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**
	May 2026 (P)	**Apr 2026 (R)**	**May 2025**	**over the Month**	**over the Year**
Civilian Labor Force	4,909,200	4,903,423	4,897,944	5,777	11,256
Employment	4,680,657	4,669,460	4,641,144	11,197	39,513
Unemployment	228,543	233,963	256,800	-5,420	-28,257
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.8	5.2	-0.1	-0.5
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	**Previous Month**	**One Year Ago**	**Net Change**	**Net Change**
	May 2026 (P)	**Apr 2026 (R)**	**May 2025**	**over the Month**	**over the Year**
Total Nonfarm	4,388,200	4,386,000	4,391,300	2,200	-3,100
Total Private	3,764,700	3,763,800	3,765,000	900	-300
Goods-Producing	411,800	411,700	420,700	100	-8,900
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Construction	161,800	161,200	165,600	600	-3,800
Manufacturing	248,600	249,100	253,600	-500	-5,000
Service-Providing	3,976,400	3,974,300	3,970,600	2,100	5,800
Private Service-Providing	3,352,900	3,352,100	3,344,300	800	8,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	893,900	893,700	900,300	200	-6,400
Information	74,600	74,600	75,700	0	-1,100
Financial Activities	267,800	268,000	270,400	-200	-2,600
Professional and Business	713,200	714,700	713,700	-1,500	-500
Education and Health Services	825,500	825,900	799,400	-400	26,100
Leisure and Hospitality	409,700	406,700	415,000	3,000	-5,300
Other Services	168,200	168,500	169,800	-300	-1,600
Government	623,500	622,200	626,300	1,300	-2,800
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	4,100	700	4,700	N/A	N/A
Total Private	3,300	500	4,500	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	41.4	40.7	40.1	0.7	1.3
Durable Goods	43.4	42.6	41.8	0.8	1.6
Nondurable Goods	39.8	39.1	38.6	0.7	1.2
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	$27.76	$27.82	$26.69	-$0.06	$1.07
Durable Goods	$30.56	$30.40	$27.80	$0.16	$2.76
Nondurable Goods	$25.33	$25.56	$25.70	-$0.23	-$0.37
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	$1,149.26	$1,132.27	$1,070.27	$16.99	$78.99
Durable Goods	$1,326.30	$1,295.04	$1,162.04	$31.26	$164.26
Nondurable Goods	$1,008.13	$999.40	$992.02	$8.73	$16.11

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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		
	May 2026 (P)	**Apr 2026 (R)**	**May 2025**	**May 2026 (P)**	**Apr 2026 (R)**	**May 2025**
Civilian Labor Force	4,917,536	4,895,585	4,873,350	4,909,200	4,903,423	4,897,944
Resident Employment	4,711,614	4,697,303	4,629,767	4,680,657	4,669,460	4,641,144
Unemployment	205,922	198,282	243,583	228,543	233,963	256,800
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.6	63.3	63.2	63.5	63.4	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.9	60.8	60.1	60.5	60.4	60.2

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	4,906,727	4,665,813	240,914	4.9
Apr (R)	4,903,423	4,669,460	233,963	4.8
May (P)	4,909,200	4,680,657	228,543	4.7
Jun				
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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry
Not Seasonally Adjusted
2025 Benchmark

