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and Workforce Development
Division of Economic & Demographic
Research**

**Labor Market Information Update
for April 2026**

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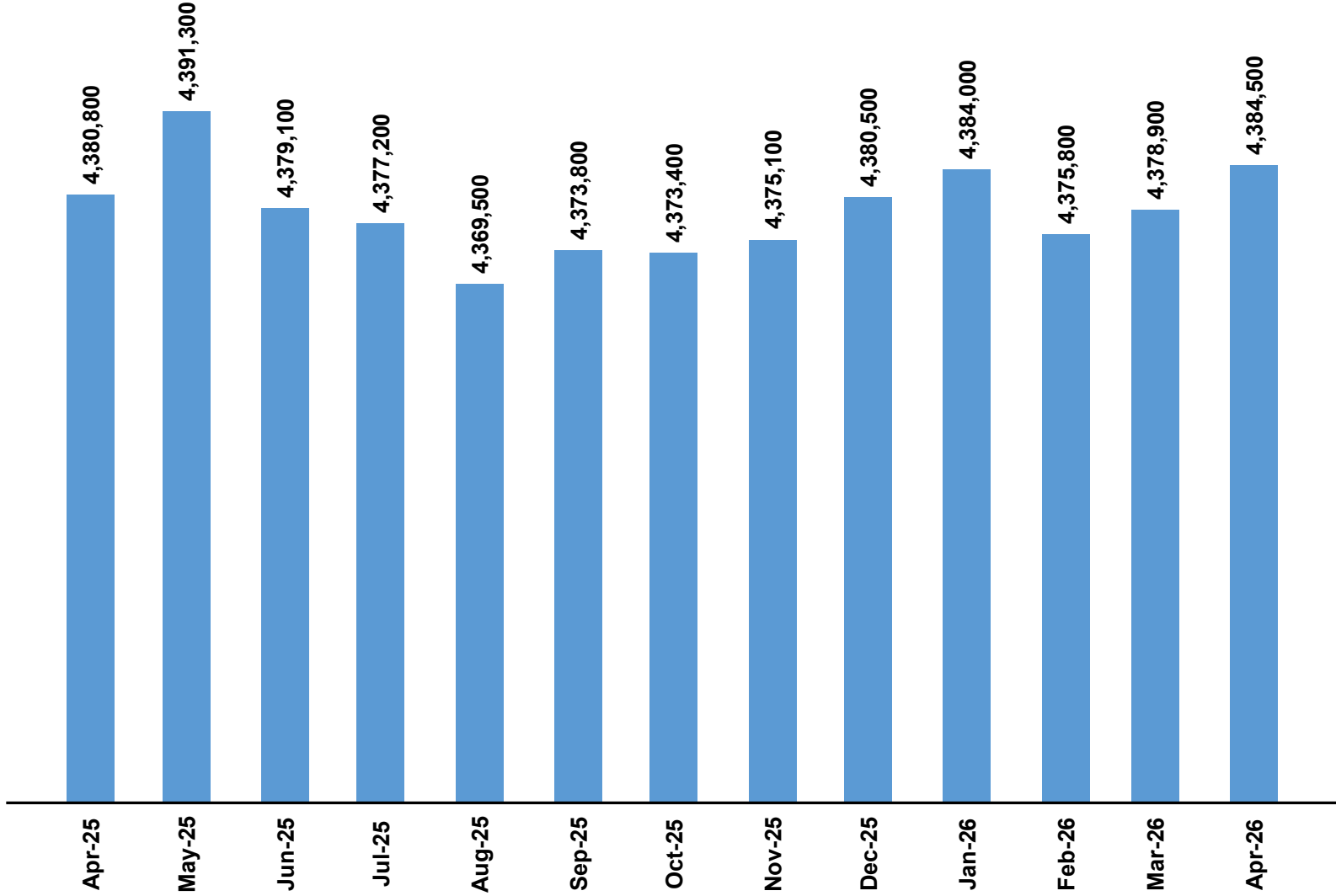
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Monthly Total Nonfarm Employment



