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**
	Oct 2026 (P)	**Sep 2026 (R)**	**Oct 2025**	**over the Month**	**over the Year**
Civilian Labor Force	4,942,184	4,928,598	***	13,586	***
Employment	4,735,418	4,719,527	***	15,891	***
Unemployment	206,766	209,071	***	-2,305	***
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	***	0.0	***
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	**Previous Month**	**One Year Ago**	**Net Change**	**Net Change**
	Oct 2026 (P)	**Sep 2026 (R)**	**Oct 2025**	**over the Month**	**over the Year**
Total Nonfarm	4,379,000	4,379,900	4,373,400	-900	5,600
Total Private	3,755,300	3,756,800	3,752,700	-1,500	2,600
Goods-Producing	411,300	414,200	419,000	-2,900	-7,700
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Construction	161,400	162,200	166,700	-800	-5,300
Manufacturing	248,500	250,600	250,800	-2,100	-2,300
Service-Providing	3,967,700	3,965,700	3,954,400	2,000	13,300
Private Service-Providing	3,344,000	3,342,600	3,333,700	1,400	10,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	889,300	888,300	894,400	1,000	-5,100
Information	71,900	71,800	75,700	100	-3,800
Financial Activities	267,500	267,200	269,900	300	-2,400
Professional and Business	705,100	706,800	706,500	-1,700	-1,400
Education and Health Services	838,800	832,900	811,500	5,900	27,300
Leisure and Hospitality	404,600	407,900	408,900	-3,300	-4,300
Other Services	166,800	167,700	166,800	-900	0
Government	623,700	623,100	620,700	600	3,000
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	5,900	-1,100	-1,300	N/A	N/A
Total Private	6,000	-600	0	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	41.6	41.9	41.0	-0.3	0.6
Durable Goods	43.1	43.0	43.6	0.1	-0.5
Nondurable Goods	40.5	41.1	38.9	-0.6	1.6
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	$27.83	$28.01	$27.14	-$0.18	$0.69
Durable Goods	$30.41	$30.56	$28.10	-$0.15	$2.31
Nondurable Goods	$25.69	$25.94	$26.28	-$0.25	-$0.59
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	$1,157.73	$1,173.62	$1,112.74	-$15.89	$44.99
Durable Goods	$1,310.67	$1,314.08	$1,225.16	-$3.41	$85.51
Nondurable Goods	$1,040.45	$1,066.13	$1,022.29	-$25.68	$18.16

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* Production Workers

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

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Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends
2025 Benchmark

	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct 2026 (P)	**Sep 2026 (R)**	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026 (P)**	**Sep 2026 (R)**	**Oct 2025**
Civilian Labor Force	4,980,185	4,924,549	*	4,942,184	4,928,598	*
Resident Employment	4,781,243	4,722,505	*	4,735,418	4,719,527	*
Unemployment	198,942	202,044	*	206,766	209,071	*
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.1	*	4.2	4.2	*
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.3	63.6	*	63.8	63.7	*
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	61.8	61.0	*	61.2	61.0	*

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	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	4,918,096	4,705,375	212,721	4.3
Sep (R)	4,928,598	4,719,527	209,071	4.2
Oct (P)	4,942,184	4,735,418	206,766	4.2
Nov				
Dec				