Industry	Current Month May 2026 (P)	Previous Month Apr 2026 (R)	One Year Ago May 2025	Net Change over the Year
Total Nonfarm	**4,409,000**	**4,366,100**	**4,412,000**	**-3,000**
Total Private	3,776,200	3,731,100	3,778,400	-2,200
Goods-Producing	413,500	411,000	422,100	-8,600
Mining and Logging	**1,400**	**1,400**	**1,500**	**-100**
Construction	**163,600**	**161,200**	**167,300**	**-3,700**
Manufacturing	**248,500**	**248,400**	**253,300**	**-4,800**
Durable Goods	109,200	110,100	112,300	-3,100
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,300	25,400	25,700	-400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,300	16,400	16,600	-300
Nondurable Goods	139,300	138,300	141,000	-1,700
Food Manufacturing	44,200	43,900	43,800	400
Chemical Manufacturing	46,700	46,900	48,700	-2,000
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,300	29,200	30,500	-1,200
Service-Providing	3,995,500	3,955,100	3,989,900	5,600
Private Service-Providing	3,362,700	3,320,100	3,356,300	6,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	**888,400**	**880,700**	**893,400**	**-5,000**
Wholesale Trade	210,000	209,100	212,200	-2,200
Retail Trade	424,500	420,400	429,500	-5,000
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	34,700	34,300	35,500	-800
Food and Beverage Retailers	111,700	110,700	111,400	300
General Merchandise Retailers	71,100	70,600	71,100	0
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,000	35,700	38,000	-2,000
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	39,700	39,100	41,100	-1,400
Transportation and Warehousing	253,900	251,200	251,700	2,200
Utilities	15,300	15,100	15,300	0
Transportation and Warehousing	238,600	236,100	236,400	2,200
Warehousing and Storage	74,900	74,400	74,000	900
Information	**74,400**	**74,300**	**75,300**	**-900**
Telecommunications	19,000	18,900	20,000	-1,000
Financial Activities	**266,200**	**266,000**	**269,500**	**-3,300**
Finance and Insurance	202,900	203,000	205,200	-2,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	68,200	68,100	69,100	-900
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,400	45,300	44,900	500
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	89,300	89,600	91,200	-1,900
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63,300	63,000	64,300	-1,000
Professional and Business Services	**716,300**	**711,400**	**718,800**	**-2,500**
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	337,100	337,300	339,000	-1,900
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	75,000	75,200	77,500	-2,500
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	58,900	59,100	59,900	-1,000
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,500	78,600	81,400	-2,900
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	300,700	295,500	298,400	2,300
Private Education and Health Services	**830,000**	**830,300**	**805,500**	**24,500**
Private Educational Services	126,800	129,400	124,700	2,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	703,200	700,900	680,800	22,400
Ambulatory Health Care Services	293,700	292,200	281,300	12,400
Hospitals	180,800	179,800	174,000	6,800
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	101,600	101,900	98,700	2,900
Social Assistance	127,100	127,000	126,800	300
Leisure and Hospitality	**418,100**	**389,800**	**422,400**	**-4,300**
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	81,100	71,500	81,000	100
Accommodation and Food Services	337,000	318,300	341,400	-4,400
Food Services and Drinking Places	292,400	276,400	295,500	-3,100
Other Services	**169,300**	**167,600**	**171,400**	**-2,100**
Repair and Maintenance	34,400	34,500	35,200	-800
Personal and Laundry Services	65,100	63,900	65,700	-600
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	69,800	69,200	70,500	-700
Government	**632,800**	**635,000**	**633,600**	**-800**
Federal Government	46,300	46,100	48,800	-2,500
State Government	158,200	162,400	157,100	1,100
Local Government	428,300	426,500	427,700	600

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Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
	Total	**Private Sector**				**Public**
Year		**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 (R)	4,386,000	3,763,800	249,100	161,200	3,352,100	622,200
May (P)	4,388,200	3,764,700	248,600	161,800	3,352,900	623,500
Jun						
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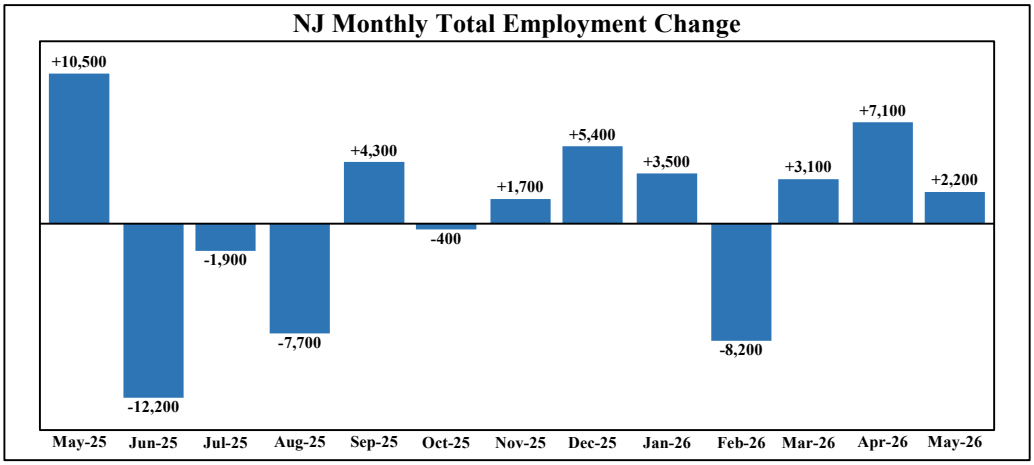

