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STATE EMPLOYMENT: JULY 2009

Total employment declined from June to July in Delaware and Pennsylvania but increased in New Jersey. Unemployment rates changed little in each of the three states in the region, moving up marginally in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and moving down marginally in Delaware.

Employment

According to the latest release of seasonally adjusted employment from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from June to July Delaware lost 700 net jobs (-0.2 percent) and Pennsylvania lost 4,800 net jobs (-0.1 percent), while New Jersey gained 5,900 net jobs (+0.2 percent). The nation lost 247,000 net jobs (-0.2 percent). New Jersey's increase in employment was the state's first monthly gain since January 2008. However, according to the BLS, neither that increase nor the decreases in Delaware and Pennsylvania were statistically significant.

The natural resources, mining, and construction and the manufacturing sectors continued to have the greatest proportional year-over-year declines in employment in July, both in the three states of the region and nationally. The only sector posting year-over-year employment increases in all three states and the nation has been the education and health services sector. In July there were year-over-year job gains in New Jersey in the other services sector, which covers mainly personal services, and in Pennsylvania in the government sector, which includes federal, state, and local government employment.

JULY 2009 DATA: BLS Payroll Employment by Sector for the Third District
(Seasonally Adjusted 12-Month Percent Change)

Payroll Employment Series	DE	NJ	PA	US
Total Nonfarm	-5.3	-3.0	-3.2	-4.2
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	-16.5	-12.1	-7.8	-13.9
Manufacturing	-12.7	-8.0	-11.4	-12.2
Trade-Transportation-Utilities	-6.2	-3.0	-3.5	-4.7
Information Services	0.0	-3.7	-7.5	-5.7
Financial Activities	-4.1	-4.8	-4.9	-5.1
Professional and Business Services	-9.6	-5.7	-6.2	-6.6
Education and Health Services	1.8	1.0	2.0	2.0
Leisure and Hospitality Services	-1.2	-0.5	-1.9	-2.1
Other Services	-1.5	2.4	-1.5	-2.0
Government	-3.1	-1.3	1.4	0.1

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

* Seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The BLS does not report seasonally adjusted employment for information services in Delaware.

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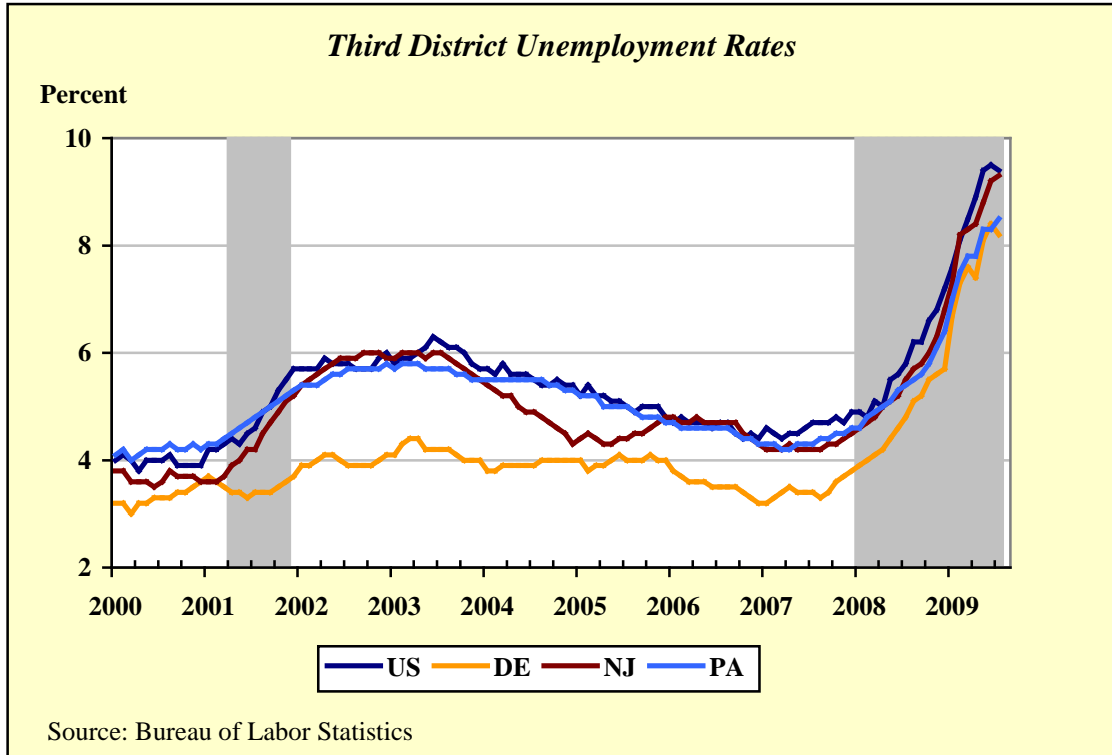
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Unemployment

Unemployment rates were virtually level in each of the three states of the region from June to July. Unemployment rates rose by 0.1 percentage point in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, to 9.3 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively. The unemployment rate in Delaware decreased 0.2 percentage point, to 8.2 percent. According to the BLS, the month-to-month changes in each state were not statistically significant. From June to July the national unemployment rate was also practically unchanged. It edged down from 9.5 to 9.4 percent.



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