

NEW JERSEY

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Nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Jersey dropped on a seasonally adjusted basis by 6,400 from December 1982 to a January 1983 level of 3,049,400. Jobholding losses were scattered throughout manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. The construction industry was the only sector with a moderate increase.

Since the pre-recession peak in July 1981, nonfarm wage and salary employment has declined by 34,400 jobs; 75,100 jobs were lost in manufacturing and 40,700 were added in nonmanufacturing.

Factory division employment continued its 18-month decline and dropped by 4,200 jobs to a seasonally adjusted January total of 701,300, the lowest level since July 1949. Fifteen of the twenty factory industries posted losses ranging from 100 to 700 jobs; three industries recorded small gains; and two remained unchanged.

The manufacturing decline was primarily due to a number of scattered layoffs throughout the sector. Large losses were noted in the miscellaneous manufacturing industry, down by 700 jobholdings, mainly due to permanent layoffs by several toy manufacturers; in food, down by 600; and in textiles and nonelectrical machinery, each down by 500 jobs.

Jobholdings in nonmanufacturing fell for the first time since July 1982, on a seasonally adjusted basis, by 2,200 to 2,348,100 in January. Services and government, each down by 1,300 over the month, registered the largest nonfactory job losses in January. The government employment decline reflected further cutbacks in the state and local government segments.

Wholesale and retail trade employment dropped by 1,200 in January after seasonal adjustment. Wholesale trade was down by 700. Retail trade was down by 500 as layoffs were recorded in department stores and eating places.

Construction, up by 1,500 from December to a seasonally adjusted level of 112,800 in January, posted the largest nonfactory gain, as continued mild weather facilitated activity in the residential building, heavy construction, and special building trades segments.

The Department of Labor survey also revealed that the average production worker in New Jersey's manufacturing industries earned \$359.30 during the January survey week, \$2.45 less than in December. After seasonal adjustment, the average workweek rose by 0.2 hours to 40.1 hours in January, after dropping by 0.3 hours a month earlier. Department analysts noted that the seasonally adjusted average workweek level was down from the pre-recession peak of 40.8 hours.

LABOR AREA COMMENTS (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined as much or more than seasonally expected during January in seven of New Jersey's ten major labor areas. The largest loss occurred in the New Brunswick-Perth Amboy-Sayreville Area, which dropped by 15,300 over the month due to layoffs in trade, construction, and services. Only in the Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, Hackensack and Trenton Labor Areas were the declines less than seasonally expected.

Since the pre-recession peak in July 1981, all of the ten major labor areas in the state have lost nonfarm jobs. The largest percentage decline occurred in the Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton Labor Area where non-farm jobs dropped by 6.5%. The Newark Labor Area experienced the largest volume loss with payrolls falling by 26,700.

NEW JERSEY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
Seasonally Adjusted

