

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey					
Seasonally Adjusted					
2025 Benchmark					
Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Apr 2026 (P)	Mar 2026 (R)	Apr 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,903,477	4,906,727	4,897,988	-3,250	5,489
Employment	4,669,524	4,665,813	4,645,747	3,711	23,777
Unemployment	233,953	240,914	252,241	-6,961	-18,288
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.1	-0.1	-0.3
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Apr 2026 (P)	Mar 2026 (R)	Apr 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,384,500	4,378,900	4,380,800	5,600	3,700
Total Private	3,763,300	3,757,800	3,754,800	5,500	8,500
Goods-Producing	411,700	412,300	421,100	-600	-9,400
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Construction	161,000	162,500	165,900	-1,500	-4,900
Manufacturing	249,300	248,400	253,700	900	-4,400
Service-Providing	3,972,800	3,966,600	3,959,700	6,200	13,100
Private Service-Providing	3,351,600	3,345,500	3,333,700	6,100	17,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	894,500	893,400	900,600	1,100	-6,100
Information	74,600	75,200	75,700	-600	-1,100
Financial Activities	267,900	268,000	270,200	-100	-2,300
Professional and Business	716,000	710,100	712,300	5,900	3,700
Education and Health Services	826,000	823,400	796,200	2,600	29,800
Leisure and Hospitality	404,700	408,000	409,100	-3,300	-4,400
Other Services	167,900	167,400	169,600	500	-1,700
Government	621,200	621,100	626,000	100	-4,800
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	200	-500	2,200	N/A	N/A
Total Private	300	-400	2,200	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.7	40.6	40.5	0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	42.6	42.8	42.6	-0.2	0.0
Nondurable Goods	39.1	38.9	38.7	0.2	0.4
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.83	\$27.57	\$26.74	\$0.26	\$1.09
Durable Goods	\$30.38	\$29.81	\$27.60	\$0.57	\$2.78
Nondurable Goods	\$25.59	\$25.62	\$25.93	-\$0.03	-\$0.34
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,132.68	\$1,119.34	\$1,082.97	\$13.34	\$49.71
Durable Goods	\$1,294.19	\$1,275.87	\$1,175.76	\$18.32	\$118.43
Nondurable Goods	\$1,000.57	\$996.62	\$1,003.49	\$3.95	-\$2.92

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* Production Workers

** Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

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Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2025 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Apr 2026 (P)	Mar 2026 (R)	Apr 2025	Apr 2026 (P)	Mar 2026 (R)	Apr 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,895,874	4,903,059	4,900,864	4,903,477	4,906,727	4,897,988
Resident Employment	4,697,645	4,670,702	4,664,511	4,669,524	4,665,813	4,645,747
