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Labor Market Information Update for July 2026

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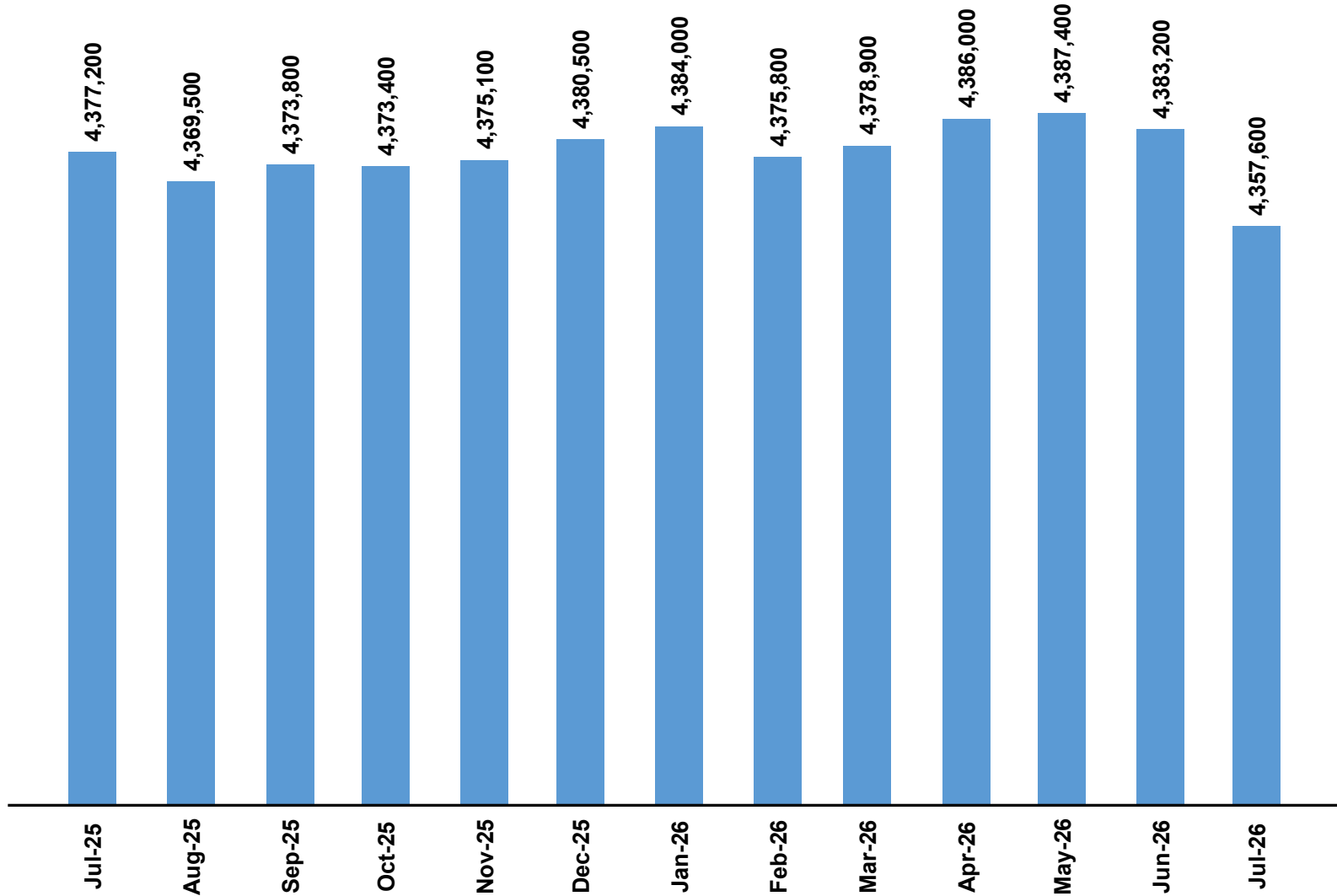
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Monthly Total Nonfarm Employment