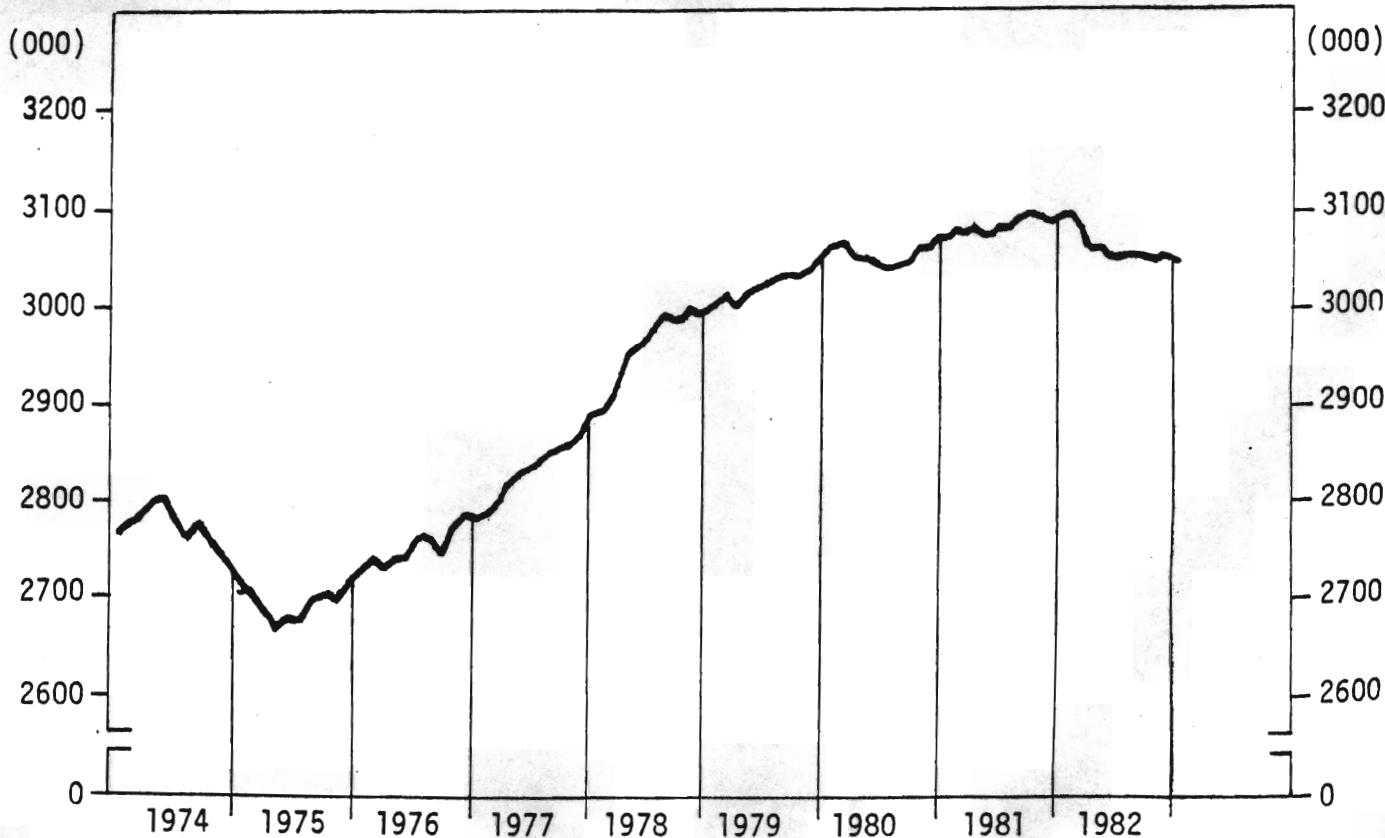


Table 1

NEW JERSEY'S NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
 Seasonally Adjusted
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 1981 Benchmark

Date	TOTAL	Manufacturing	Constr'n	Transport. Pub. Util.	Trade	Finance Insurance Real Est.	Services	Gov't
1971	2607.6	818.3	117.6	181.1	558.3	120.4	421.0	388.0
1972	2674.4	823.3	121.6	181.2	577.3	124.6	437.9	405.3
1973	2760.8	842.6	126.8	186.4	596.9	131.0	456.8	417.1
1974	2783.4	825.9	118.7	185.8	603.5	136.5	469.9	439.9
1975	2699.9	747.9	99.2	174.3	599.3	135.2	471.1	470.2
1976	2753.7	756.2	93.9	176.0	618.5	138.0	488.0	480.5
1977	2836.9	767.3	94.5	178.2	637.3	142.9	509.8	504.0
1978	2961.9	786.8	105.3	188.5	665.9	147.7	542.2	523.0
1979	3027.2	799.1	113.7	190.4	678.6	153.9	571.0	517.8
1980	3058.0	780.8	111.2	193.4	680.4	158.1	602.8	528.8
1981	3085.9	771.0	109.2	192.5	690.1	161.4	635.2	524.2
1982	3065.4	726.6	112.5	191.0	694.1	163.7	651.8	523.3
1982								
Jan	3098.4	758.1	118.9	192.2	696.2	163.7	644.1	522.9
Feb	3098.4	752.7	119.1	193.1	696.3	163.3	645.9	525.7
Mar	3083.3	740.3	118.4	193.2	695.5	163.2	646.2	524.2
Apr	3062.1	732.1	112.1	192.6	689.9	163.1	645.8	524.0
May	3063.2	730.1	113.5	187.8	693.2	163.0	647.5	525.7
Jun	3052.1	720.8	110.4	190.7	691.9	162.9	648.0	525.1
Jul	3049.4	720.5	110.7	190.3	692.2	163.5	653.4	516.5
Aug	3054.8	723.3	110.6	189.5	691.9	163.4	654.6	519.1
Sep	3059.9	716.5	110.4	189.6	695.5	164.4	655.9	525.3
Oct	3055.9	712.1	108.7	191.3	695.2	164.5	658.3	523.4
Nov	3053.8	707.9	110.0	191.1	693.9	164.9	660.2	523.4
Dec	3055.8	705.5	111.3	191.3	694.3	165.1	661.0	525.0
1983								
Jan	3049.4	701.3	112.8	191.3	693.1	165.2	659.7	523.7
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TECHNICAL NOTES APPEAR ON THE BACK COVER