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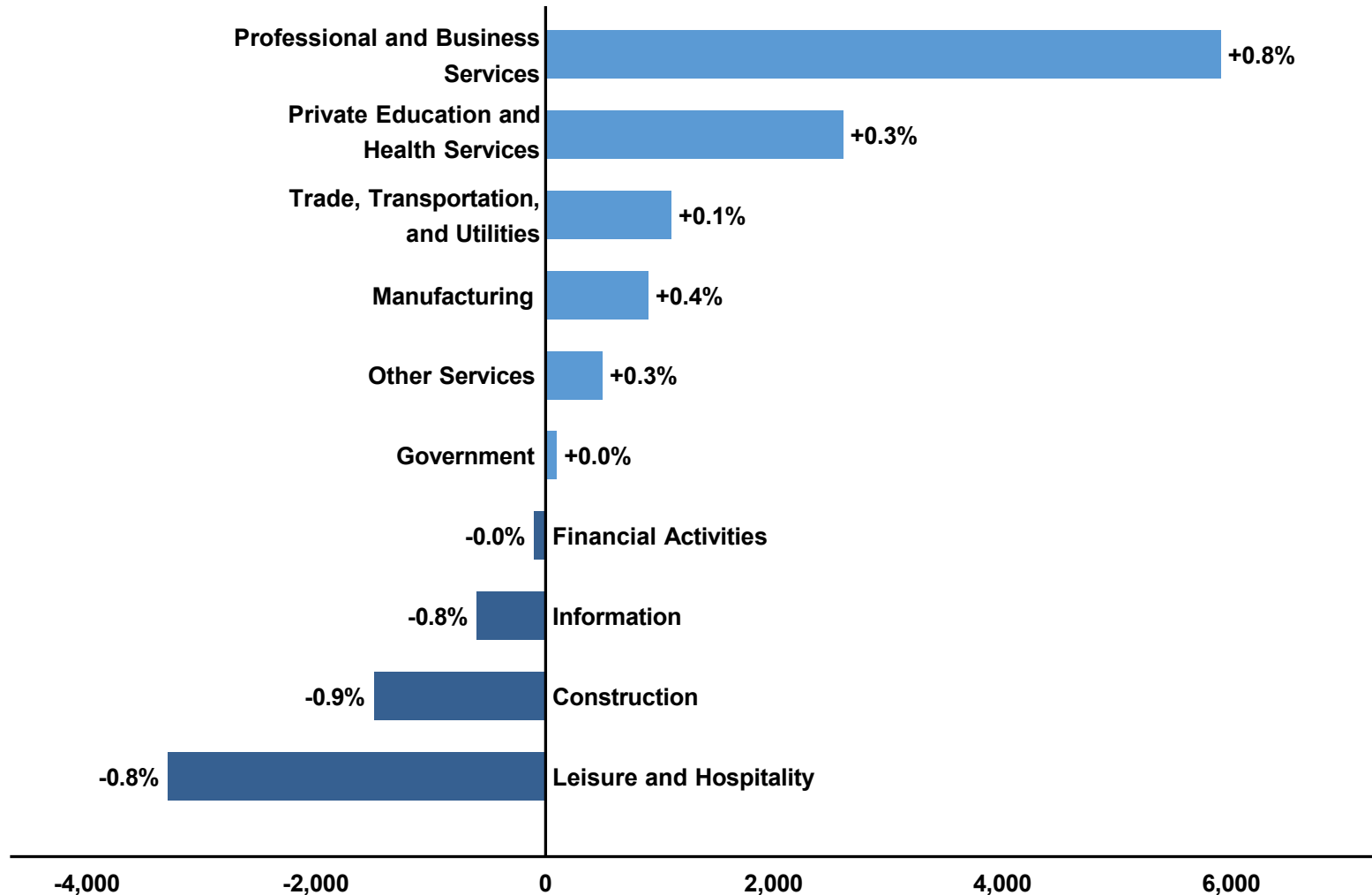
Monthly Private Sector Employment Change

Average monthly gain of 700 over the past twelve months.



