

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
	Feb 2026 (P)	Jan 2026 (R)	Feb 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,912,673	4,918,046	4,898,132	-5,373	14,541
Employment	4,663,876	4,663,409	4,652,062	467	11,814
Unemployment	248,797	254,637	246,070	-5,840	2,727
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.2	5.0	-0.1	0.1
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Feb 2026 (P)	Jan 2026 (R)	Feb 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,373,700	4,384,000	4,377,300	-10,300	-3,600
Total Private	3,752,500	3,762,400	3,751,600	-9,900	900
Goods-Producing	412,500	418,900	419,900	-6,400	-7,400
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Construction	162,100	168,000	165,200	-5,900	-3,100
Manufacturing	248,900	249,400	253,200	-500	-4,300
Service-Providing	3,961,200	3,965,100	3,957,400	-3,900	3,800
Private Service-Providing	3,340,000	3,343,500	3,331,700	-3,500	8,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	893,100	895,000	903,900	-1,900	-10,800
Information	74,700	76,100	75,700	-1,400	-1,000
Financial Activities	268,600	270,200	270,100	-1,600	-1,500
Professional and Business	706,500	709,100	713,200	-2,600	-6,700
Education and Health Services	820,000	818,800	791,600	1,200	28,400
Leisure and Hospitality	407,800	406,000	407,500	1,800	300
Other Services	169,300	168,300	169,700	1,000	-400
Government	621,200	621,600	625,700	-400	-4,500
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	-500	3,500	2,200	N/A	N/A
Total Private	-400	3,200	1,500	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	40.5	40.3	39.9	0.2	0.6
Durable Goods	42.6	42.6	41.8	0.0	0.8
Nondurable Goods	38.9	38.4	38.3	0.5	0.6
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.45	\$27.31	\$26.14	\$0.14	\$1.31
Durable Goods	\$29.21	\$29.01	\$26.99	\$0.20	\$2.22
Nondurable Goods	\$25.92	\$25.79	\$25.33	\$0.13	\$0.59
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,111.73	\$1,100.59	\$1,042.99	\$11.14	\$68.74
Durable Goods	\$1,244.35	\$1,235.83	\$1,128.18	\$8.52	\$116.17
Nondurable Goods	\$1,008.29	\$990.34	\$970.14	\$17.95	\$38.15

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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		
	Feb 2026 (P)	Jan 2026 (R)	Feb 2025	Feb 2026 (P)	Jan 2026 (R)	Feb 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,882,337	4,862,054	4,892,551	4,912,673	4,918,046	4,898,132
Resident Employment	4,620,332	4,626,218	4,628,529	4,663,876	4,663,409	4,652,062
Unemployment	262,005	235,836	264,022	248,797	254,637	246,070
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.9	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.0
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.2	62.9	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.8	59.9	60.1	60.3	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	(R)	4,918,046	4,663,409	254,637	5.2	
Feb	(P)	4,912,673	4,663,876	248,797	5.1	
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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
	Feb 2026 (P)	Jan 2026 (R)	Feb 2025	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,302,600	4,304,800	4,313,000	-10,400
Total Private	3,671,200	3,685,500	3,677,200	-6,000
Goods-Producing	400,200	406,800	408,600	-8,400
Mining and Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	-100
Construction	151,200	158,000	155,600	-4,400
Manufacturing	247,600	247,400	251,500	-3,900
Durable Goods	109,100	109,500	112,300	-3,200
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,200	25,300	25,800	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,400	16,300	16,500	-100
Nondurable Goods	138,500	137,900	139,200	-700
Food Manufacturing	44,000	43,600	42,600	1,400
Chemical Manufacturing	47,200	46,600	49,100	-1,900
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,600	29,500	30,600	-1,000
Service-Providing	3,902,400	3,898,000	3,904,400	-2,000
Private Service-Providing	3,271,000	3,278,700	3,268,600	2,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	880,900	892,800	892,500	-11,600
Wholesale Trade	208,800	209,800	211,100	-2,300
Retail Trade	417,800	422,900	422,900	-5,100
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	33,000	32,900	32,000	1,000
Food and Beverage Retailers	110,100	110,100	109,600	500
General Merchandise Retailers	70,200	71,400	71,500	-1,300
Health and Personal Care Retailers	36,000	36,400	38,100	-2,100
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	39,500	41,900	40,500	-1,000
Transportation and Warehousing	254,300	260,100	258,500	-4,200
Utilities	15,200	15,200	15,200	0
Transportation and Warehousing	239,100	244,900	243,300	-4,200
Warehousing and Storage	75,600	77,900	76,000	-400
Information	74,000	74,800	75,300	-1,300
Telecommunications	19,100	19,200	19,800	-700
Financial Activities	267,100	267,900	267,600	-500
Finance and Insurance	203,800	204,400	205,100	-1,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	68,200	68,600	69,000	-800
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,400	45,300	44,900	500
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	90,200	90,500	91,200	-1,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63,300	63,500	62,500	800
Professional and Business Services	688,900	691,400	699,700	-10,800
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	336,300	335,900	340,700	-4,400
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	75,400	74,800	77,600	-2,200
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	58,500	58,600	60,000	-1,500
Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,500	79,100	81,500	-3,000
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	274,100	276,400	277,500	-3,400
Private Education and Health Services	822,300	815,800	794,200	28,100
Private Educational Services	126,700	121,100	124,100	2,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	695,600	694,700	670,100	25,500
Ambulatory Health Care Services	289,200	287,200	277,000	12,200
Hospitals	179,000	179,500	172,000	7,000
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	101,300	101,600	97,100	4,200
Social Assistance	126,100	126,400	124,000	2,100
Leisure and Hospitality	371,500	369,800	372,700	-1,200
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	61,500	60,900	60,400	1,100
Accommodation and Food Services	310,000	308,900	312,300	-2,300
Food Services and Drinking Places	270,100	268,300	270,900	-800
Other Services	166,300	166,200	166,600	-300
Repair and Maintenance	34,500	34,600	35,200	-700
Personal and Laundry Services	64,400	64,100	63,400	1,000
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	67,400	67,500	68,000	-600
Government	631,400	619,300	635,800	-4,400
Federal Government	46,100	45,800	49,600	-3,500
State Government	161,800	153,000	160,000	1,800
Local Government	423,500	420,500	426,200	-2,700