Table 2

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN NEW JERSEY'S MAJOR LABOR MARKET AREAS
Not Seasonally Adjusted
(000)

Date	Atlantic City	Camden	Hackensack	Jersey City	Long Branch-Asbury Park	Newark	Paterson-Clifton-Passaic	Perth Amboy-New Brunswick-Sayreville	Trenton	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton
1971	62.5	264.2	325.2	248.6	123.6	847.2	182.4	221.0	137.9	48.7
1972	64.0	276.2	335.0	247.8	128.3	857.3	185.9	228.5	142.9	51.3
1973	65.7	286.8	347.9	245.6	133.3	873.4	187.4	242.4	148.0	53.0
1974	66.0	292.6	353.1	244.0	136.2	869.4	184.1	249.6	148.7	52.1
1975	64.2	284.9	346.3	233.4	136.0	845.2	175.8	242.1	145.7	50.1
1976	65.9	295.4	359.1	231.5	139.5	860.0	177.1	246.0	149.5	51.7
1977	68.2	307.1	370.4	231.8	145.6	888.7	181.3	258.5	155.0	53.8
1978	71.9	324.3	386.3	232.5	155.4	914.4	188.1	274.4	160.0	54.7
1979	81.9	334.5	392.0	230.7	158.9	936.4	190.2	283.8	162.4	54.3
1980	90.6	337.4	394.9	227.8	163.3	939.2	189.1	288.9	162.2	54.3
1981	99.5	343.8	397.3	224.2	168.0	943.0	190.8	292.6	162.7	53.8
1982										
Jan	96.6	326.3	392.7	223.0	162.7	934.8	184.8	280.8	158.7	52.4
Feb	96.9	338.9	390.8	221.3	164.7	931.7	186.3	286.6	159.5	52.1
Mar	98.2	339.7	393.4	222.0	165.6	932.5	186.8	288.1	159.9	51.9
Apr	100.1	340.7	394.5	221.5	167.0	934.7	185.8	286.3	159.5	51.4
May	102.5	342.0	392.8	220.7	171.3	937.2	186.3	286.6	158.7	50.9
Jun	106.3	344.4	394.7	222.2	175.0	945.1	187.9	287.6	159.6	50.7
Jul	108.7	344.0	389.6	219.7	176.5	938.6	185.8	287.2	157.1	50.5
Aug	108.8	344.1	387.0	220.6	175.7	939.0	184.0	287.0	155.4	51.9
Sep	104.1	343.7	387.2	217.9	169.6	935.6	184.1	285.1	156.9	51.6
Oct	102.4	344.2	391.7	219.1	168.9	941.2	185.4	287.0	158.0	51.2
Nov	102.6	345.4	392.3	217.7	169.0	942.0	187.0	288.4	157.9	50.8
Dec	101.5	345.5	392.2	215.8	168.2	939.0	187.4	286.8	157.7	50.4
1983										
Jan	100.3	337.8	387.1	210.7	164.3	923.7	183.7	281.1	157.1	50.1

