



News

STATE EMPLOYMENT: NOVEMBER 2009

Some positive signs are emerging. Although total employment fell further from October to November in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, the pace of job loss continues to moderate. Also, the unemployment rate fell in Delaware and Pennsylvania but was unchanged in New Jersey.

Employment

According to the latest release of seasonally-adjusted employment from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from October to November Delaware lost 2,000 net jobs (-0.5 percent), New Jersey lost 9,400 net jobs (-0.2 percent), and Pennsylvania lost 10,200 net jobs (-0.2 percent). National employment fell 11,000 net jobs (-0.01 percent) in November.

The pace of job loss is slowing — evident from moderation of the nation's 12-month net loss from its worst rate in August of -4.2 percent to -3.5 percent in November. New Jersey's rate has moderated from -3.4 percent in May to -2.6 percent, Pennsylvania from -3.4 percent in September to -2.9 percent, and Delaware from -5.4 percent in August to -3.5 percent.

Manufacturing employment is the hardest hit sector in the three-state region — losing 83,900 jobs over the past year and 126,800 jobs since December 2007. However, the one-month change was positive on the strength of 2,000 net new factory jobs in New Jersey. After manufacturing, job losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-108,400 jobs); professional and business services (-102,200 jobs); and construction, natural resources, and mining (-65,800 jobs) have been largest since the recession began. The lone strong sector — education and health services — contributed 64,500 net jobs through the recession.

NOVEMBER 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 | -3.5 | -2.6 | -2.9 | -3.5 |
| Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction | -10.5 | -13.4 | -5.9 | -13.9 |
| Manufacturing | -12.9* | -5.1 | -10.3 | -11.0 |
| Trade-Transportation-Utilities | -3.5 | -2.7 | -2.5 | -3.9 |
| Information Services | -2.8* | -2.5 | -6.6 | -5.2 |
| Financial Activities | -4.2 | -3.3 | -5.4 | -4.5 |
| Professional and Business Services | -3.6 | -4.5 | -5.8 | -4.1 |
| Education and Health Services | 2.1 | -0.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Leisure and Hospitality Services | -6.1 | -1.5 | -2.0 | -1.6 |
| Other Services | -2.5 | 2.1 | -1.9 | -2.4 |
| Government | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

* Seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The BLS does not report seasonally adjusted employment for manufacturing nor information services in Delaware.

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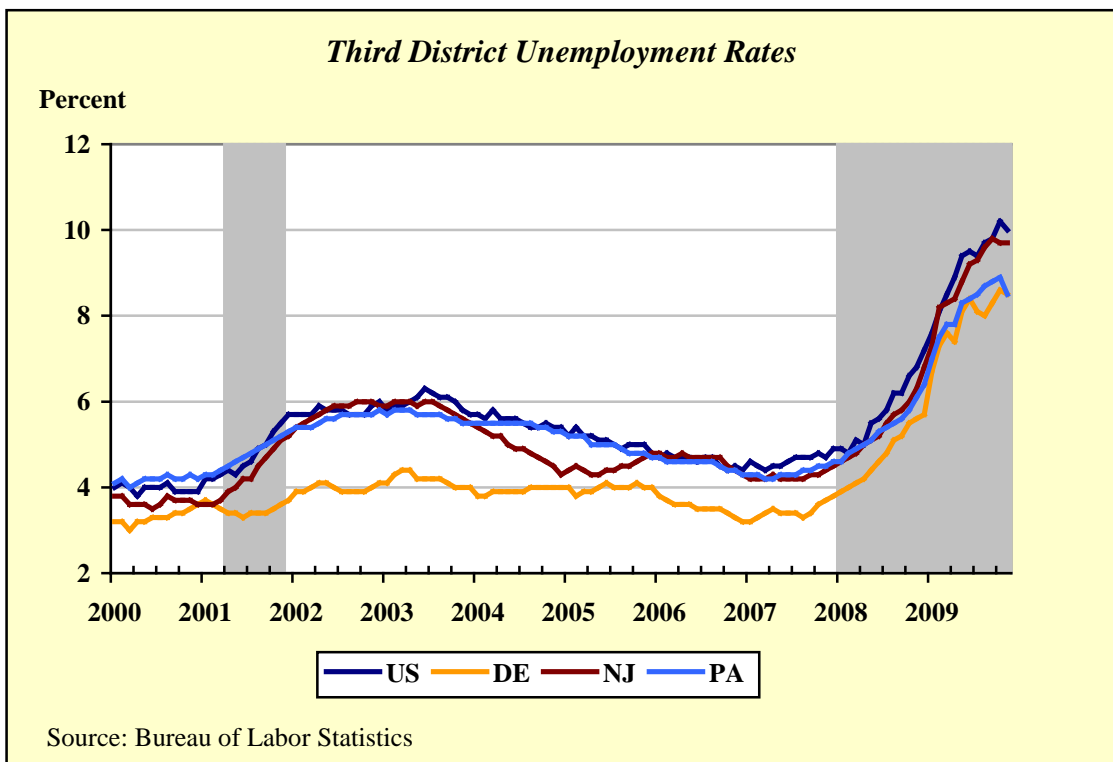
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Unemployment

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate retreated from October's 8.9 percent (after a small upward revision) to 8.5 percent in November. This trend parallels the national unemployment rate, which fell from 10.2 percent to 10.0 percent. Delaware's unemployment rate edged down from 8.6 percent to 8.5 percent, while New Jersey was unchanged at 9.7 percent.

Compared with December 2007 — the prior expansion's end — the total labor force as of November is unchanged in Pennsylvania and nationally (although the path between has risen and retreated to some degree for all three states and the nation). In contrast, Delaware's labor force has fallen 3.3 percent, while New Jersey's labor force has risen 1.5 percent through the recession. The demographic trends and labor force adjustments producing the polar responses in Delaware and New Jersey contribute to the relatively lower unemployment rate in Delaware and the relatively higher rate in New Jersey, despite steeper job loss rates in Delaware.



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