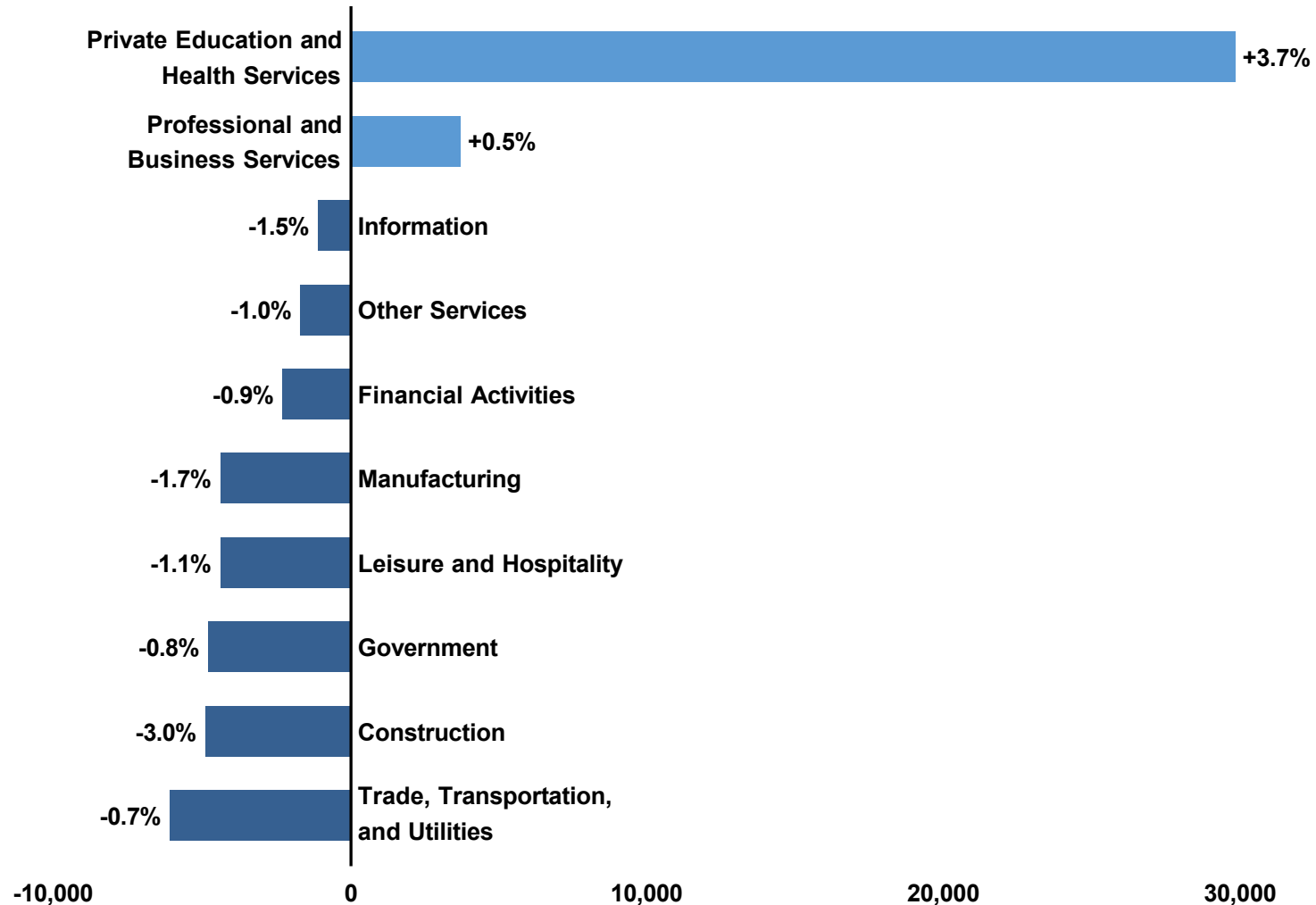
Month-Over-Month Employment Change: Mar 2026 - Apr 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: +5,600 (+0.1%)



