STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOWCASTS: SEPTEMBER 2019

Unemployment rates for September are expected to decrease in New Jersey and remain unchanged in Pennsylvania and Delaware, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia’s nowcasts.

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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 September, the national unemployment rate decreased from 3.7 percent to 3.5 percent.

Using an analytical method created by Bank researchers, we expect unemployment rates for September to decrease from 3.2 percent to 3.1 percent in New Jersey and remain unchanged at 3.9 percent in Pennsylvania and 3.4 percent in Delaware.

The next state nowcast release will be on November 1, 2019, following the BLS release of the October national employment report.

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Third District Unemployment Rates and Nowcasts

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, FRBP
Note: Historical data are plotted through August 2019 for the states and September 2019 for the U.S. Dots represent state nowcasts for September 2019.