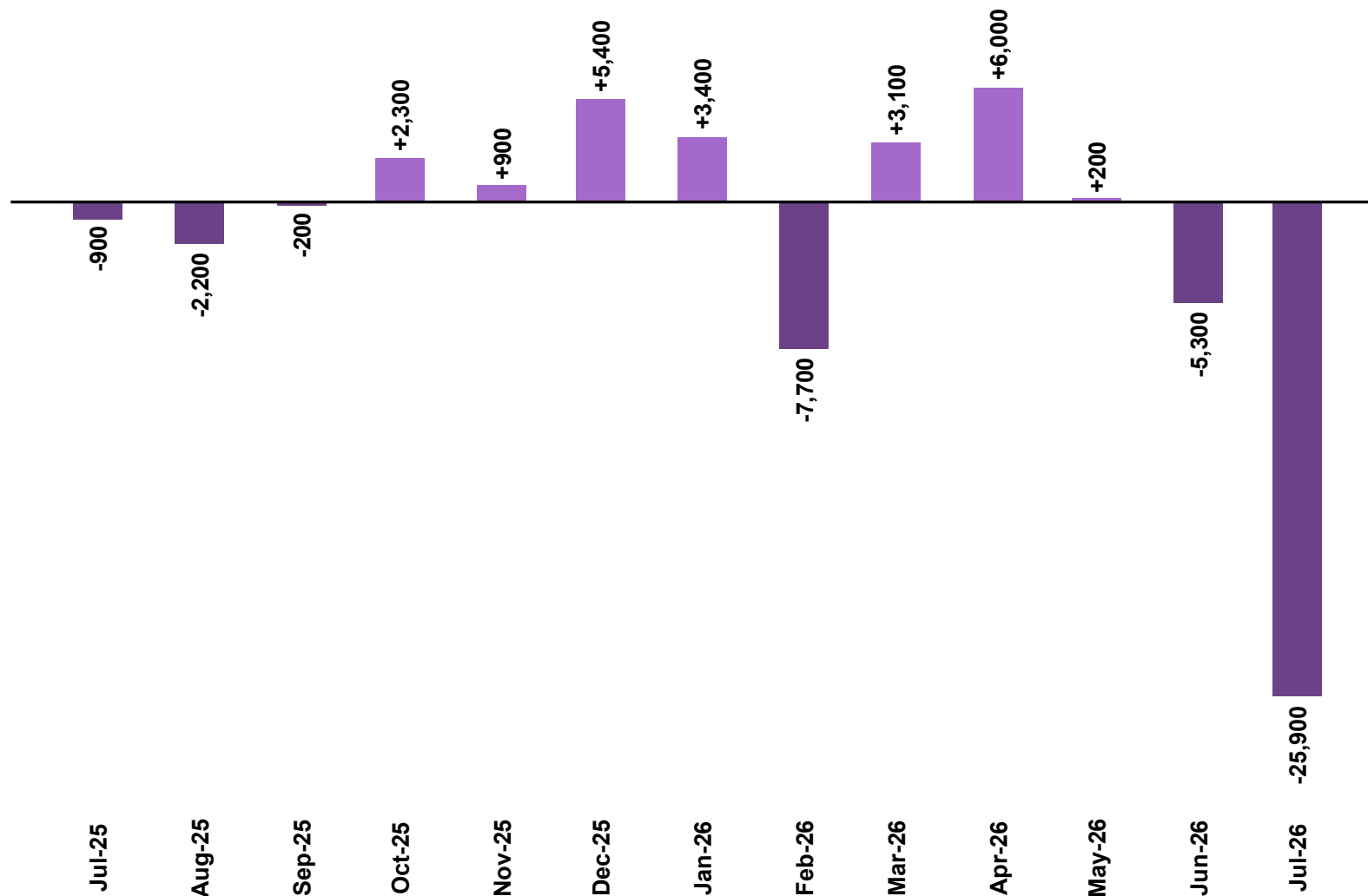


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Monthly Private Sector Employment Change

Average monthly loss of 1,700 over the past twelve months.

