

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
	Jul 2026 (P)	Jun 2026 (R)	Jul 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,910,656	4,908,203	4,903,658	2,453	6,998
Employment	4,694,394	4,685,214	4,635,972	9,180	58,422
Unemployment	216,262	222,989	267,686	-6,727	-51,424
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	5.5	-0.1	-1.1
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Jul 2026 (P)	Jun 2026 (R)	Jul 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,357,600	4,383,200	4,377,200	-25,600	-19,600
Total Private	3,732,800	3,758,700	3,752,800	-25,900	-20,000
Goods-Producing	411,100	412,300	419,800	-1,200	-8,700
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Construction	161,300	162,600	166,200	-1,300	-4,900
Manufacturing	248,300	248,200	252,100	100	-3,800
Service-Providing	3,946,500	3,970,900	3,957,400	-24,400	-10,900
Private Service-Providing	3,321,700	3,346,400	3,333,000	-24,700	-11,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	891,200	890,600	899,200	600	-8,000
Information	73,300	73,200	77,400	100	-4,100
Financial Activities	266,800	267,700	270,100	-900	-3,300
Professional and Business	701,500	714,900	708,500	-13,400	-7,000
Education and Health Services	826,000	828,700	799,600	-2,700	26,400
Leisure and Hospitality	395,900	403,200	408,700	-7,300	-12,800
Other Services	167,000	168,100	169,500	-1,100	-2,500
Government	624,800	624,500	624,400	300	400
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	-9,500	1,400	-1,200	N/A	N/A
Total Private	-10,300	300	-700	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	41.1	41.3	40.0	-0.2	1.1
Durable Goods	42.5	42.6	42.8	-0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	39.9	40.2	37.7	-0.3	2.2
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.90	\$28.00	\$26.59	-\$0.10	\$1.31
Durable Goods	\$30.95	\$30.88	\$27.28	\$0.07	\$3.67
Nondurable Goods	\$25.28	\$25.55	\$25.95	-\$0.27	-\$0.67
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,146.69	\$1,156.40	\$1,063.60	-\$9.71	\$83.09
Durable Goods	\$1,315.38	\$1,315.49	\$1,167.58	-\$0.11	\$147.80
Nondurable Goods	\$1,008.67	\$1,027.11	\$978.32	-\$18.44	\$30.35

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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		
	Jul 2026 (P)	Jun 2026 (R)	Jul 2025	Jul 2026 (P)	Jun 2026 (R)	Jul 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,971,485	4,936,635	4,956,807	4,910,656	4,908,203	4,903,658
Resident Employment	4,741,652	4,719,955	4,663,647	4,694,394	4,685,214	4,635,972
Unemployment	229,833	216,680	293,160	216,262	222,989	267,686
