

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
	Jan 2026 (P)	Dec 2025 (R)	Jan 2025 (R)	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,918,065	4,919,038	4,896,874	-973	21,191
Employment	4,663,409	4,655,408	4,655,242	8,001	8,167
Unemployment	254,656	263,630	241,632	-8,974	13,024
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	4.9	-0.2	0.3
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Jan 2026 (P)	Dec 2025 (R)	Jan 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,386,500	4,380,500	4,374,100	6,000	12,400
Total Private	3,764,600	3,759,000	3,748,200	5,600	16,400
Goods-Producing	419,000	416,900	419,500	2,100	-500
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
Construction	167,800	166,200	164,400	1,600	3,400
Manufacturing	249,700	249,200	253,500	500	-3,800
Service-Providing	3,967,500	3,963,600	3,954,600	3,900	12,900
Private Service-Providing	3,345,600	3,342,100	3,328,700	3,500	16,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	896,200	895,800	901,600	400	-5,400
Information	76,300	76,900	75,700	-600	600
Financial Activities	269,700	270,100	270,200	-400	-500
Professional and Business	710,100	707,500	712,700	2,600	-2,600
Education and Health Services	818,900	817,100	789,600	1,800	29,300
Leisure and Hospitality	406,400	408,200	408,800	-1,800	-2,400
Other Services	168,000	166,500	170,100	1,500	-2,100
Government	621,900	621,500	625,900	400	-4,000
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	4,400	2,200	1,700	N/A	N/A
Total Private	4,000	2,900	900	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.4	41.1	40.2	-0.7	0.2
Durable Goods	42.6	42.5	41.7	0.1	0.9
Nondurable Goods	38.6	39.9	38.9	-1.3	-0.3
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.28	\$26.99	\$26.32	\$0.29	\$0.96
Durable Goods	\$28.92	\$27.98	\$27.15	\$0.94	\$1.77
Nondurable Goods	\$25.81	\$26.13	\$25.54	-\$0.32	\$0.27
