



## News

### STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOWCASTS: MARCH 2017

**Unemployment rates for March are expected to decrease in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and increase in Delaware, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's nowcasts.**

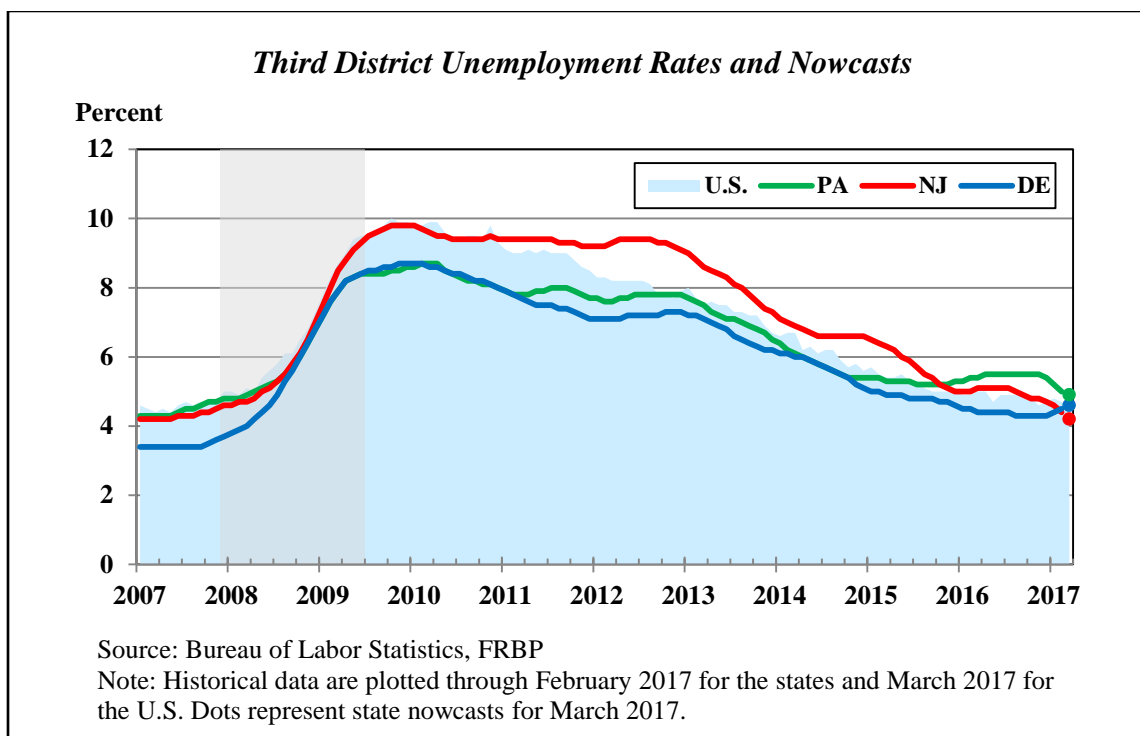
Release Date: April 7, 2017

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases national employment figures weeks ahead of state estimates, which leaves followers of state economies with unanswered questions about the direction of local activity. To alleviate this period of uncertainty, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia produces regular unemployment rate estimates, or "nowcasts," for Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

During the month of March, the national unemployment rate decreased from 4.7 percent to 4.5 percent.

Using an [analytical method](#) created by Bank researchers, we expect unemployment rates for March to decrease from 5.0 percent to 4.9 percent in Pennsylvania and from 4.4 percent to 4.2 percent in New Jersey and increase from 4.5 percent to 4.6 percent in Delaware.

The next state nowcast release will be on May 5, 2017, following the BLS release of the April national employment report.



Media Contact: [Daneil Mazone](#)  
Phone: 215-574-7163