

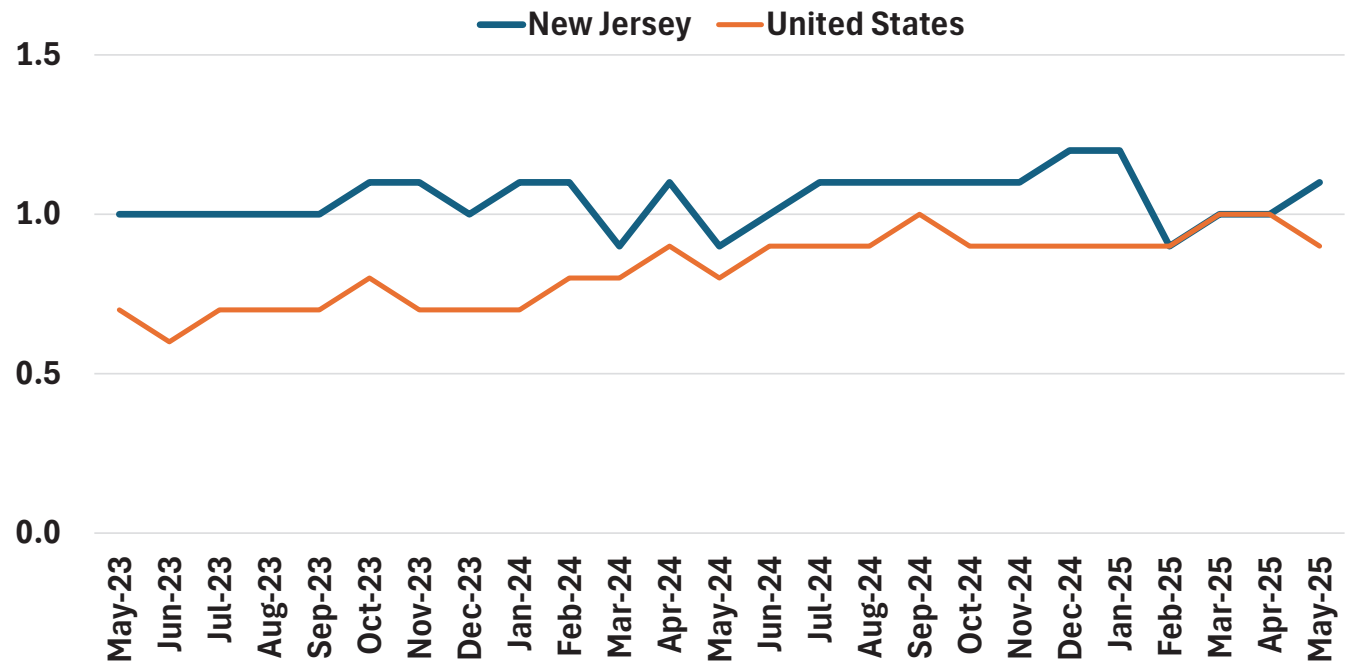
JOB OPENINGS AND LABOR TURNOVER,

May 2025



The May 2025 JOLTS (Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey) report provides key insights into New Jersey's labor market trends. The state's job openings ratio stands at 1.1 unemployed individuals per job opening, compared to a national ratio of 0.9. Refer to the figure on the right for a view of how this ratio has changed from May 2023 to the present.

Ratio of Unemployed Residents per Job Opening May 2023 to May 2025



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The tables below present a regional comparison of data from the monthly JOLTS report.

Regional Job Opening Ratios, May 2025 and May 2024								
	MA	CT	NY	NJ	PA	DE	MD	VA
May 2025	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
May 2024	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5

JOLTS Key Ratio Statistics, May 2025								
	MA	CT	NY	NJ	PA	DE	MD	VA
Job Openings Rate ¹	4.9	4.3	5.5	4.6	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.5
Hire Rate ²	2.6	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.8
Total Separation Rate ³	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.4
Quit Rate	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.8	2.4	1.7	2.2
Layoff Rate	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8