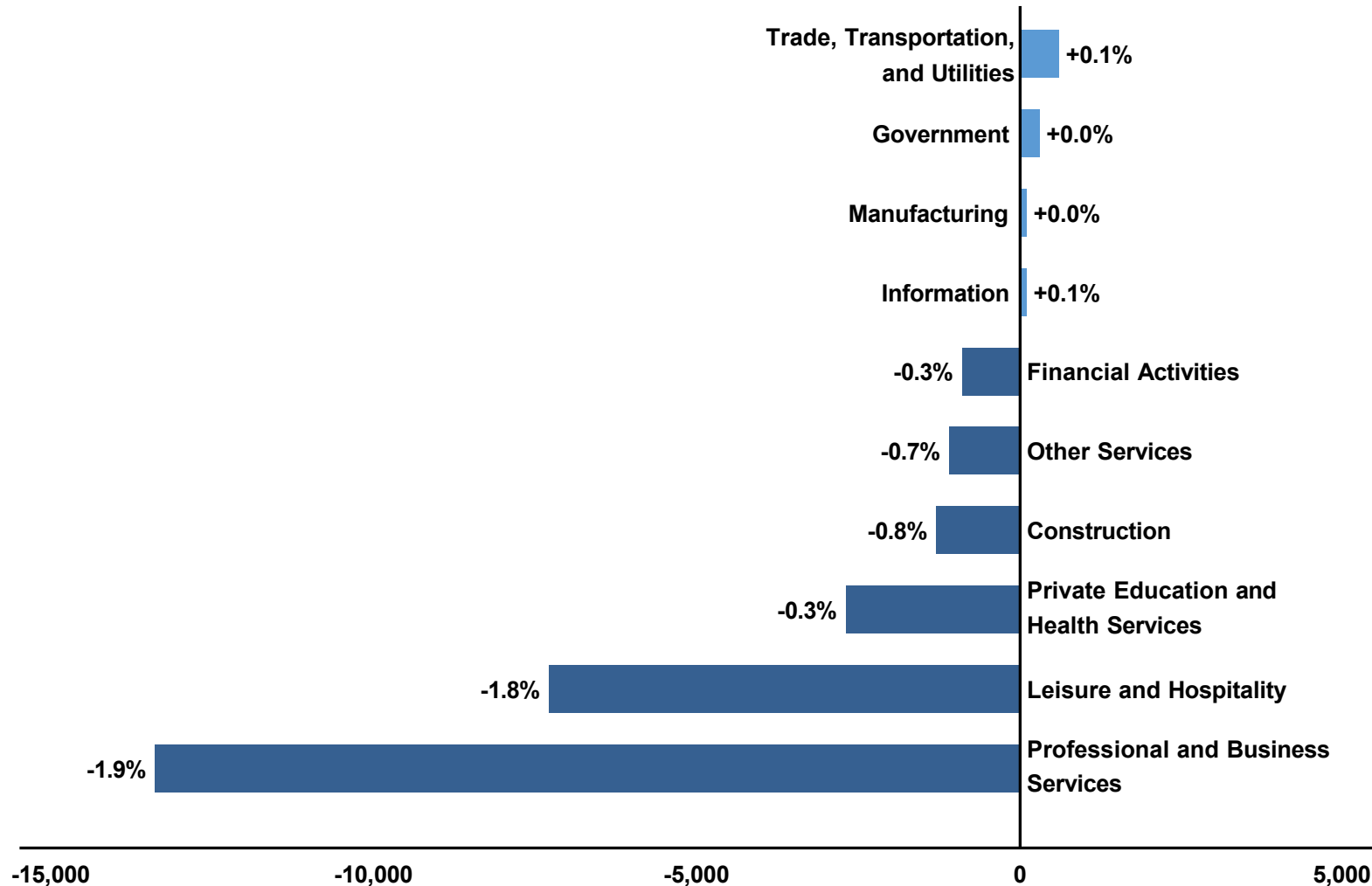


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Month-Over-Month Employment Change: Jun 2026 - Jul 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: -25,600 (-0.6%)

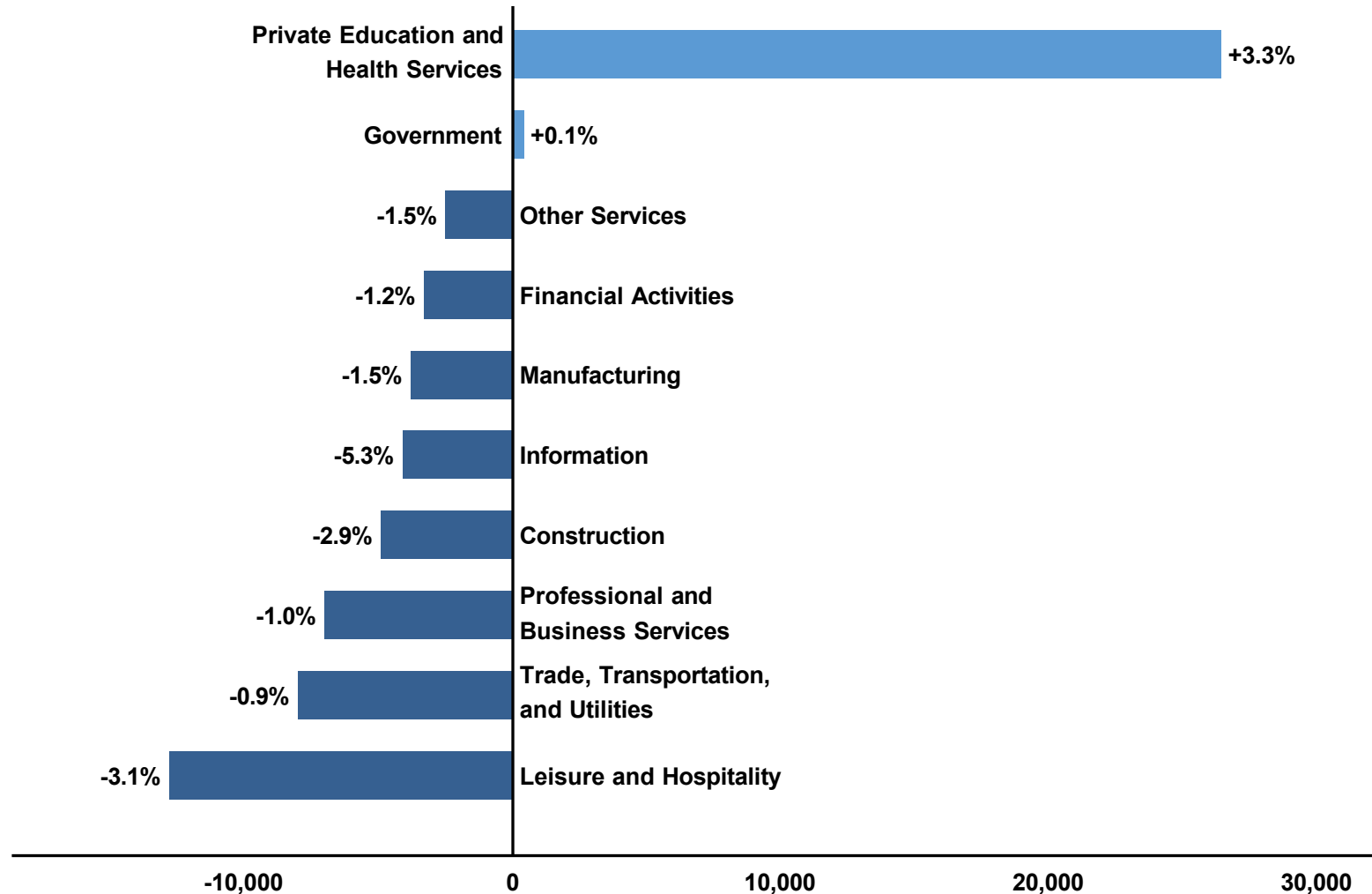


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Year-Over-Year Employment Change: Jul 2025 - Jul 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: -19,600 (-0.4%)