Table 3

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF NEW JERSEY FACTORY PRODUCTION WORKERS
Not Seasonally Adjusted
1981 Benchmark

Date	All Manufacturing			Durable Goods			Nondurable Goods		
	Earnings		Hours per Week	Earnings		Hours per Week	Earnings		Hours per Week
	Weekly	Hourly		Weekly	Hourly		Weekly	Hourly	
1971	150.29	3.72	40.4	152.69	3.77	40.5	147.13	3.66	40.2
1972	163.35	3.99	40.9	167.07	4.05	41.2	159.77	3.93	40.7
1973	176.41	4.26	41.4	182.62	4.37	41.8	170.43	4.16	40.0
1974	186.11	4.57	40.7	191.42	4.66	41.1	180.93	4.48	41.0
1975	199.68	4.99	39.9	206.55	5.12	40.4	193.43	4.88	40.4
1976	215.33	5.33	40.4	222.77	5.46	40.8	209.32	5.22	40.1
1977	239.20	5.82	41.1	248.53	5.96	41.7	231.83	5.71	40.6
1978	256.22	6.28	40.8	263.45	6.41	41.1	248.06	6.14	40.4
1979	276.45	6.71	41.2	285.34	6.81	41.9	267.71	6.61	40.5
1980	297.07	7.31	40.7	308.41	7.49	41.2	287.93	7.18	40.1
1981	325.95	8.02	40.6	336.37	8.23	40.9	316.08	7.81	40.5
1982									
Jan	332.64	8.40	39.6	317.68	8.55	38.0	327.92	8.26	39.7
Feb	338.52	8.40	40.3	346.68	8.56	40.5	330.83	8.25	40.1
Mar	341.42	8.43	40.5	349.21	8.58	40.7	335.32	8.30	40.4
Apr	340.40	8.51	40.0	342.54	8.65	39.6	332.29	8.37	39.7
May	343.26	8.56	40.1	352.29	8.77	40.4	335.16	8.40	39.9
Jun	345.37	8.57	40.3	355.19	8.77	40.5	336.88	8.38	40.2
Jul	341.94	8.57	39.9	350.07	8.73	40.1	334.67	8.43	39.7
Aug	343.08	8.62	39.8	348.96	8.79	39.7	337.55	8.46	39.9
Sep	348.40	8.71	40.0	358.27	8.89	40.3	339.44	8.55	39.7
Oct	352.96	8.78	40.2	365.40	9.00	40.6	341.88	8.59	39.8
Nov	358.16	8.80	40.7	366.87	8.97	40.9	349.92	8.64	40.5
Dec	361.75	8.91	40.6	370.15	9.05	40.9	353.83	8.78	40.3
1983									
Jan	359.30	8.96	40.1	369.05	9.09	40.6	350.46	8.85	39.6

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TECHNICAL NOTES

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude proprietors, the self-employed, unpaid family workers, farm workers, and domestic workers in households. Salaried officers of corporations are included. Government employment covers only civilian employees; federal military personnel are excluded.

Persons on an establishment payroll who are on paid sick leave (when pay is received directly from the firm), on paid holiday or paid vacation, or who work during any part of the pay period but are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period, are counted as employed. Not counted as employed are persons who, during the pay period which includes the 12th, are laid off, on leave without pay or on strike for the entire period, or who are hired but do not work during the period.

Average Hours and Earnings

Hours and earnings data are derived from reports of payroll and man-hours for production and related workers in manufacturing. When the reported pay period exceeds one week, the payroll and man-hour figures are reduced to a weekly basis.

Average hourly earnings for manufacturing are on a "gross" basis, reflecting not only changes in basic hourly rates, but also such variable factors as premium pay for overtime and shift work, and changes in output of workers paid on an incentive plan. Excluded from average earnings are irregular bonuses, retroactive items, payments of various welfare benefits, and payroll taxes paid by employers.