Unemployment	198,229	232,357	236,353	233,953	240,914	252,241
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.3	63.4	63.6	63.4	63.5	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.8	60.4	60.6	60.4	60.4	60.3
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 2005 - 2025						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
2005	4,407,346		4,211,307	196,039	4.4	
2006	4,460,951		4,252,563	208,388	4.7	
2007	4,458,637		4,271,086	187,551	4.2	
2008	4,521,751		4,277,489	244,262	5.4	
2009	4,572,772		4,167,938	404,834	8.9	
2010	4,586,241		4,142,277	443,964	9.7	
2011	4,598,213		4,166,134	432,079	9.4	
2012	4,628,608		4,191,480	437,128	9.4	
2013	4,594,340		4,207,084	387,256	8.4	
2014	4,573,112		4,267,323	305,789	6.7	
2015	4,596,855		4,334,055	262,800	5.7	
2016	4,612,876		4,384,980	227,896	4.9	
2017	4,612,037		4,403,654	208,383	4.5	
2018	4,607,436		4,423,016	184,420	4.0	
2019	4,693,206		4,529,991	163,215	3.5	
2020	4,643,700		4,204,301	439,399	9.5	
2021	4,674,518		4,361,147	313,371	6.7	
2022	4,771,781		4,586,675	185,106	3.9	
2023	4,879,285		4,668,296	210,989	4.3	
2024	4,899,384		4,672,089	227,295	4.6	
2025	4,905,633		4,648,499	257,134	5.2	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2025 - 2026						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
Jan 2025	4,896,874		4,655,242	241,632	4.9	
Feb	4,898,132		4,652,062	246,070	5.0	
Mar	4,898,440		4,649,173	249,267	5.1	
Apr	4,897,988		4,645,747	252,241	5.1	
May	4,897,944		4,641,144	256,800	5.2	
Jun	4,899,596		4,636,881	262,715	5.4	
Jul	4,903,658		4,635,972	267,686	5.5	
Aug	4,909,106		4,638,766	270,340	5.5	
Sep	4,915,086		4,644,843	270,243	5.5	
Oct						
Nov	4,919,896		4,655,110	264,786	5.4	
Dec	4,919,038		4,655,408	263,630	5.4	
Jan 2026	4,918,046		4,663,409	254,637	5.2	
Feb	4,912,328		4,663,876	248,452	5.1	
Mar	(R)	4,906,727	4,665,813	240,914	4.9	
Apr	(P)	4,903,477	4,669,524	233,953	4.8	
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry
Not Seasonally Adjusted
2025 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change
	Apr 2026 (P)	Mar 2026 (R)	Apr 2025	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,366,500	4,325,600	4,360,700	5,800
Total Private	3,731,800	3,693,200	3,722,600	9,200
Goods-Producing	411,100	404,300	419,100	-8,000
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	-100
Construction	161,000	155,800	164,900	-3,900
Manufacturing	248,700	247,100	252,700	-4,000
Durable Goods	110,100	109,400	112,300	-2,200
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,400	25,300	25,700	-300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,400	16,300	16,600	-200
Nondurable Goods	138,600	137,700	140,400	-1,800
Food Manufacturing	44,100	43,700	43,300	800
Chemical Manufacturing	47,100	46,800	48,800	-1,700