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.4	5.9	4.4	4.5	5.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	64.3	63.8	64.2	63.5	63.5	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	61.3	61.0	60.4	60.7	60.6	60.1
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	(R) (P)	4,918,046	4,663,409	254,637	5.2	
Feb		4,912,328	4,663,876	248,452	5.1	
Mar		4,906,727	4,665,813	240,914	4.9	
Apr		4,903,423	4,669,460	233,963	4.8	
May		4,909,153	4,680,604	228,549	4.7	
Jun		4,908,203	4,685,214	222,989	4.5	
Jul		4,910,656	4,694,394	216,262	4.4	
Aug						
Sep						
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry Not Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark				
Industry	Current Month Jul 2026 (P)	Previous Month Jun 2026 (R)	One Year Ago Jul 2025	Net Change over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,379,500	4,463,300	4,381,500	-2,000
Total Private	3,794,500	3,830,000	3,793,900	600
Goods-Producing	418,200	418,000	425,600	-7,400
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Construction	167,000	167,000	170,700	-3,700
Manufacturing	249,700	249,500	253,400	-3,700
Durable Goods	110,100	110,000	112,300	-2,200
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,800	25,600	26,000	-200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,700	16,600	16,600	100
Nondurable Goods	139,600	139,500	141,100	-1,500
Food Manufacturing	44,800	44,800	44,200	600
Chemical Manufacturing	46,400	47,100	48,600	-2,200
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,000	29,500	30,500	-1,500
Service-Providing	3,961,300	4,045,300	3,955,900	5,400
Private Service-Providing	3,376,300	3,412,000	3,368,300	8,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	889,600	893,500	894,500	-4,900
Wholesale Trade	209,400	209,900	212,700	-3,300
Retail Trade	427,500	427,300	432,200	-4,700
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,400	34,400	34,700	-1,300
Food and Beverage Retailers	113,400	112,800	112,800	600
General Merchandise Retailers	71,300	71,800	71,600	-300
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,400	36,100	38,000	-1,600
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	41,800	41,000	42,800	-1,000
Transportation and Warehousing	252,700	256,300	249,600	3,100
Utilities	15,400	15,400	15,500	-100
Transportation and Warehousing	237,300	240,900	234,100	3,200
Warehousing and Storage	75,600	75,600	76,900	-1,300
Information	74,200	73,600	78,000	-3,800
Telecommunications	18,700	18,700	19,800	-1,100
Financial Activities	268,600	269,300	273,100	-4,500
Finance and Insurance	204,200	204,900	207,300	-3,100
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	68,100	68,500	69,600	-1,500