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,102.11	\$1,109.29	\$1,058.06	-\$7.18	\$44.05
Durable Goods	\$1,231.99	\$1,189.15	\$1,132.16	\$42.84	\$99.83
Nondurable Goods	\$996.27	\$1,042.59	\$993.51	-\$46.32	\$2.76

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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		
	Jan 2026 (P)	Dec 2025 (R)	Jan 2025 (R)	Jan 2026 (P)	Dec 2025 (R)	Jan 2025 (R)
Civilian Labor Force	4,862,147	4,900,403	4,865,122	4,918,065	4,919,038	4,896,874
Resident Employment	4,626,213	4,679,818	4,614,510	4,663,409	4,655,408	4,655,242
Unemployment	235,934	220,585	250,612	254,656	263,630	241,632
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.4	4.9
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	62.9	63.4	63.2	63.6	63.7	63.7
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.9	60.6	60.0	60.3	60.3	60.5
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	(R)	4,612,876	4,384,980	227,896	4.9	
2017	(R)	4,612,037	4,403,654	208,383	4.5	
2018	(R)	4,607,436	4,423,016	184,420	4.0	
2019	(R)	4,693,206	4,529,991	163,215	3.5	
2020	(R)	4,643,700	4,204,301	439,399	9.5	
2021	(R)	4,674,518	4,361,147	313,371	6.7	
2022	(R)	4,771,781	4,586,675	185,106	3.9	
2023	(R)	4,879,285	4,668,296	210,989	4.3	
2024	(R)	4,899,384	4,672,089	227,295	4.6	
2025	(R)	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	(R)	4,896,874	4,655,242	241,632	4.9	
Feb	(R)	4,898,132	4,652,062	246,070	5.0	
Mar	(R)	4,898,440	4,649,173	249,267	5.1	
Apr	(R)	4,897,988	4,645,747	252,241	5.1	
May	(R)	4,897,944	4,641,144	256,800	5.2	
Jun	(R)	4,899,596	4,636,881	262,715	5.4	
Jul	(R)	4,903,658	4,635,972	267,686	5.5	
Aug	(R)	4,909,106	4,638,766	270,340	5.5	
Sep	(R)	4,915,086	4,644,843	270,243	5.5	
Oct						
Nov	(R)	4,919,896	4,655,110	264,786	5.4	
Dec	(R)	4,919,038	4,655,408	263,630	5.4	
Jan 2026	(P)	4,918,065	4,663,409	254,656	5.2	