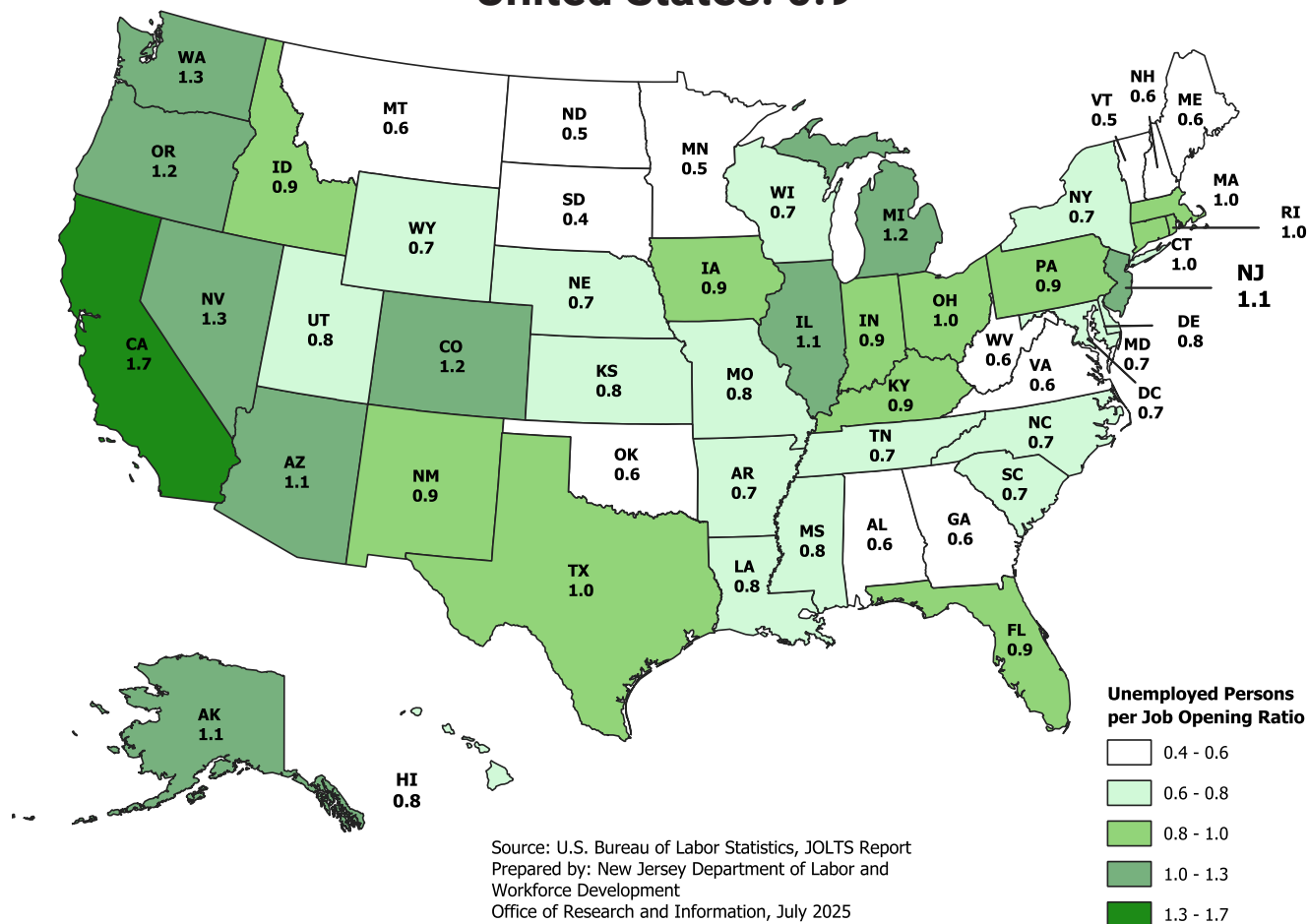
¹Percent of confirmed jobs that went unfilled for that month

²Percent of those employed who started their current job within that month

³Proportion of those who are no longer working at their last place of employment for whatever reason, compared to total employment. Separations are classified into three subgroups: Quits count most employees who left their jobs voluntarily except for retirements or transfers; Layoffs include most of those who lost their jobs involuntarily, including layoffs or downsizing; other reasons for separations (neither a Quit nor a Layoff) include (but are not limited to) retirement, transfers to other locations, and deaths.



Job Opening Ratio by State May 2025 United States: 0.9



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, JOLTS Report
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The JOLTS (Job Opening and Labor Turnover Survey) reported monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics keeps track of job openings, hires, separations, and employed persons. Employment is defined as all people on payroll who worked or received pay for the pay period including the 12th of the month. Job openings are all positions that are not filled on the last business day of the month. Hires includes all additions to the payroll during the month, and separations includes all employees separated from the payroll during the month; this includes quits, layoffs and discharges, and other separations. More specific definitions are available on the BLS website.

The New Jersey State Data Center, along with the NJDOL's Office of Research and Information, prepared this report to provide labor market data, aiming to support public and private sectors in understanding and leveraging these statistics.

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