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**Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment
2025 Benchmark**

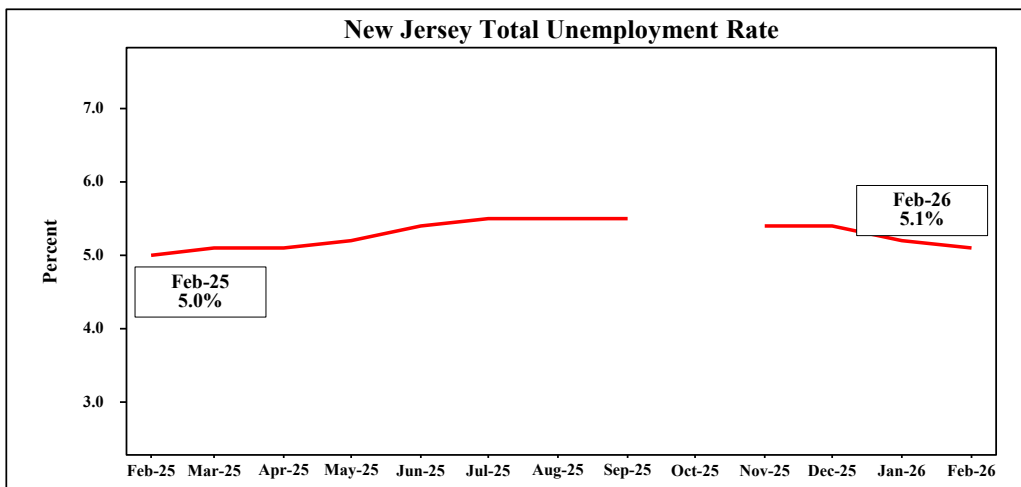
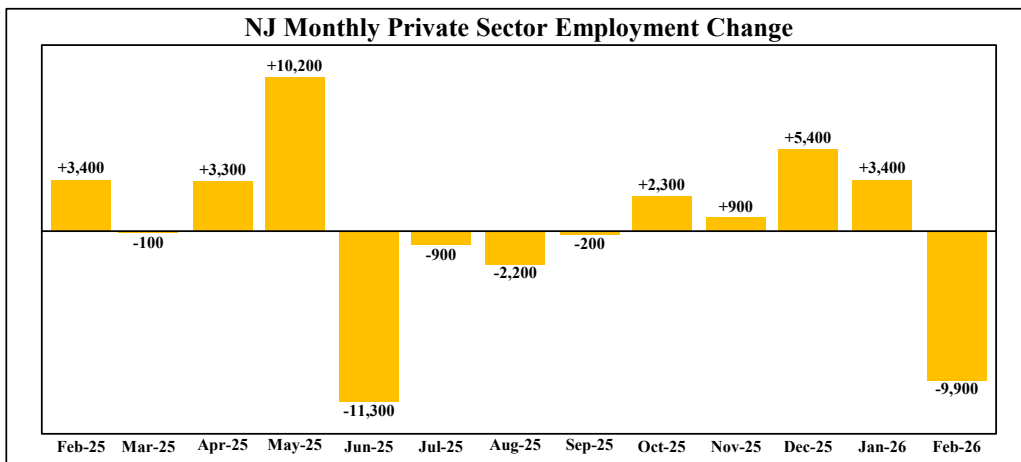
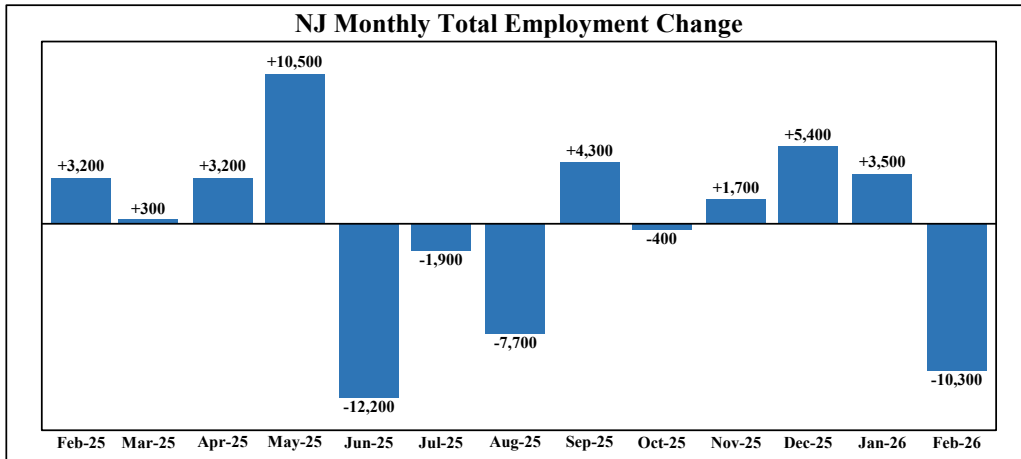
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector			Public	
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	4,083,000	3,426,600	310,000	172,300	2,942,700	656,400
2008	4,052,300	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 (R)	4,384,000	3,762,400	249,400	168,000	3,343,500	621,600
Feb (P)	4,373,700	3,752,500	248,900	162,100	3,340,000	621,200
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