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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
	Jan 2026 (P)	Dec 2025 (R)	Jan 2025 (R)	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,305,900	4,414,600	4,299,000	6,900
Total Private	3,686,700	3,781,000	3,677,600	9,100
Goods-Producing	406,500	416,200	408,300	-1,800
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100
Construction	157,500	165,100	155,500	2,000
Manufacturing	247,600	249,600	251,300	-3,700
Durable Goods	109,500	110,200	111,900	-2,400
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,300	25,400	25,900	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,300	16,500	16,400	-100
Nondurable Goods	138,100	139,400	139,400	-1,300
Food Manufacturing	43,500	44,000	42,700	800
Chemical Manufacturing	47,000	47,500	49,100	-2,100
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,500	29,900	30,700	-1,200
Service-Providing	3,899,400	3,998,400	3,890,700	8,700
Private Service-Providing	3,280,200	3,364,800	3,269,300	10,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	893,400	922,800	901,400	-8,000
Wholesale Trade	210,000	213,200	211,400	-1,400
Retail Trade	422,900	438,900	428,100	-5,200
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	32,900	33,900	32,000	900
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,100	112,100	110,300	-200
General Merchandise Retailers	71,500	77,800	72,900	-1,400
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,400	36,900	38,500	-2,100
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	41,900	45,500	42,700	-800
Transportation and Warehousing	260,500	270,700	261,900	-1,400
Utilities	15,200	15,200	15,200	0
Transportation and Warehousing	245,300	255,500	246,700	-1,400
Warehousing and Storage	78,000	80,900	78,400	-400
Information	74,900	76,600	75,500	-600
Telecommunications	19,300	19,500	19,900	-600
Financial Activities	267,300	271,000	267,600	-300