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Unemployment Rates

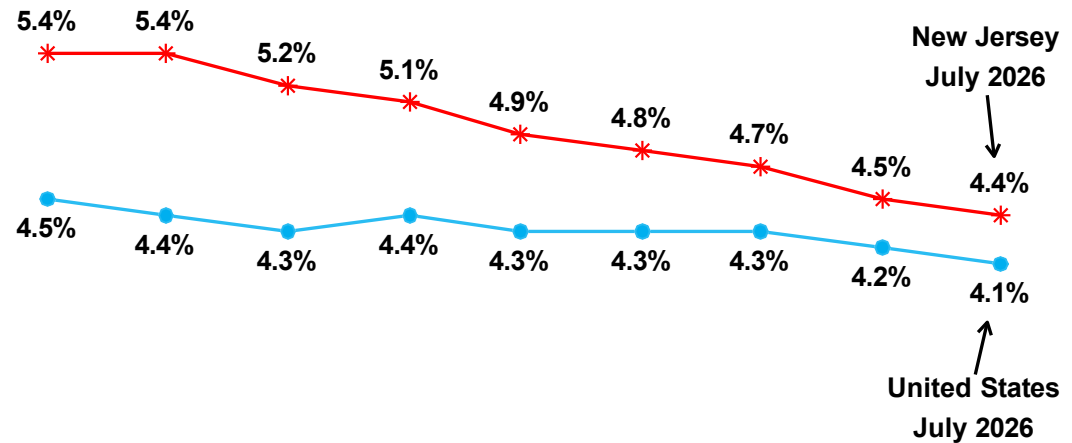
● United States * New Jersey

New Jersey
July 2025

5.5% 5.5% 5.5%

United States
July 2025

4.3% 4.3% 4.4%



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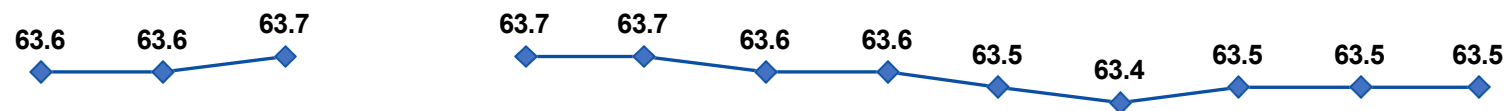


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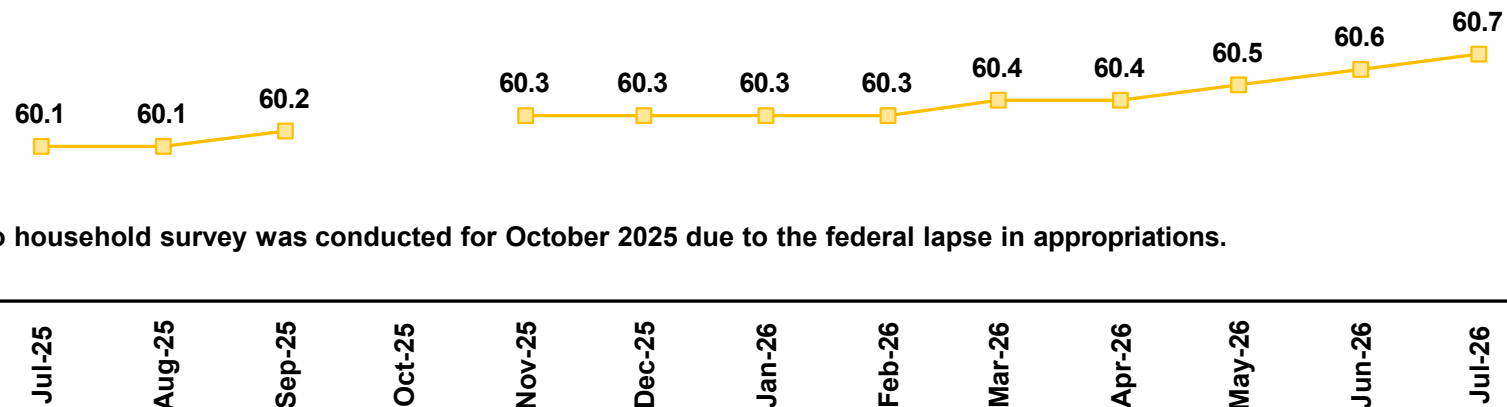
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New Jersey Labor Force Participation Rate and Employment to Population Ratio

Labor Force Participation Rate (%)



Employment - Population Ratio (%)



