The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has released the coincident indexes for the 50 states for August 2019. Over the past three months, the indexes increased in 46 states and decreased in four, for a three-month diffusion index of 84. In the past month, the indexes increased in 40 states, decreased in six states, and remained stable in four, for a one-month diffusion index of 68. For comparison purposes, the Philadelphia Fed has also developed a similar coincident index for the entire United States. The Philadelphia Fed’s U.S. index increased 0.7 percent over the past three months and 0.2 percent in August.

** See the Special Notice Regarding South Carolina Employment and Wages Data on the next page.

The next release date of the state coincident indexes will be October 23, 2019.

Historical data for the state coincident indexes and diffusion indexes are available in Excel format. Click here to download the files.
THIRD DISTRICT COINCIDENT INDEXES: AUGUST 2019

Pennsylvania

In the three months to August, the coincident index for Pennsylvania increased 0.4 percent. Payroll employment increased, while average hours worked in manufacturing were essentially unchanged. However, the unemployment rate increased during the three-month period. Overall, Pennsylvania’s economic activity as measured by the coincident index has increased 2.5 percent over the past 12 months.

New Jersey

In the three months to August, the coincident index for New Jersey rose 1.3 percent. During the same period, payroll employment increased, while the unemployment rate decreased significantly. In addition, average hours worked in manufacturing increased. Overall, New Jersey’s economic activity as measured by the coincident index has increased 3.1 percent over the past 12 months.

Delaware

In the three months to August, the coincident index for Delaware decreased 0.2 percent. Both payroll employment and average hours worked in manufacturing increased over the past three months. However, the unemployment rate increased. Overall, Delaware’s economic activity as measured by the coincident index has increased 3.1 percent over the past 12 months.

August 2019 DATA: Third District Coincident Indexes

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* Indexed to 2007 annual average. Values are subject to monthly revision.

Visit our website for data, maps, and more information on the state coincident indexes.

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** Special Notice Regarding South Carolina Employment and Wages Data

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), “1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter 2018 QCEW data for South Carolina are showing unusual movements, potentially as a result of a change in reporting. These unusual movements coincide with a modernization of the South Carolina unemployment insurance system. The BLS is working with its South Carolina partners to identify any impact this system change may have. QCEW data are considered preliminary until the release of their final revision.” Read the report.