Finance and Insurance	203,800	206,000	205,100	-1,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	68,600	68,900	69,200	-600
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,100	45,800	44,800	300
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,100	91,300	91,100	-1,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63,500	65,000	62,500	1,000
Professional and Business Services	692,000	714,300	695,900	-3,900
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	336,300	340,300	338,800	-2,500
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	74,900	76,100	77,700	-2,800
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	58,700	60,500	59,500	-800
Management of Companies and Enterprises	79,100	79,900	81,600	-2,500
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	276,600	294,100	275,500	1,100
Private Education and Health Services	815,800	822,800	787,800	28,000
Private Educational Services	121,100	125,600	120,100	1,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	694,700	697,200	667,700	27,000
Ambulatory Health Care Services	287,200	289,000	275,400	11,800
Hospitals	179,500	179,500	171,800	7,700
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	101,600	101,400	96,600	5,000
Social Assistance	126,400	127,300	123,900	2,500
Leisure and Hospitality	370,700	391,500	374,300	-3,600
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	60,900	67,800	60,800	100
Accommodation and Food Services	309,800	323,700	313,500	-3,700
Food Services and Drinking Places	269,100	281,100	271,700	-2,600
Other Services	166,100	165,800	166,800	-700
Repair and Maintenance	34,600	34,300	35,100	-500
Personal and Laundry Services	64,100	63,800	63,600	500
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	67,400	67,700	68,100	-700
Government	619,200	633,600	621,400	-2,200
Federal Government	45,800	46,700	50,000	-4,200
State Government	153,000	160,500	152,300	700