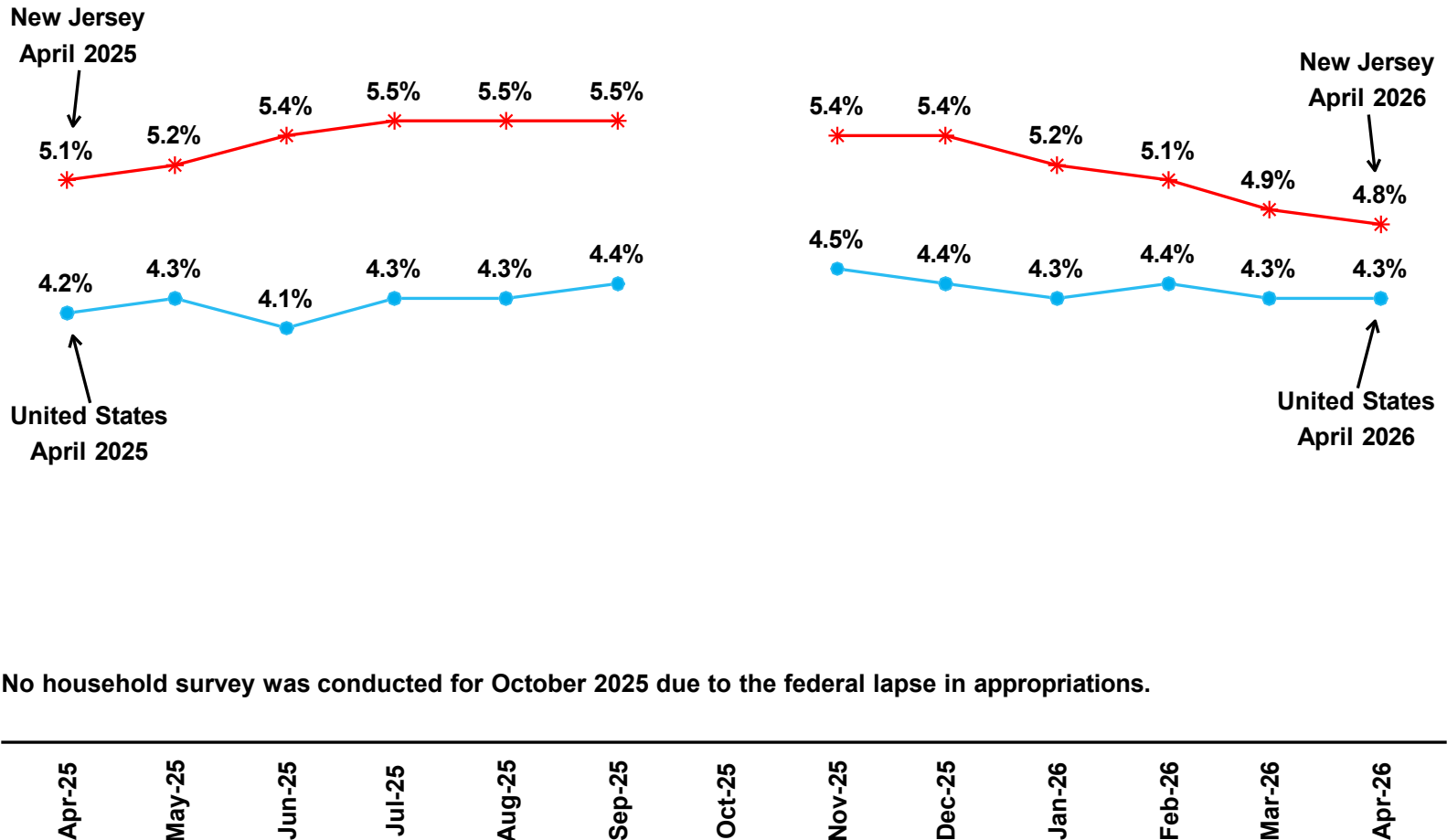
Year-Over-Year Employment Change: Apr 2025 - Apr 2026

Total Nonfarm Change: +3,700 (+0.1%)



Unemployment Rates

● United States * New Jersey



No household survey was conducted for October 2025 due to the federal lapse in appropriations.