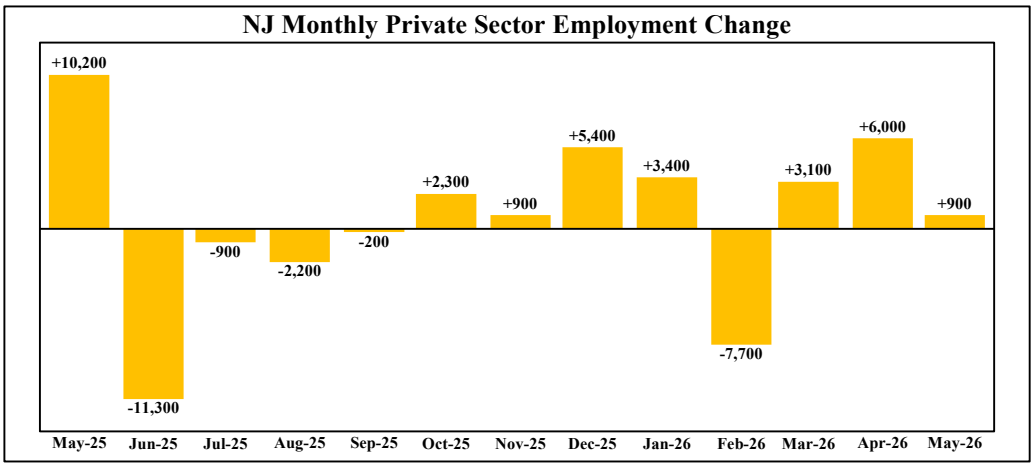

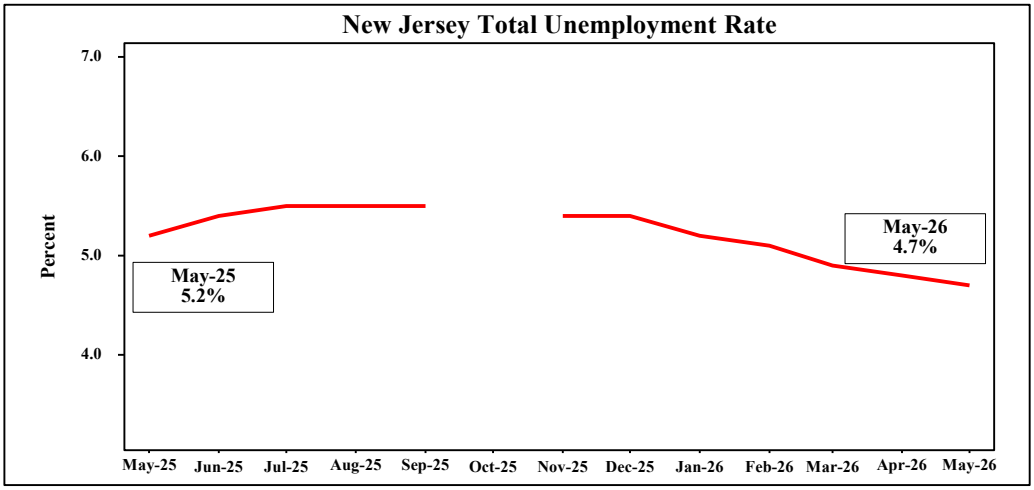

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