Local Government	420,400	426,400	419,100	1,300

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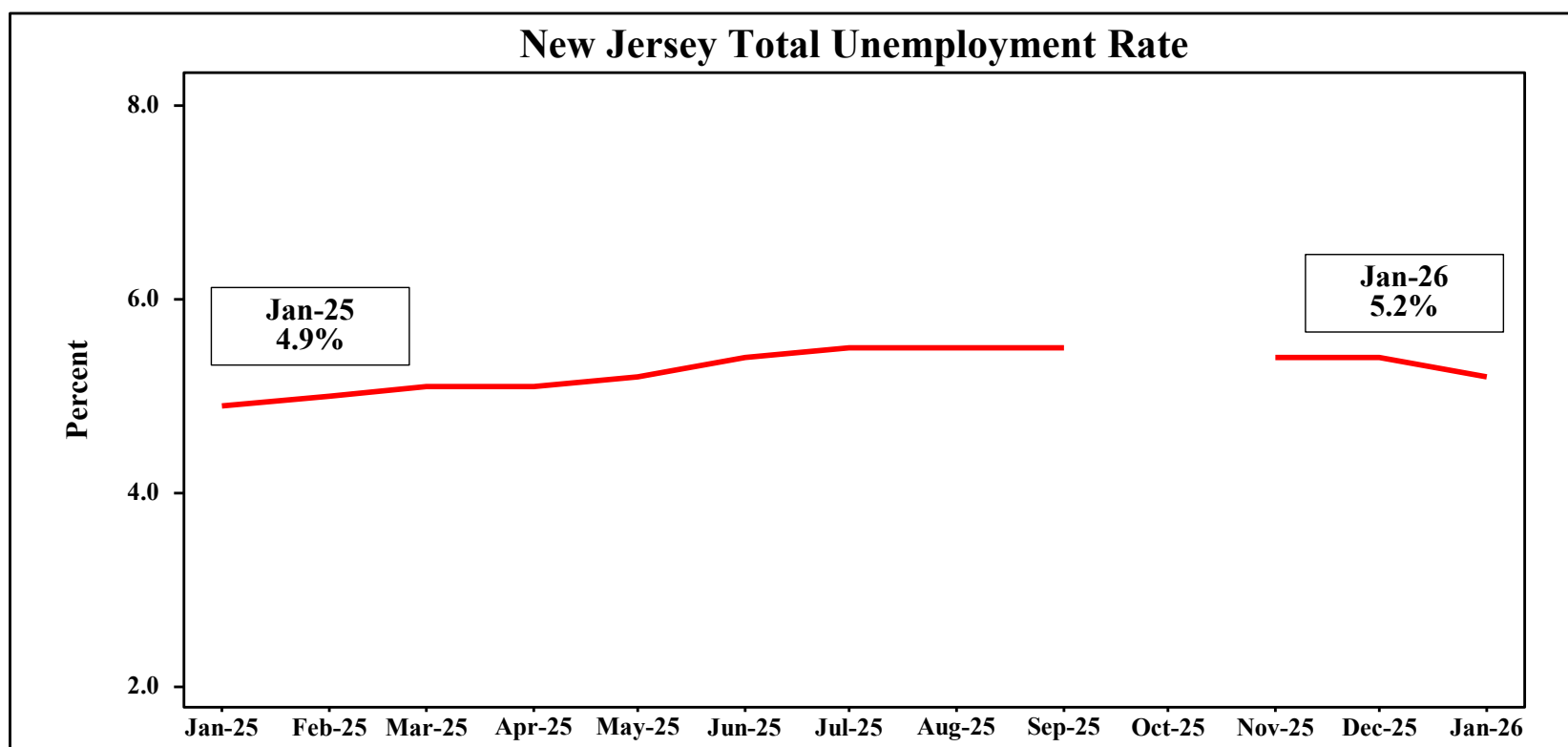
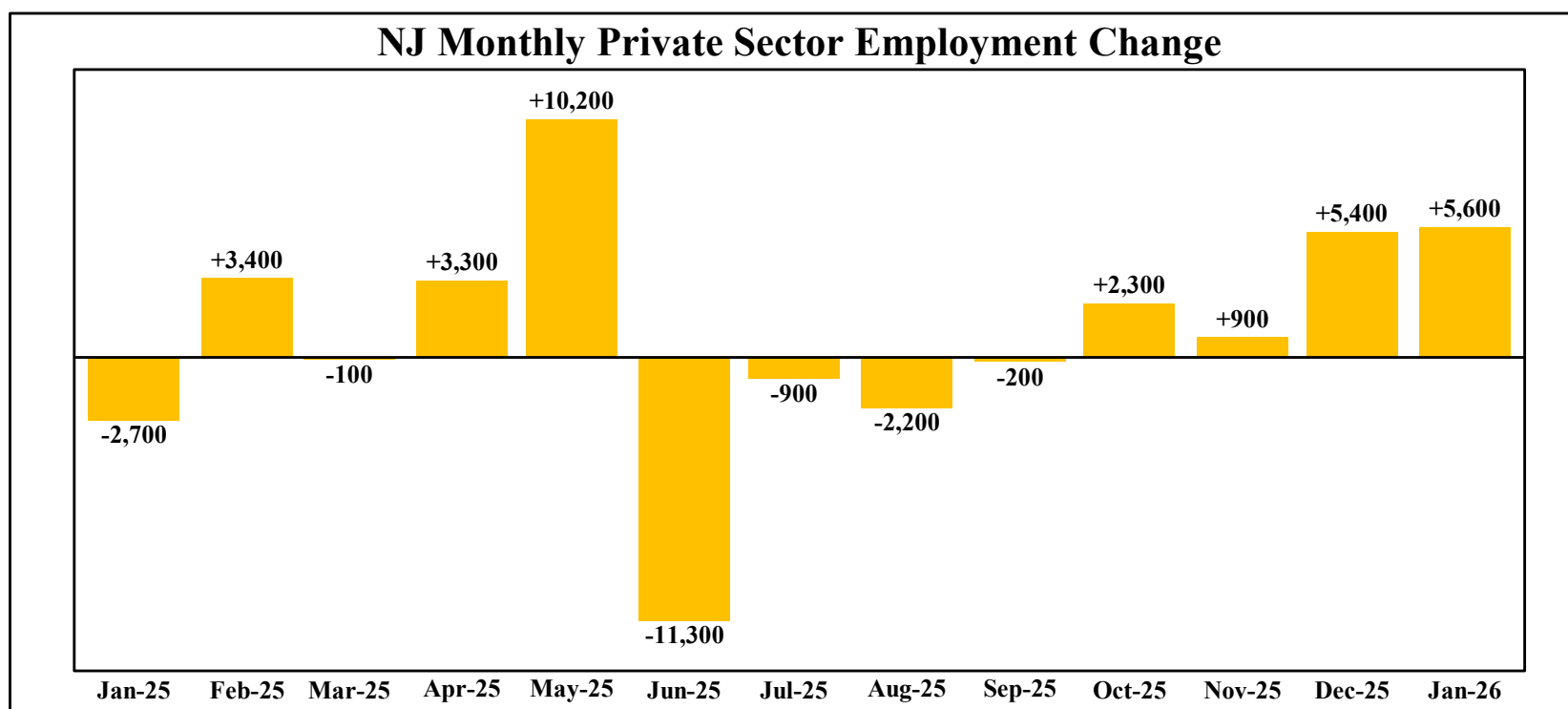
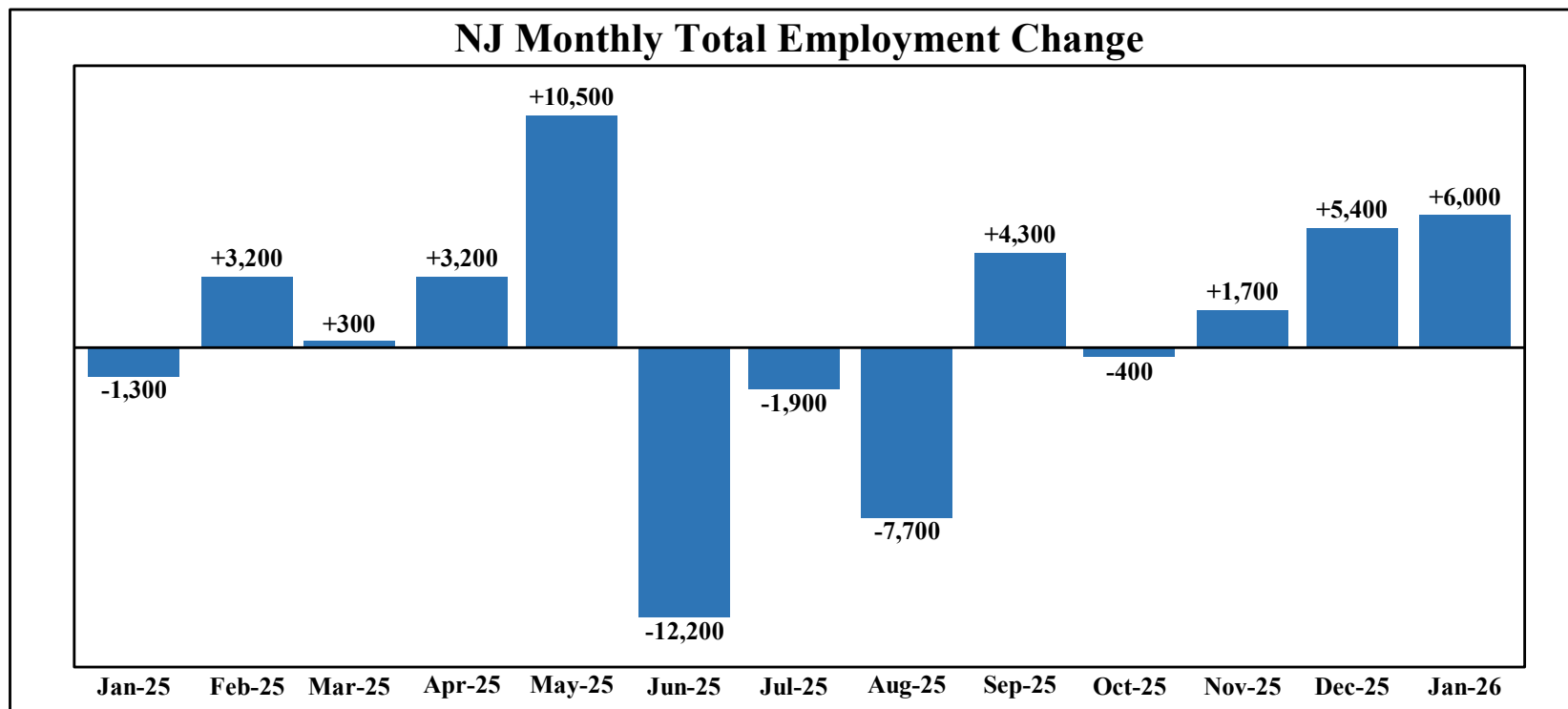
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark							
Annual Averages							
Year		Total	Private Sector			Public	
			Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	(R)	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	(R)	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	(R)	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	(R)	3,860,600	3,266,800	238,300	152,300	2,874,800	593,700
2021	(R)	4,037,600	3,448,100	241,400	157,600	3,047,800	589,500
2022	(R)	4,241,500	3,642,300	250,700	163,600	3,226,600	599,200
2023	(R)	4,317,000	3,708,100	254,500	165,900	3,286,300	608,900
2024	(R)	4,355,700	3,735,800	254,900	165,300	3,314,100	619,900
2025	(R)	4,376,500	3,752,700	252,000	165,900	3,333,300	623,800
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data							
2025							
Jan	(R)	4,374,100	3,748,200	253,500	164,400	3,328,700	625,900
Feb	(R)	4,377,300	3,751,600	253,200	165,200	3,331,700	625,700
Mar	(R)	4,377,600	3,751,500	253,300	166,500	3,330,300	626,100
Apr	(R)	4,380,800	3,754,800	253,700	165,900	3,333,700	626,000
May	(R)	4,391,300	3,765,000	253,600	165,600	3,344,300	626,300
Jun	(R)	4,379,100	3,753,700	252,900	165,800	3,333,500	625,400
Jul	(R)	4,377,200	3,752,800	252,100	166,200	3,333,000	624,400
Aug	(R)	4,369,500	3,750,600	251,600	166,100	3,331,400	618,900
Sep	(R)	4,373,800	3,750,400	251,500	166,100	3,331,300	623,400
Oct	(R)	4,373,400	3,752,700	250,800	166,700	3,333,700	620,700
Nov	(R)	4,375,100	3,753,600	250,300	166,200	3,335,600	621,500
Dec	(R)	4,380,500	3,759,000	249,200	166,200	3,342,100	621,500
2026							
Jan	(P)	4,386,500	3,764,600	249,700	167,800	3,345,600	621,900
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