New Jersey Labor Force Participation Rate and Employment to Population Ratio

Labor Force Participation Rate (%)



Employment - Population Ratio (%)



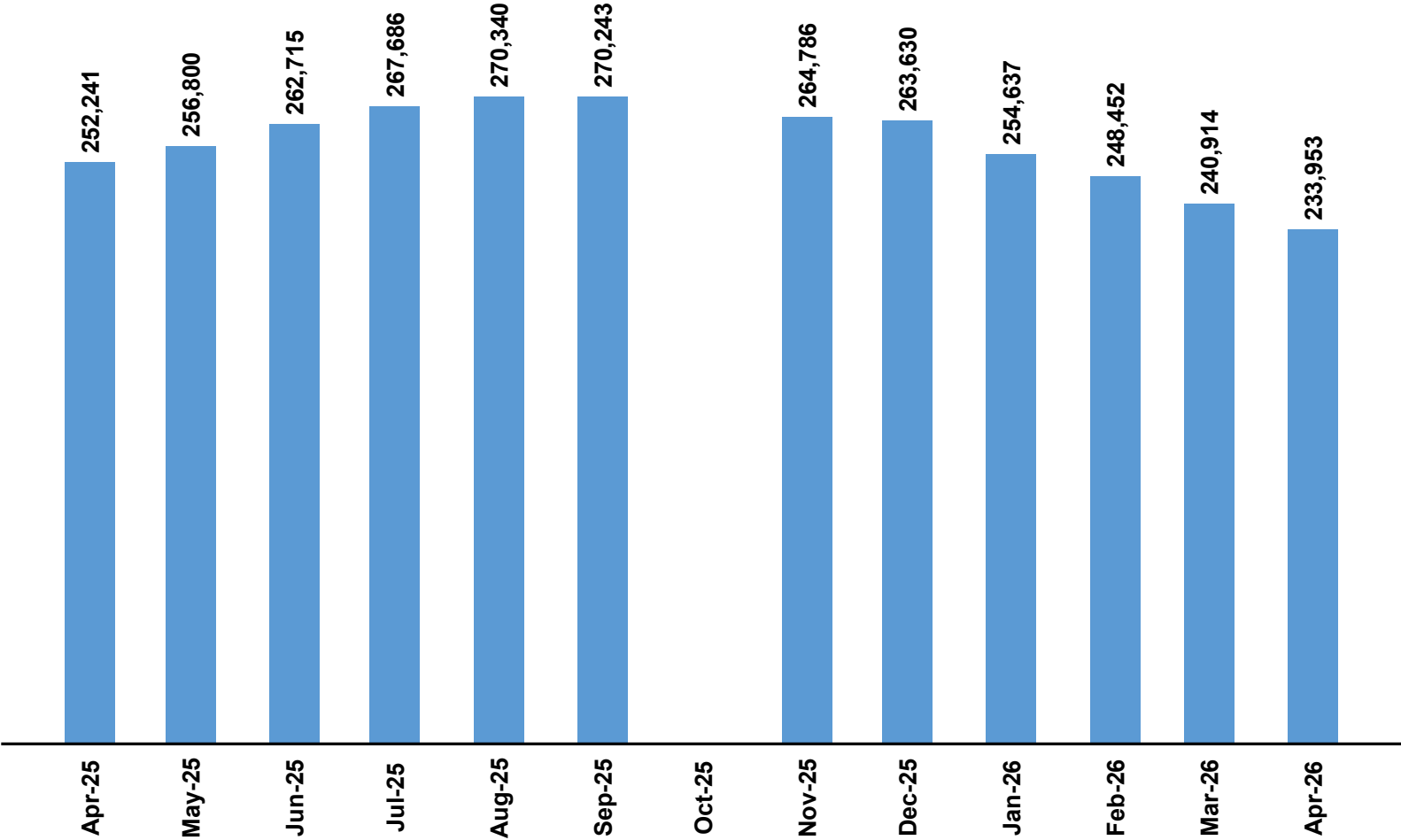
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Apr-25 May-25 Jun-25 Jul-25 Aug-25 Sep-25 Oct-25 Nov-25 Dec-25 Jan-26 Feb-26 Mar-26 Apr-26