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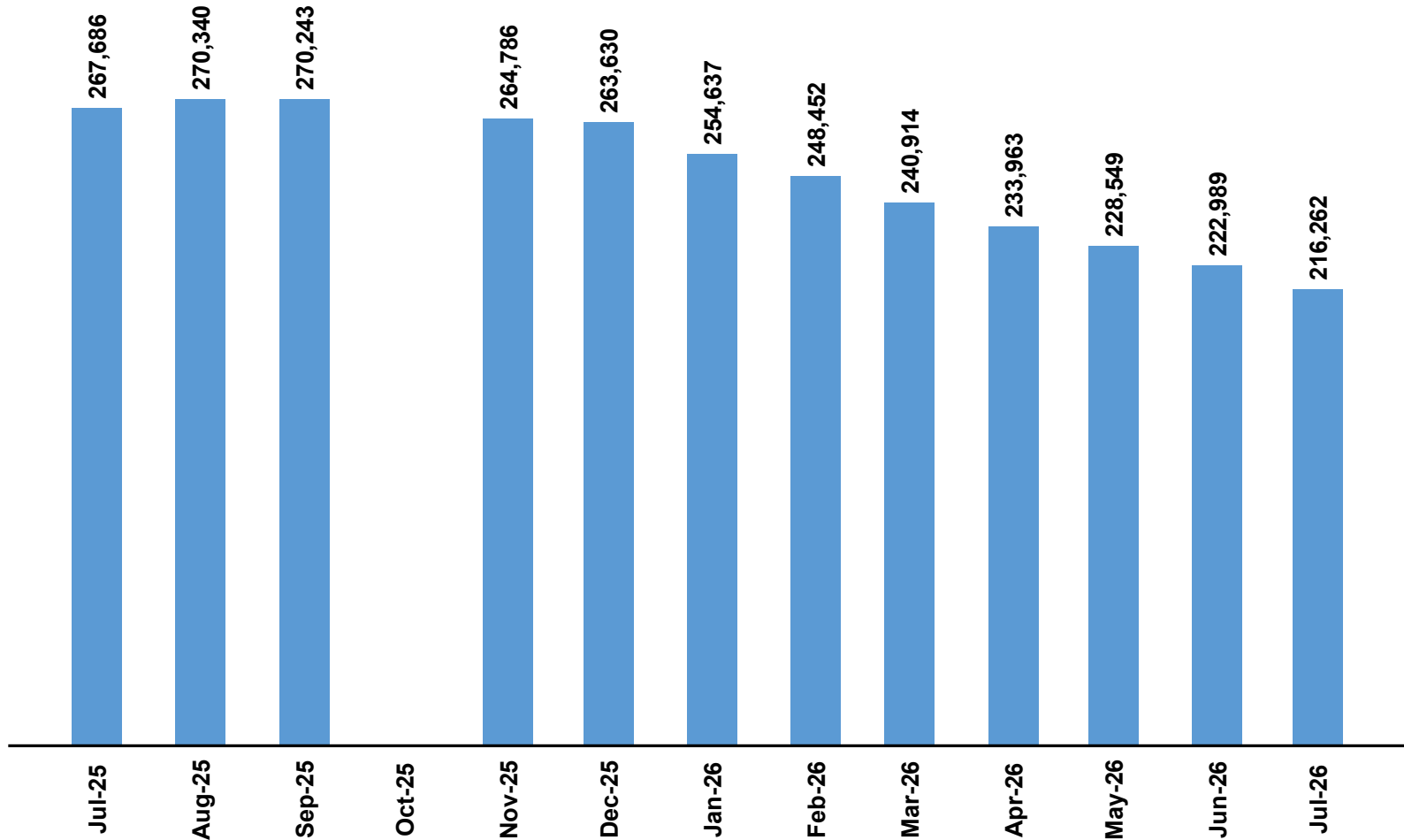


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New Jersey Unemployed Residents

