

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
	Mar 2026 (P)	Feb 2026 (R)	Mar 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,906,862	4,912,328	4,898,440	-5,466	8,422
Employment	4,665,923	4,663,876	4,649,173	2,047	16,750
Unemployment	240,939	248,452	249,267	-7,513	-8,328
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.1	5.1	-0.2	-0.2
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Mar 2026 (P)	Feb 2026 (R)	Mar 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,381,600	4,375,800	4,377,600	5,800	4,000
Total Private	3,760,800	3,754,700	3,751,500	6,100	9,300
Goods-Producing	412,700	412,400	421,200	300	-8,500
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,500	1,400	-100	0
Construction	162,900	162,100	166,500	800	-3,600
Manufacturing	248,400	248,800	253,300	-400	-4,900
Service-Providing	3,968,900	3,963,400	3,956,400	5,500	12,500
Private Service-Providing	3,348,100	3,342,300	3,330,300	5,800	17,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	894,300	893,600	900,700	700	-6,400
Information	75,500	74,700	75,400	800	100
Financial Activities	267,100	268,500	270,100	-1,400	-3,000
Professional and Business	711,000	707,700	713,100	3,300	-2,100
Education and Health Services	823,500	820,300	793,400	3,200	30,100
Leisure and Hospitality	409,200	408,100	408,200	1,100	1,000
Other Services	167,500	169,400	169,400	-1,900	-1,900
Government	620,800	621,100	626,100	-300	-5,300
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	400	200	700	N/A	N/A
Total Private	600	400	200	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.6	40.5	39.7	0.1	0.9
Durable Goods	42.7	42.6	41.9	0.1	0.8
Nondurable Goods	38.9	38.9	37.9	0.0	1.0
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.47	\$27.45	\$26.48	\$0.02	\$0.99
Durable Goods	\$29.66	\$29.21	\$27.24	\$0.45	\$2.42
Nondurable Goods	\$25.59	\$25.92	\$25.77	-\$0.33	-\$0.18
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,115.28	\$1,111.73	\$1,051.26	\$3.55	\$64.02
Durable Goods	\$1,266.48	\$1,244.35	\$1,141.36	\$22.13	\$125.12
Nondurable Goods	\$995.45	\$1,008.29	\$976.68	-\$12.84	\$18.77

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* Production Workers

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

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Area Unemployment Statistics & Current Employment Statistics

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Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2025 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar 2026 (P)	Feb 2026 (R)	Mar 2025	Mar 2026 (P)	Feb 2026 (R)	Mar 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,903,783	4,880,497	4,905,949	4,906,862	4,912,328	4,898,440
Resident Employment	4,671,293	4,620,332	4,649,170	4,665,923	4,663,876	4,649,173
Unemployment	232,490	260,165	256,779	240,939	248,452	249,267
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.1
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.4	63.1	63.7	63.5	63.6	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.4	59.8	60.4	60.4	60.3	60.4
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 (R)		4,912,328	4,663,876	248,452	5.1	
Mar (P)		4,906,862	4,665,923	240,939	4.9	
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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
	Mar 2026 (P)	Feb 2026 (R)	Mar 2025	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,330,000	4,302,600	4,336,500	-6,500
Total Private	3,697,800	3,671,200	3,699,700	-1,900
Goods-Producing	404,600	400,200	414,800	-10,200
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,400	0
Construction	156,000	151,200	161,100	-5,100
Manufacturing	247,200	247,600	252,300	-5,100
Durable Goods	109,300	109,100	112,600	-3,300
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,300	25,200	25,700	-400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,400	16,400	16,600	-200
Nondurable Goods	137,900	138,500	139,700	-1,800
Food Manufacturing	43,700	44,000	43,100	600
Chemical Manufacturing	46,900	47,200	49,100	-2,200
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,200	29,600	30,700	-1,500
Service-Providing	3,925,400	3,902,400	3,921,700	3,700
Private Service-Providing	3,293,200	3,271,000	3,284,900	8,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	881,600	880,900	890,000	-8,400
Wholesale Trade	209,500	208,800	211,600	-2,100
Retail Trade	420,100	417,800	425,500	-5,400
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,400	33,000	33,800	-400
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,500	110,100	109,600	900
General Merchandise Retailers	70,100	70,200	71,400	-1,300
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,200	36,000	38,300	-2,100
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	39,700	39,500	40,800	-1,100
Transportation and Warehousing	252,000	254,300	252,900	-900
Utilities	15,100	15,200	15,300	-200
Transportation and Warehousing	236,900	239,100	237,600	-700
Warehousing and Storage	74,800	75,600	74,600	200
Information	74,900	74,000	74,700	200
Telecommunications	19,200	19,100	19,900	-700
Financial Activities	264,900	267,100	268,400	-3,500
Finance and Insurance	202,300	203,800	205,600	-3,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	67,800	68,200	69,100	-1,300
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,000	45,400	44,800	200
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	89,500	90,200	91,700	-2,200
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	62,600	63,300	62,800	-200
Professional and Business Services	697,900	688,900	704,500	-6,600
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	338,100	336,300	341,100	-3,000
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	76,100	75,400	77,000	-900
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	58,500	58,500	60,000	-1,500
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,600	78,500	82,100	-3,500
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	281,200	274,100	281,300	-100
Private Education and Health Services	828,300	822,300	798,100	30,200
Private Educational Services	128,200	126,700	123,900	4,300
Health Care and Social Assistance	700,100	695,600	674,200	25,900
Ambulatory Health Care Services	291,200	289,200	278,300	12,900
Hospitals	179,800	179,000	173,000	6,800
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	101,300	101,300	97,900	3,400
Social Assistance	127,800	126,100	125,000	2,800
Leisure and Hospitality	380,400	371,500	382,100	-1,700
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	66,400	61,500	64,700	1,700
Accommodation and Food Services	314,000	310,000	317,400	-3,400
Food Services and Drinking Places	273,100	270,100	275,500	-2,400
Other Services	165,200	166,300	167,100	-1,900
Repair and Maintenance	33,900	34,500	35,200	-1,300
Personal and Laundry Services	63,500	64,400	64,100	-600
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	67,800	67,400	67,800	0
Government	632,200	631,400	636,800	-4,600
Federal Government	46,000	46,100	49,700	-3,700
State Government	162,100	161,800	160,300	1,800
Local Government	424,100	423,500	426,800	-2,700

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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 (R)	4,375,800	3,754,700	248,800	162,100	3,342,300	621,100
Mar (P)	4,381,600	3,760,800	248,400	162,900	3,348,100	620,800
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