



## News

### STATE EMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2011

**Payroll employment increased in the three-state region from November to December. Unemployment rates fell in all three states.**

#### Employment

According to the latest release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), seasonally adjusted payroll employment in the three-state region rose by 7,400 net jobs from November to December. Pennsylvania added 6,500 jobs, while New Jersey and Delaware contributed 400 and 500 jobs, respectively. The nation added 200,000 net jobs in December.

The natural resources, mining, and construction sector added the most jobs in Pennsylvania, the majority of which were in construction. Manufacturing, professional and business services, and government employment also experienced strong gains, while financial activities and leisure and hospitality employment fell. In New Jersey, increases in the government, financial activities, professional and business services, and other services sectors offset sharper decreases in the trade-transportation-utilities and construction sectors.

Over the past 12 months, employment in New Jersey and Pennsylvania grew at a pace slower than in the nation, while employment in Delaware contracted. The employment growth over the past 12 months in New Jersey (36,400 jobs) and Pennsylvania (52,900 jobs) was statistically significant.

**DECEMBER 2011 DATA: BLS Payroll Employment by Sector for the Third District**  
(Seasonally Adjusted 12-Month Percent Change)

Payroll Employment Series	DE	NJ	PA	US
Total Nonfarm	-0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction	-5.6	0.6	4.5	2.2
Manufacturing	0.4*	-3.5	2.2	1.9
Trade-Transportation-Utilities	-1.2	2.3	1.2	1.6
Information Services	0.0*	-6.2	3.7	-1.3
Financial Activities	2.1	0.4	-0.5	0.1
Professional and Business Services	-4.2	2.4	0.8	2.7
Education and Health Services	1.5	2.2	1.7	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality Services	2.8	0.6	2.1	2.0
Other Services	0.5	2.3	1.9	0.8
Government	-2.6	-0.5	-2.6	-1.3

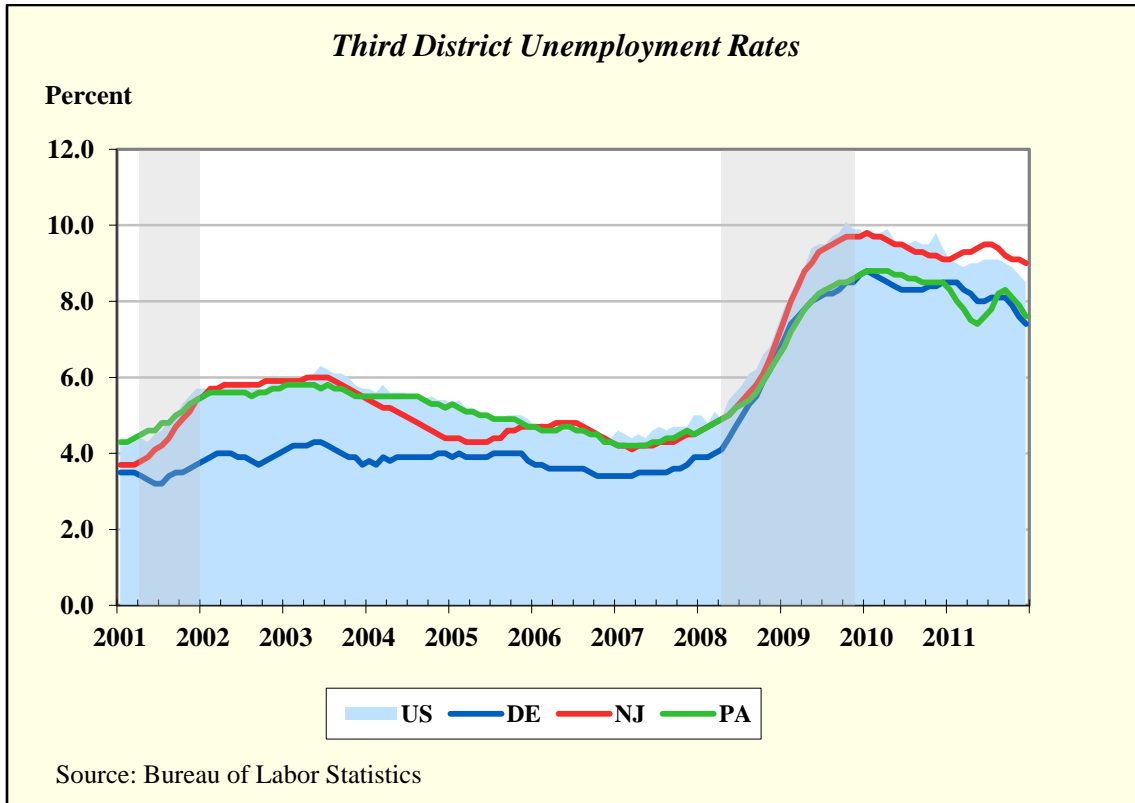
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

\* Seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The BLS does not report seasonally adjusted employment for manufacturing or information services in Delaware.

**STATE EMPLOYMENT: DECEMBER 2011 (cont.)**

**Unemployment**

The unemployment picture in the three-state region improved from November to December, as the unemployment rate fell from 8.3 percent to 8.2 percent, reflecting the decline in unemployment rates in all three District states. The unemployment rate decreased from 9.1 percent to 9.0 percent in New Jersey, from 7.6 percent to 7.4 percent in Delaware, and from 7.9 percent to 7.6 percent in Pennsylvania. Unemployment rates have fallen in Delaware and Pennsylvania for the third consecutive month. The unemployment rate for the nation overall decreased from 8.7 percent to 8.5 percent in December.



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