



## News

### STATE EMPLOYMENT: SEPTEMBER 2009

**Total employment declined from August to September in New Jersey and Pennsylvania but increased slightly in Delaware. Unemployment rates increased in each of the three states and the nation.**

#### Employment

According to the latest release of seasonally adjusted employment from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from August to September Pennsylvania and New Jersey lost 10,300 net jobs (-0.2 percent) and 12,700 net jobs (-0.3 percent), respectively. Delaware added 500 net jobs (0.1 percent), but those gains came largely from government-sector hiring. National employment continues to decline from its peak in December 2007; from August to September, the nation lost 263,000 net jobs (-0.2 percent); since the peak, employment has declined 5.3 percent, or 7.2 million jobs. The three-state region has fared better than the nation, declining 3.9 percent, or 0.4 million jobs, since the employment peak.

Employment over the past 12 months was down for all three states, but in New Jersey and Pennsylvania loss rates were not as high as in the nation. Delaware posted a higher loss rate since September 2008, and its professional and business services sector has suffered disproportionately more than in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the nation. Education and health services sectors continue to drive against the cyclical current; however in New Jersey, sector gains have been modest.

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

Payroll Employment Series	DE	NJ	PA	US
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	-11.4	-13.7	-8.4	-14.9
Manufacturing	-12.3	-8.2	-11.4	-12.0
Trade-Transportation-Utilities	-6.1	-3.0	-3.7	-4.4
Information Services	0.0*	-2.5	-6.2	-5.4
Financial Activities	-4.6	-4.5	-5.1	-5.1
Professional and Business Services	-10.0	-5.3	-5.8	-6.1
Education and Health Services	2.8	0.3	1.6	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality Services	-3.2	-0.4	-1.9	-2.0
Other Services	-2.9	-1.0	-1.5	-2.4
Government	-1.8	-1.2	-0.1	-0.6

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

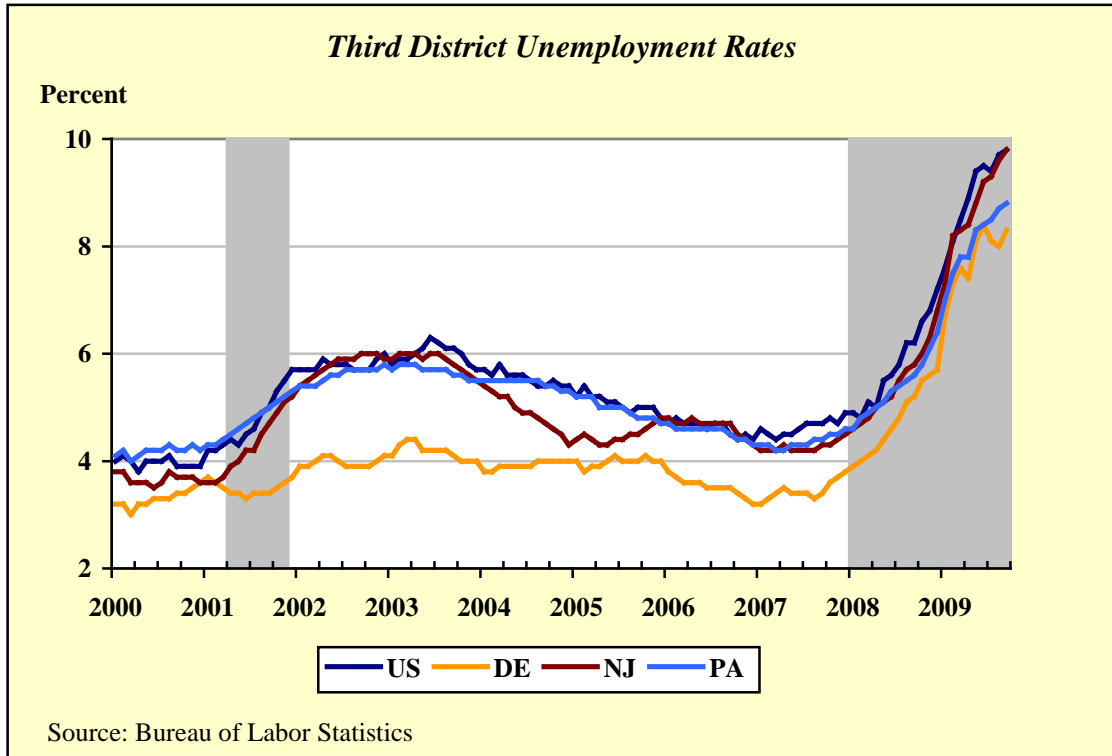
\* Seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The BLS does not report seasonally adjusted employment for information services in Delaware.

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**Unemployment**

Unemployment rates in the three-state region increased from August to September: New Jersey's unemployment rate increased from 9.6 percent to 9.8 percent; Pennsylvania, from 8.7 percent to 8.8 percent; and Delaware, from 8.0 percent to 8.3 percent. Unemployment in the nation increased from 9.7 percent to 9.8 percent.



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