	248,600	162,300	3,325,100	622,100
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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