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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry Not Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark				
Industry	Current Month Oct 2026 (P)	Previous Month Sep 2026 (R)	One Year Ago Oct 2025	Net Change over the Year
Total Nonfarm	**4,400,400**	**4,388,500**	**4,395,600**	**4,800**
Total Private	3,765,400	3,768,700	3,763,900	1,500
Goods-Producing	416,300	418,800	423,800	-7,500
Mining and Logging	**1,400**	**1,400**	**1,500**	**-100**
Construction	**166,400**	**166,300**	**171,300**	**-4,900**
Manufacturing	**248,500**	**251,100**	**251,000**	**-2,500**
Durable Goods	109,300	109,800	111,500	-2,200
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,600	25,700	25,700	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,600	16,600	16,600	0
Nondurable Goods	139,200	141,300	139,500	-300
Food Manufacturing	44,500	45,100	43,800	700
Chemical Manufacturing	46,300	46,700	47,400	-1,100
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	28,700	29,200	29,900	-1,200
Service-Providing	3,984,100	3,969,700	3,971,800	12,300
Private Service-Providing	3,349,100	3,349,900	3,340,100	9,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**892,600**	**885,800**	**898,100**	**-5,500**
Wholesale Trade	206,500	208,500	212,100	-5,600
Retail Trade	426,200	423,100	428,200	-2,000
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	32,800	32,800	33,800	-1,000
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,400	111,400	110,600	-200
General Merchandise Retailers	75,000	72,200	73,200	1,800
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,100	36,000	36,900	-800
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	40,100	39,900	41,700	-1,600
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	259,900	254,200	257,800	2,100
Utilities	15,500	15,300	15,200	300
Transportation and Warehousing	244,400	238,900	242,600	1,800
Warehousing and Storage	76,400	75,200	79,200	-2,800
Information	**71,800**	**72,200**	**76,100**	**-4,300**
Telecommunications	18,000	18,200	19,400	-1,400
Financial Activities	**267,400**	**267,500**	**269,600**	**-2,200**
Finance and Insurance	203,400	203,500	205,000	-1,600
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	67,800	67,700	68,900	-1,100
Financial Investments and Related Activities	46,000	45,900	45,000	1,000
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	89,600	89,900	91,100	-1,500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	64,000	64,000	64,600	-600
Professional and Business Services	**714,200**	**711,700**	**715,900**	**-1,700**
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	339,200	337,000	336,900	2,300
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	73,500	74,000	75,500	-2,000
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	59,500	59,200	59,900	-400
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,200	79,400	79,700	-1,500
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	296,800	295,300	299,300	-2,500
Private Education and Health Services	**841,600**	**828,500**	**813,400**	**28,200**
Private Educational Services	127,600	121,600	124,000	3,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	714,000	706,900	689,400	24,600
Ambulatory Health Care Services	298,600	295,800	285,700	12,900
Hospitals	183,300	182,100	177,400	5,900
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	103,600	102,900	100,600	3,000
Social Assistance	128,500	126,100	125,700	2,800
Leisure and Hospitality	**395,500**	**417,600**	**400,600**	**-5,100**
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	73,200	81,500	72,900	300
Accommodation and Food Services	322,300	336,100	327,700	-5,400
Food Services and Drinking Places	276,500	288,300	283,300	-6,800
Other Services	**166,000**	**166,600**	**166,400**	**-400**
Repair and Maintenance	33,100	33,500	35,000	-1,900
Personal and Laundry Services	65,600	65,000	64,100	1,500
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	67,300	68,100	67,300	0
Government	**635,000**	**619,800**	**631,700**	**3,300**
Federal Government	46,100	46,100	46,600	-500
State Government	162,000	160,800	161,100	900
Local Government	426,900	412,900	424,000	2,900