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,600	29,300	30,600	-1,000
Service-Providing	3,955,400	3,921,300	3,941,600	13,800
Private Service-Providing	3,320,700	3,288,900	3,303,500	17,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	881,500	880,000	886,400	-4,900
Wholesale Trade	209,100	209,200	211,000	-1,900
Retail Trade	420,600	418,400	425,200	-4,600
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	34,400	33,100	34,800	-400
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,700	110,200	109,700	1,000
General Merchandise Retailers	70,600	70,100	70,600	0
Health and Personal Care Retailers	35,900	36,100	37,900	-2,000
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	38,800	39,600	40,400	-1,600
Transportation and Warehousing	251,800	252,400	250,200	1,600
Utilities	15,100	15,100	15,300	-200
Transportation and Warehousing	236,700	237,300	234,900	1,800
Warehousing and Storage	74,400	74,800	74,100	300
Information	74,500	74,700	75,000	-500
Telecommunications	19,000	19,100	19,800	-800
Financial Activities	265,900	265,700	268,100	-2,200
Finance and Insurance	203,000	202,800	205,000	-2,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	68,200	67,900	69,000	-800
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,400	45,200	44,900	500
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	89,400	89,700	91,100	-1,700
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	62,900	62,900	63,100	-200
Professional and Business Services	712,900	695,700	711,900	1,000
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	339,200	337,800	340,400	-1,200
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	75,300	75,900	77,500	-2,200
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	59,200	58,500	59,600	-400
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,500	78,400	81,200	-2,700
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	295,200	279,500	290,300	4,900
Private Education and Health Services	829,600	827,900	800,000	29,600
Private Educational Services	128,400	128,100	124,600	3,800
Health Care and Social Assistance	701,200	699,800	675,400	25,800
Ambulatory Health Care Services	292,000	291,100	279,100	12,900
Hospitals	179,800	179,800	173,000	6,800
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	102,300	101,400	98,100	4,200
Social Assistance	127,100	127,500	125,200	1,900
Leisure and Hospitality	389,600	379,800	393,000	-3,400
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	71,200	66,000	69,800	1,400
Accommodation and Food Services	318,400	313,800	323,200	-4,800
Food Services and Drinking Places	276,600	272,800	280,100	-3,500
Other Services	166,700	165,100	169,100	-2,400
Repair and Maintenance	34,400	33,900	35,100	-700
Personal and Laundry Services	63,400	63,400	64,600	-1,200