Financial Investments and Related Activities	46,100	46,100	45,700	400
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,000	90,300	92,000	-2,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	64,400	64,400	65,800	-1,400
Professional and Business Services	710,800	725,000	709,400	1,400
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	340,800	341,200	339,800	1,000
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	73,900	74,900	77,100	-3,200
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	59,400	59,300	59,900	-500
Management of Companies and Enterprises	79,400	78,700	81,800	-2,400
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	290,600	305,100	287,800	2,800
Private Education and Health Services	815,900	831,200	786,800	29,100
Private Educational Services	113,500	124,000	107,100	6,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	702,400	707,200	679,700	22,700
Ambulatory Health Care Services	294,800	294,700	281,200	13,600
Hospitals	181,700	181,800	175,400	6,300
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	102,500	102,700	99,500	3,000
Social Assistance	123,400	128,000	123,600	-200
Leisure and Hospitality	447,100	446,000	453,900	-6,800
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	95,700	90,200	100,300	-4,600
Accommodation and Food Services	351,400	355,800	353,600	-2,200
Food Services and Drinking Places	301,500	308,000	301,100	400
Other Services	170,100	173,400	172,600	-2,500
Repair and Maintenance	34,200	34,500	35,000	-800
Personal and Laundry Services	64,200	66,300	65,700	-1,500
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	71,700	72,600	71,900	-200
Government	585,000	633,300	587,600	-2,600
Federal Government	46,200	46,300	49,100	-2,900
State Government	147,400	150,900	145,400	2,000
Local Government	391,400	436,100	393,100	-1,700

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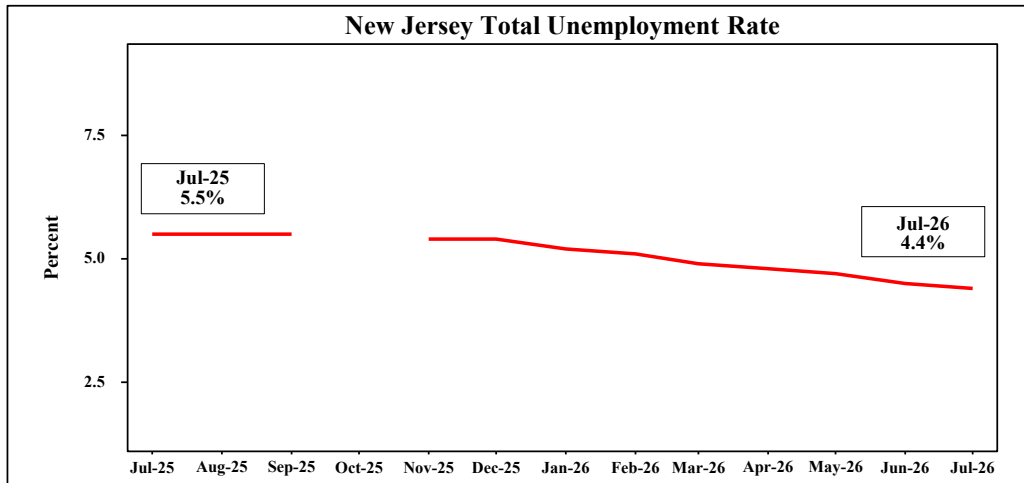
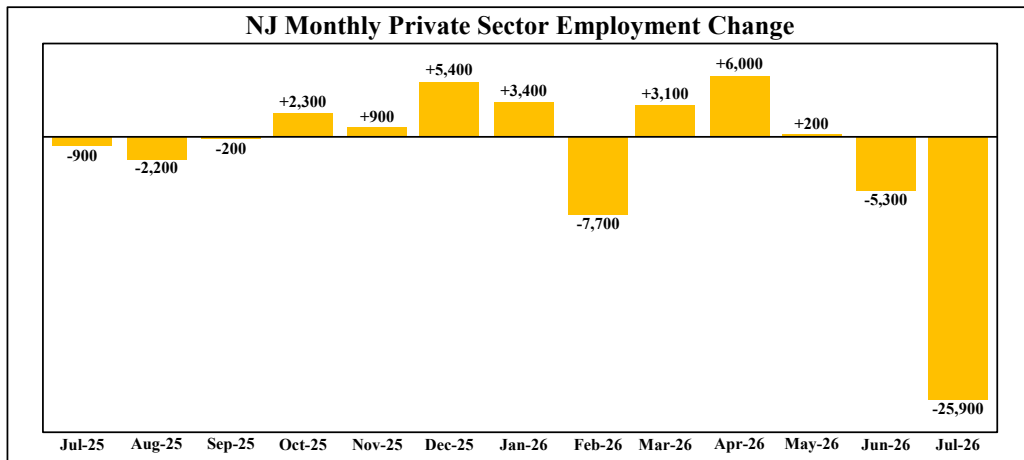
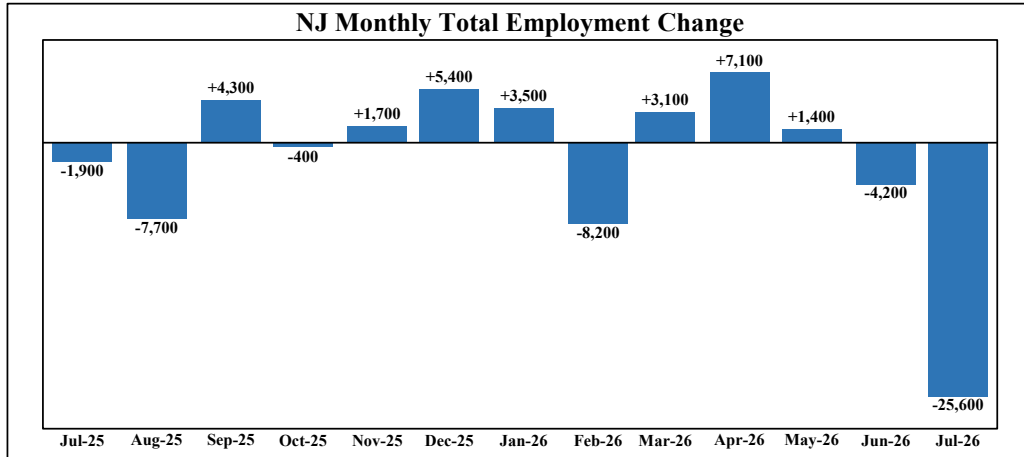
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector			Public	
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	4,083,000	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	4,375,800	3,754,700	248,800	162,100	3,342,300	621,100
Mar	4,378,900	3,757,800	248,400	162,500	3,345,500	621,100
Apr	4,386,000	3,763,800	249,100	161,200	3,352,100	622,200
May	4,387,400	3,764,000	247,800	162,300	3,352,500	623,400
Jun (R)	4,383,200	3,758,700	248,200	162,600	3,346,400	624,500
Jul (P)	4,357,600	3,732,800	248,300	161,300	3,321,700	624,800
Aug						
Sep						
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