Year-Over-Year: -51,424



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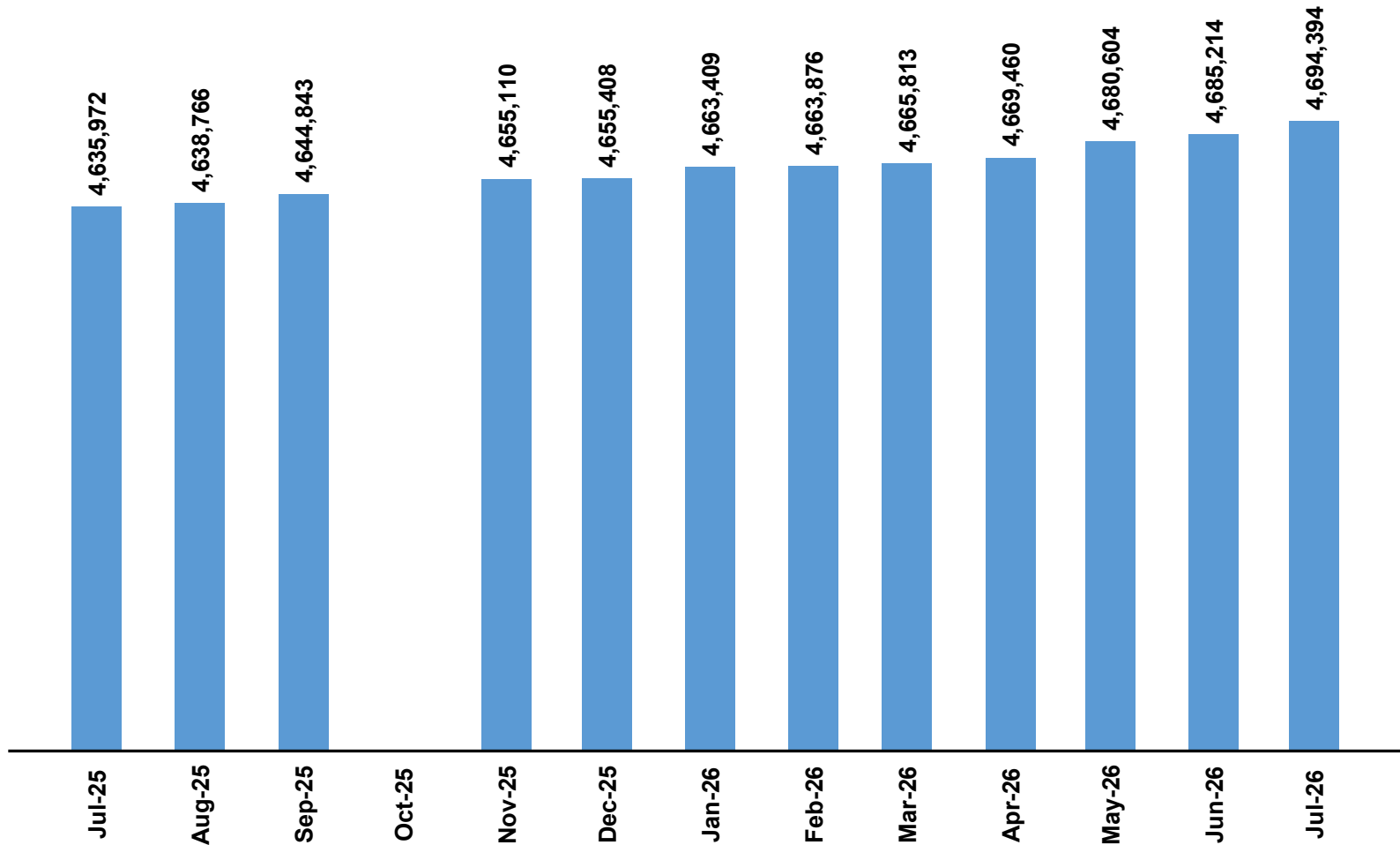


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New Jersey Employed Residents

Year-Over-Year: +58,422



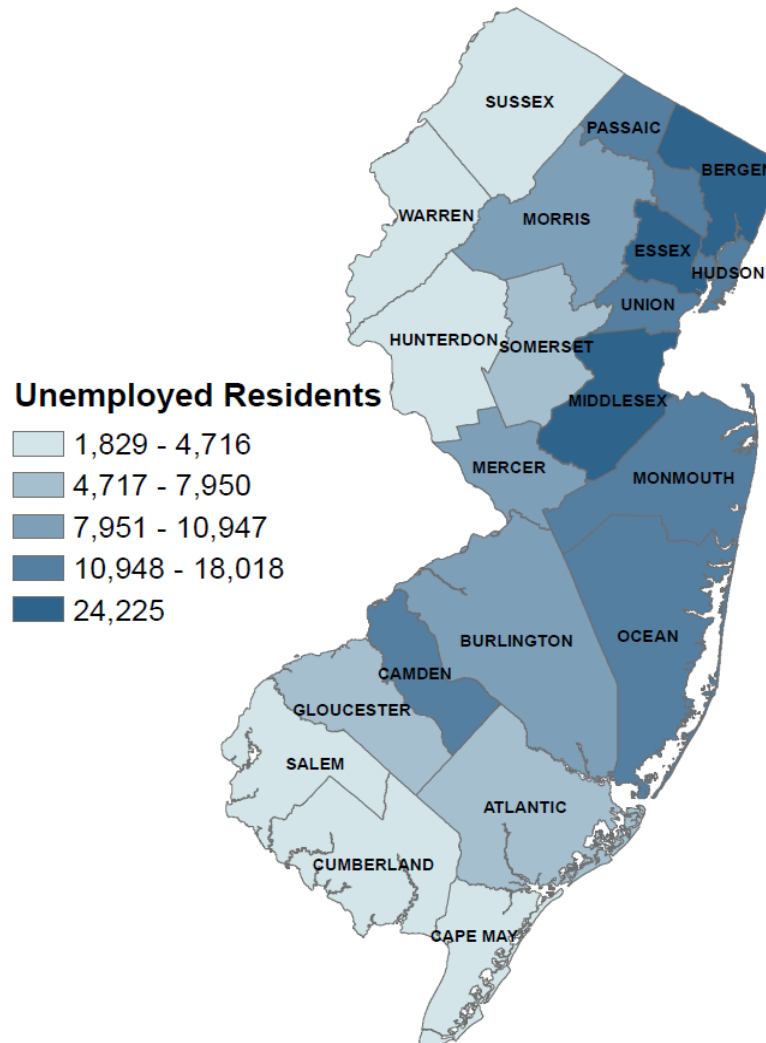
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***Unemployed Residents
July 2026***
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Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), 2025 Benchmark