New Jersey Unemployed Residents

Year-Over-Year: -18,288

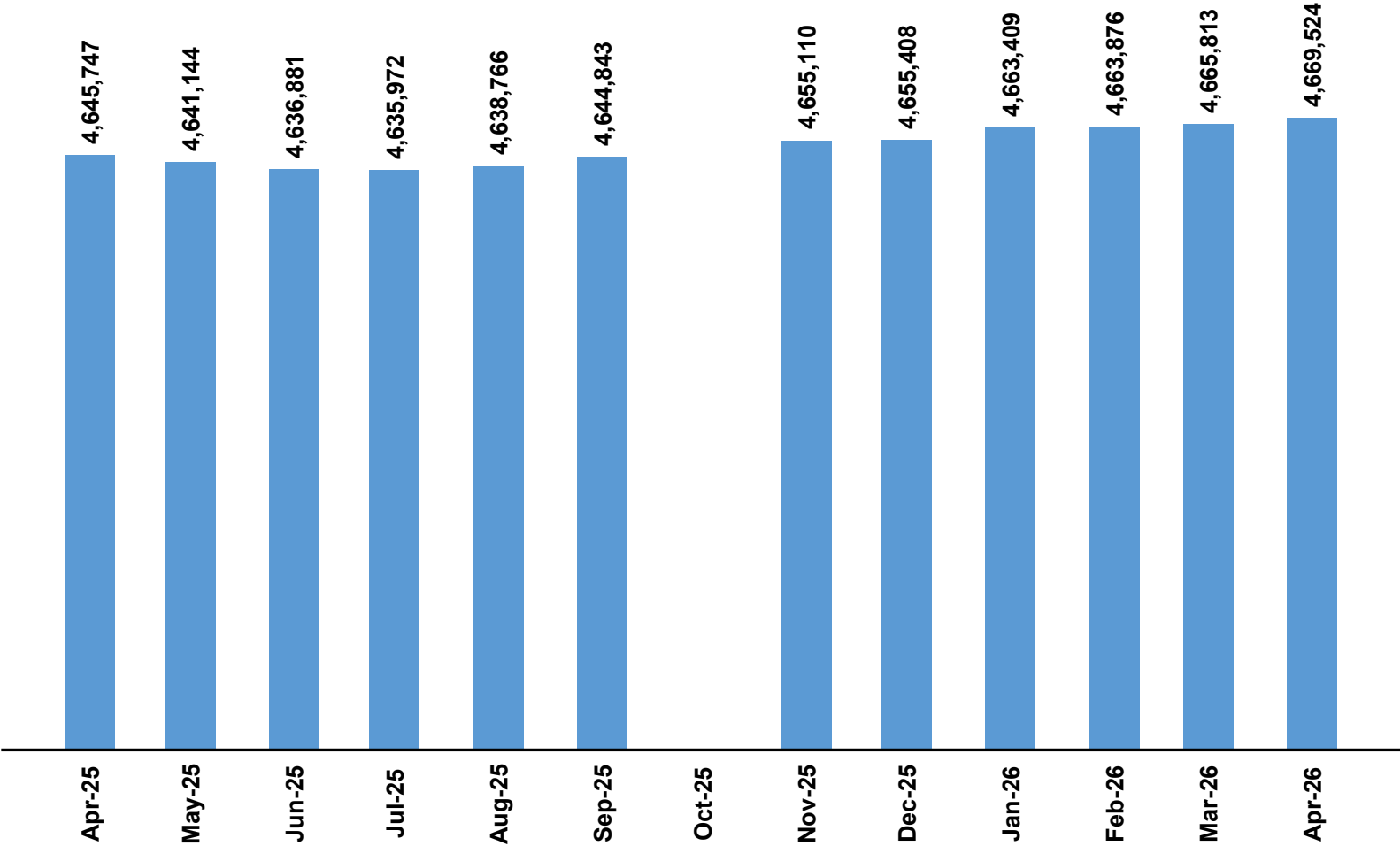


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New Jersey Employed Residents