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	68,900	67,800	69,400	-500
Government	634,700	632,400	638,100	-3,400
Federal Government	46,100	46,100	49,300	-3,200
State Government	162,400	162,100	160,300	2,100
Local Government	426,200	424,200	428,500	-2,300

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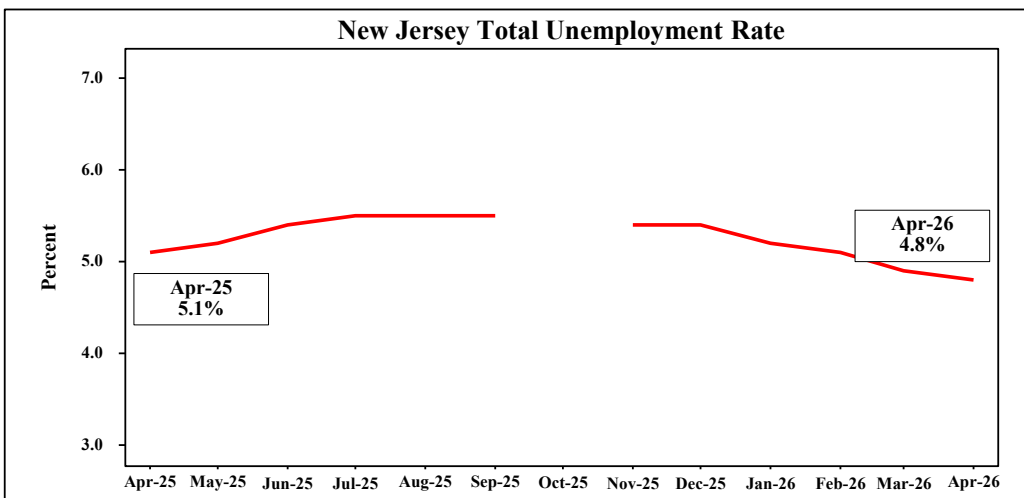
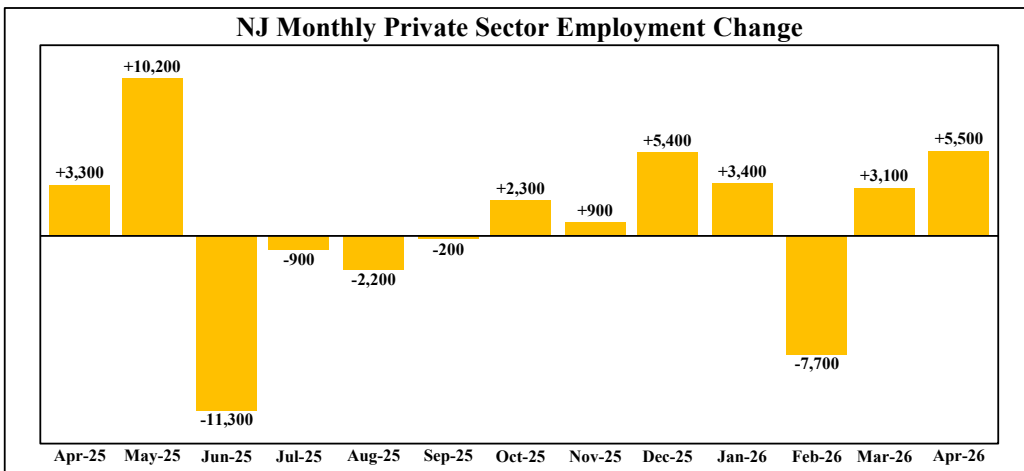
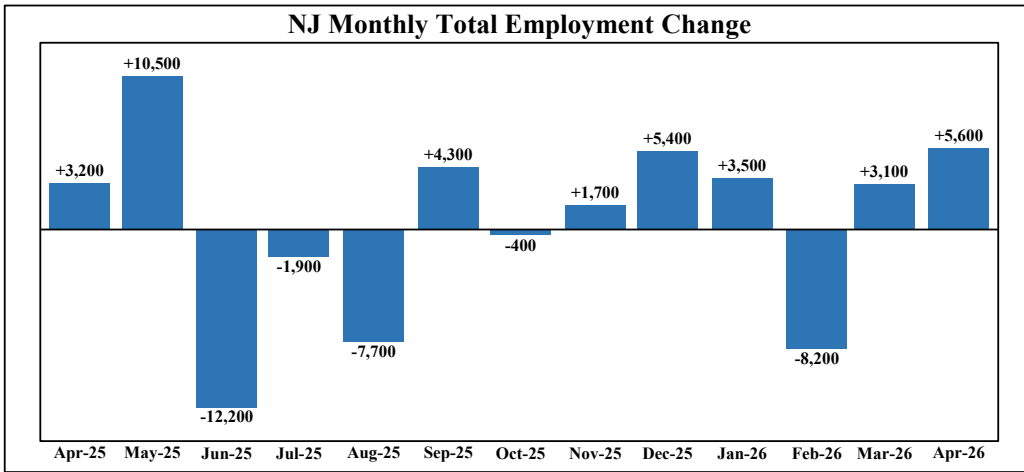
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector			Public	
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	4,083,000	3,426,600	310,000	172,300	2,942,700	656,400
2008	4,052,300	3,394,200	297,000	164,500	2,931,100	658,100
2009	3,896,800	3,235,700	262,600	138,600	2,833,000	661,100
2010	3,849,800	3,201,700	253,900	129,500	2,816,900	648,100
2011	3,847,600	3,221,100	248,800	129,900	2,841,100	626,600
2012	3,889,600	3,266,100	243,000	130,400	2,891,500	623,500
2013	3,934,700	3,311,500	240,900	137,600	2,931,800	623,200
2014	3,966,300	3,341,900	241,000	141,600	2,957,900	624,400
2015	4,009,500	3,391,100	241,100	148,400	3,000,200	618,400
2016	4,069,500	3,452,300	244,500	153,500	3,052,900	617,200
2017	4,125,000	3,507,100	247,100	156,100	3,102,500	617,900
2018	4,162,700	3,544,900	250,000	158,000	3,135,600	617,800
2019	4,198,100	3,577,300	251,500	160,700	3,163,700	620,800
2020	3,860,600	3,266,800	238,300	152,300	2,874,800	593,700
2021	4,037,600	3,448,100	241,400	157,600	3,047,800	589,500
2022	4,241,500	3,642,300	250,700	163,600	3,226,600	599,200
2023	4,317,000	3,708,100	254,500	165,900	3,286,300	608,900
2024	4,355,700	3,735,800	254,900	165,300	3,314,100	619,900
2025	4,376,500	3,752,700	252,000	165,900	3,333,300	623,800
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2025						
Jan	4,374,100	3,748,200	253,500	164,400	3,328,700	625,900
Feb	4,377,300	3,751,600	253,200	165,200	3,331,700	625,700
Mar	4,377,600	3,751,500	253,300	166,500	3,330,300	626,100
Apr	4,380,800	3,754,800	253,700	165,900	3,333,700	626,000
May	4,391,300	3,765,000	253,600	165,600	3,344,300	626,300
Jun	4,379,100	3,753,700	252,900	165,800	3,333,500	625,400
Jul	4,377,200	3,752,800	252,100	166,200	3,333,000	624,400
Aug	4,369,500	3,750,600	251,600	166,100	3,331,400	618,900
Sep	4,373,800	3,750,400	251,500	166,100	3,331,300	623,400
Oct	4,373,400	3,752,700	250,800	166,700	3,333,700	620,700
Nov	4,375,100	3,753,600	250,300	166,200	3,335,600	621,500
Dec	4,380,500	3,759,000	249,200	166,200	3,342,100	621,500
2026						
Jan	4,384,000	3,762,400	249,400	168,000	3,343,500	621,600
Feb	4,375,800	3,754,700	248,800	162,100	3,342,300	621,100
Mar (R)	4,378,900	3,757,800	248,400	162,500	3,345,500	621,100
Apr (P)	4,384,500	3,763,300	249,300	161,000	3,351,600	621,200
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