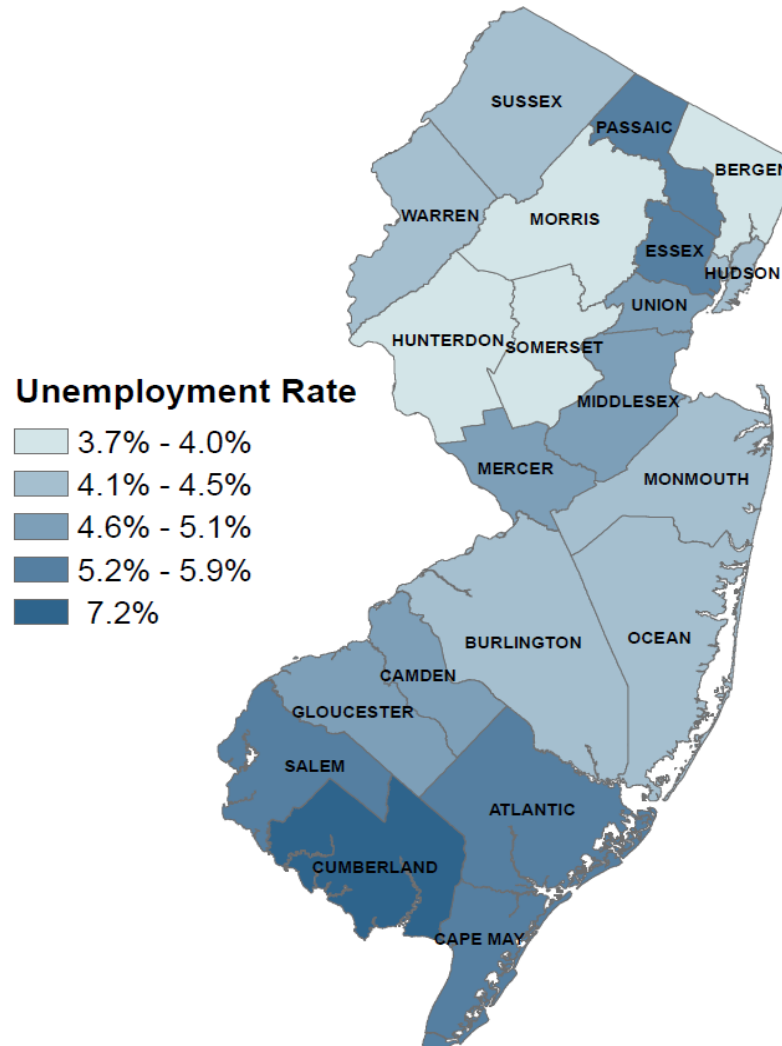
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August 2026

Unemployment Rate
July 2026
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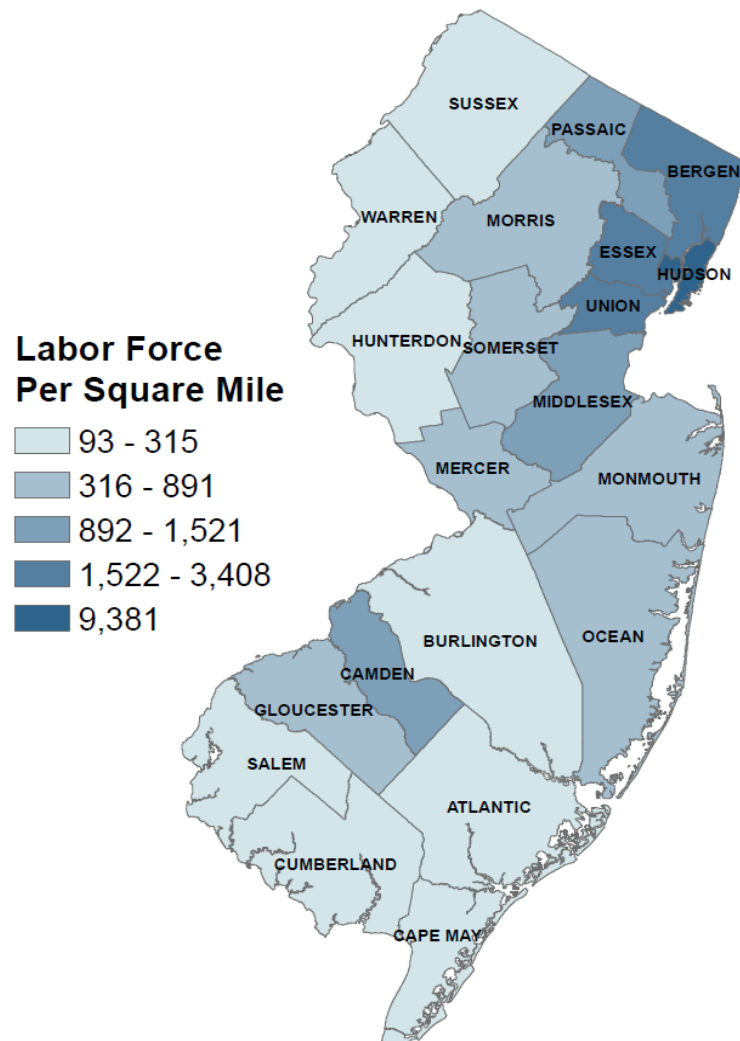
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Labor Force Per Square Mile