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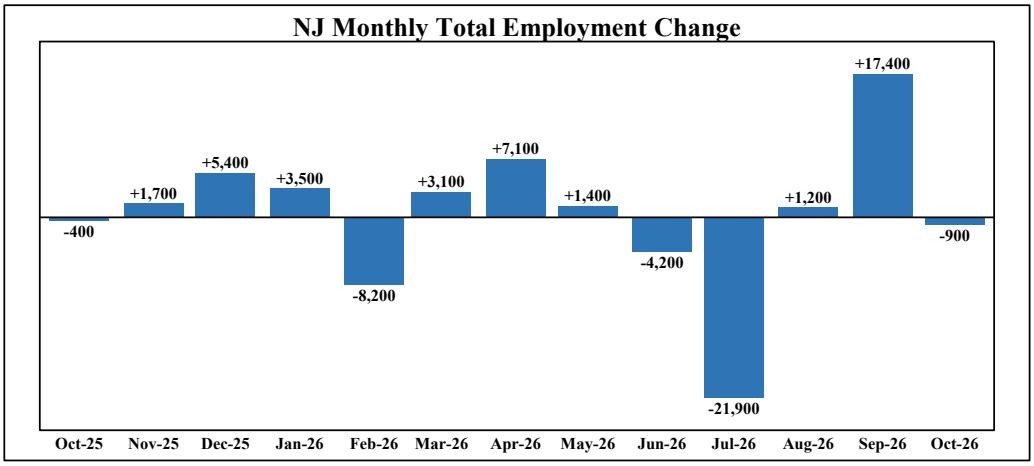
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
	Total	**Private Sector**				**Public**
Year		**Total**	**Manufacturing**	**Construction**	**Service-Providing**	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	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	4,361,300	3,737,300	248,700	161,300	3,325,800	624,000
Aug	4,362,500	3,741,300	248,900	162,500	3,328,400	621,200
Sep (R)	4,379,900	3,756,800	250,600	162,200	3,342,600	623,100
Oct (P)	4,379,000	3,755,300	248,500	161,400	3,344,000	623,700
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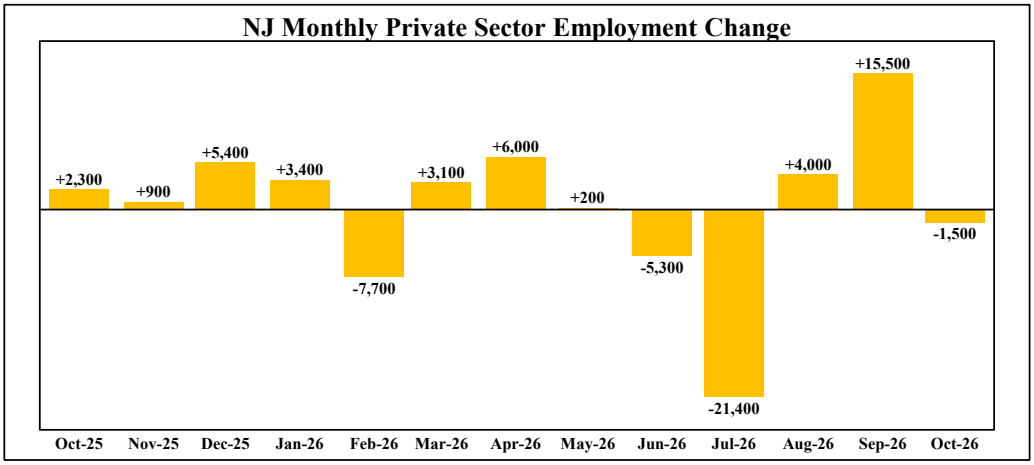
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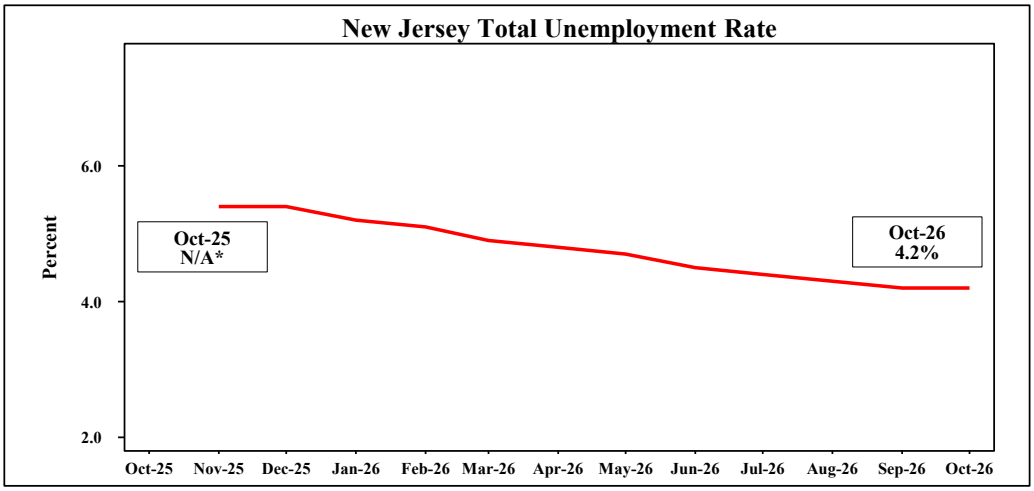
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