Year-Over-Year: +23,777

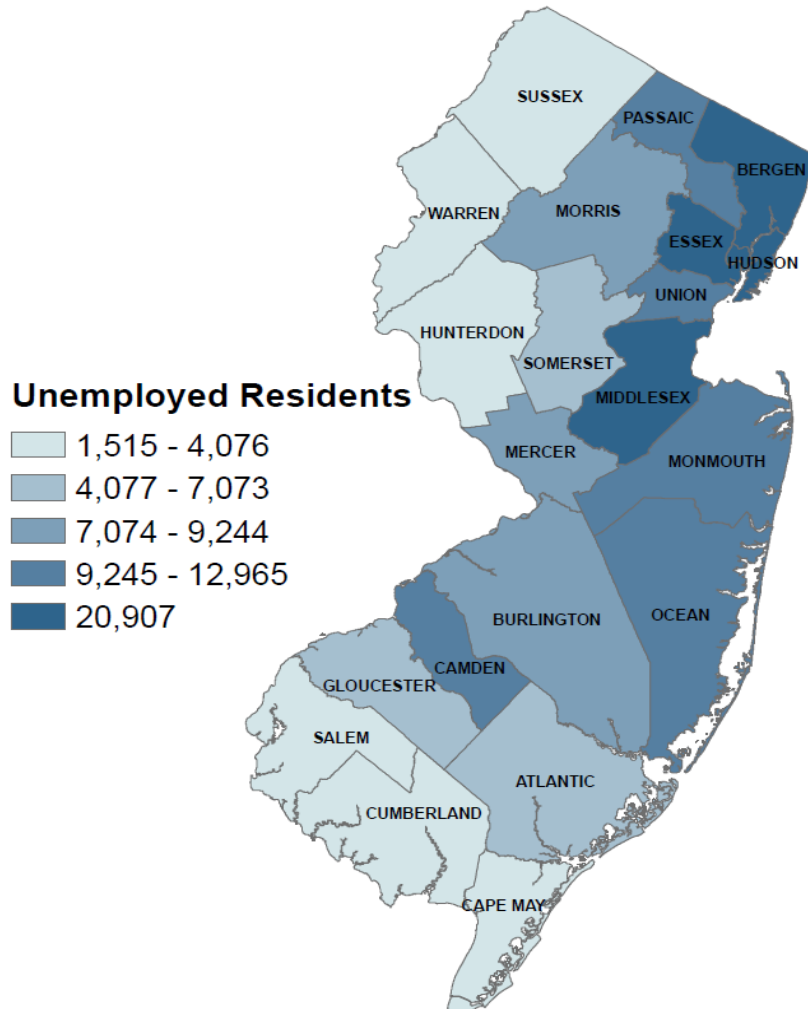


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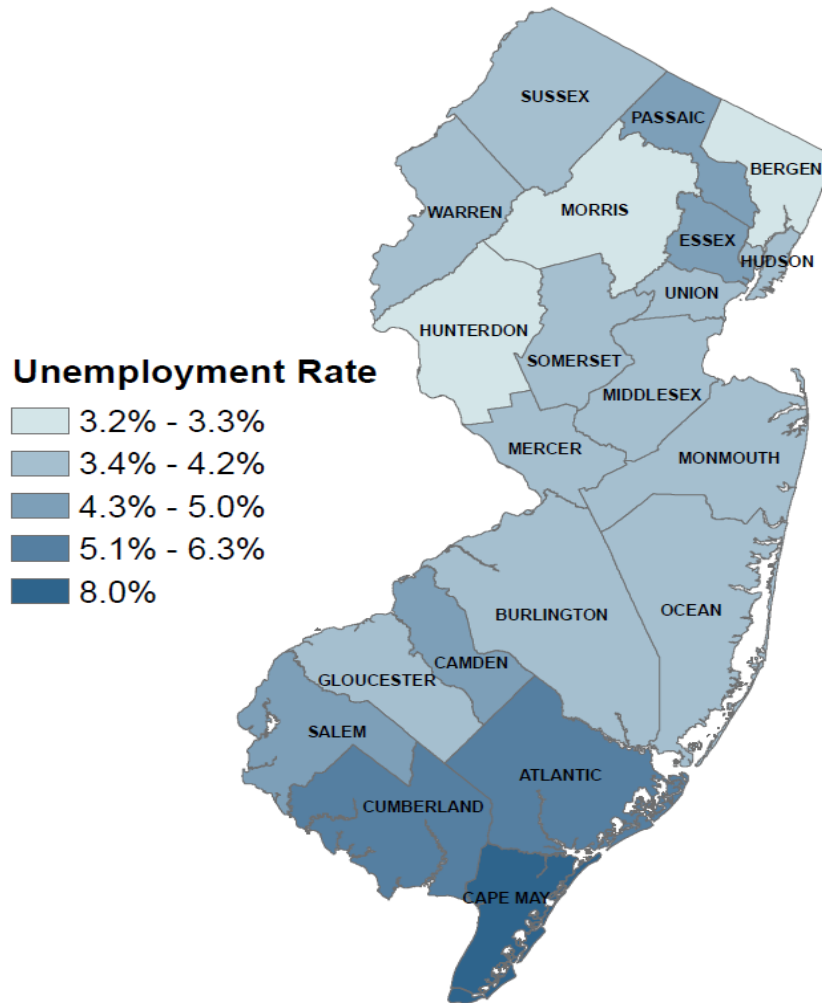
Unemployed Residents April 2026