July 2026

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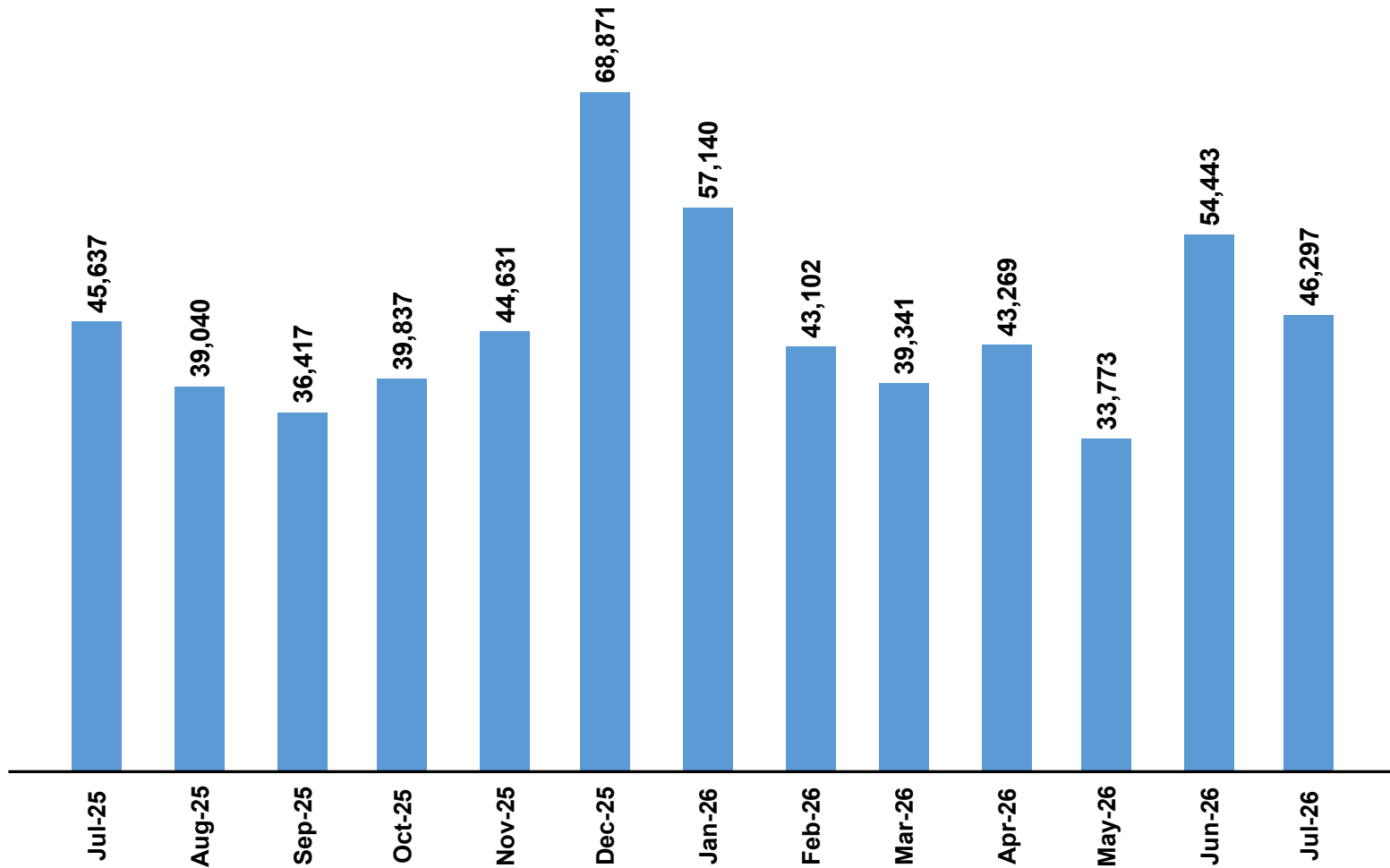
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Monthly Initial Unemployment Claims

Year-Over-Year: +660



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Real Time Jobs in Demand

Top 10 Occupational Listings

Occupation Demand and Employment

SOC CODE*	OCCUPATION TITLE	# of Job Postings	# Employed 2024
		2026	(BLS/OES)
29-1141	Registered Nurses.....	3,850	78,340
41-2031	Retail Salespersons.....	2,665	104,660
15-1252	Software Developers.....	2,181	54,920
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers.....	1,968	49,730
31-1120	Home Health and Personal Care Aides.....	1,823	89,210
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers.....	1,654	27,720
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives.....	1,411	62,490
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers.....	1,262	16,490
11-1021	General and Operations Managers.....	1,243	63,940
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing.....	946	35,440

*ONET-6



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Top 10 Locations

Cities with the Most Job Postings

City	# of Job Postings 2026
Jersey City.....	4,125
Trenton.....	3,844
Newark.....	3,770
Bogota.....	3,026
Princeton.....	2,121
Morristown.....	1,972
New Brunswick.....	1,492
Edison.....	1,393
Cherry Hill.....	1,228
Camden.....	1,207



Real Time Jobs in Demand

Top 10 Industries

Industry	# of Job Postings 2026
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	13,621
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	12,056
Retail Trade.....	9,449
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services.....	9,444
Manufacturing.....	6,523
Finance and Insurance.....	5,113
Educational Services.....	3,652
Accommodation and Food Services.....	2,968
Wholesale Trade.....	2,267
Transportation and Warehousing.....	1,977



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Source: Burning Glass Technologies, Labor Insight

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