(Preliminary, Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate April 2026

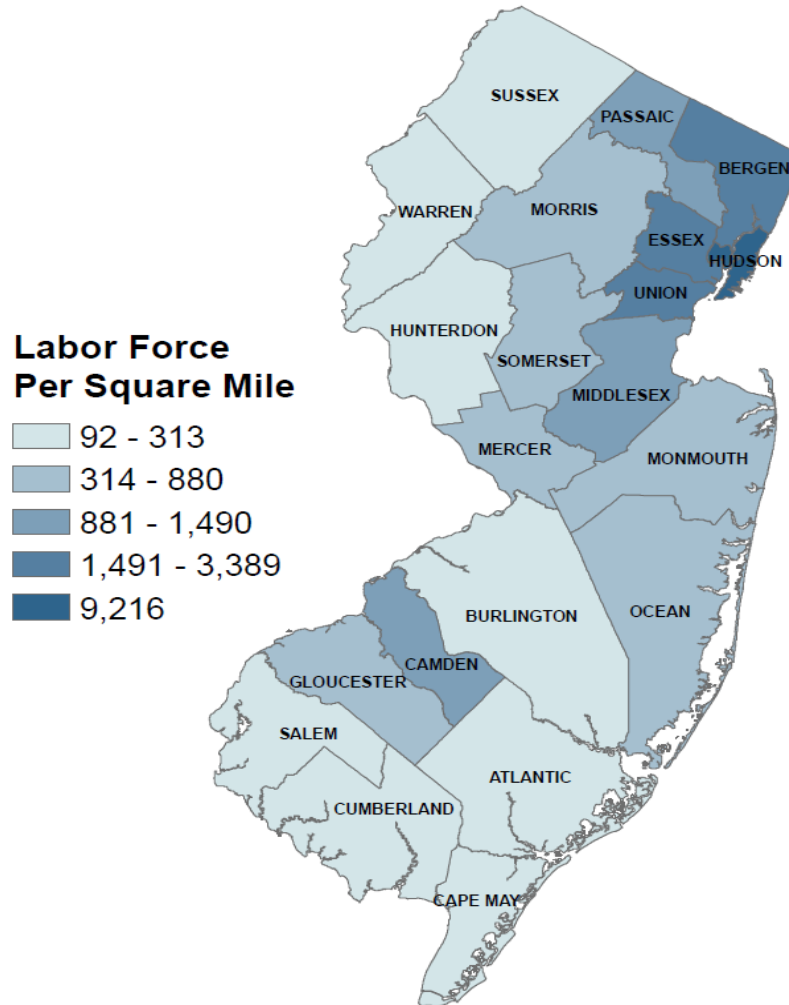
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Labor Force Per Square Mile

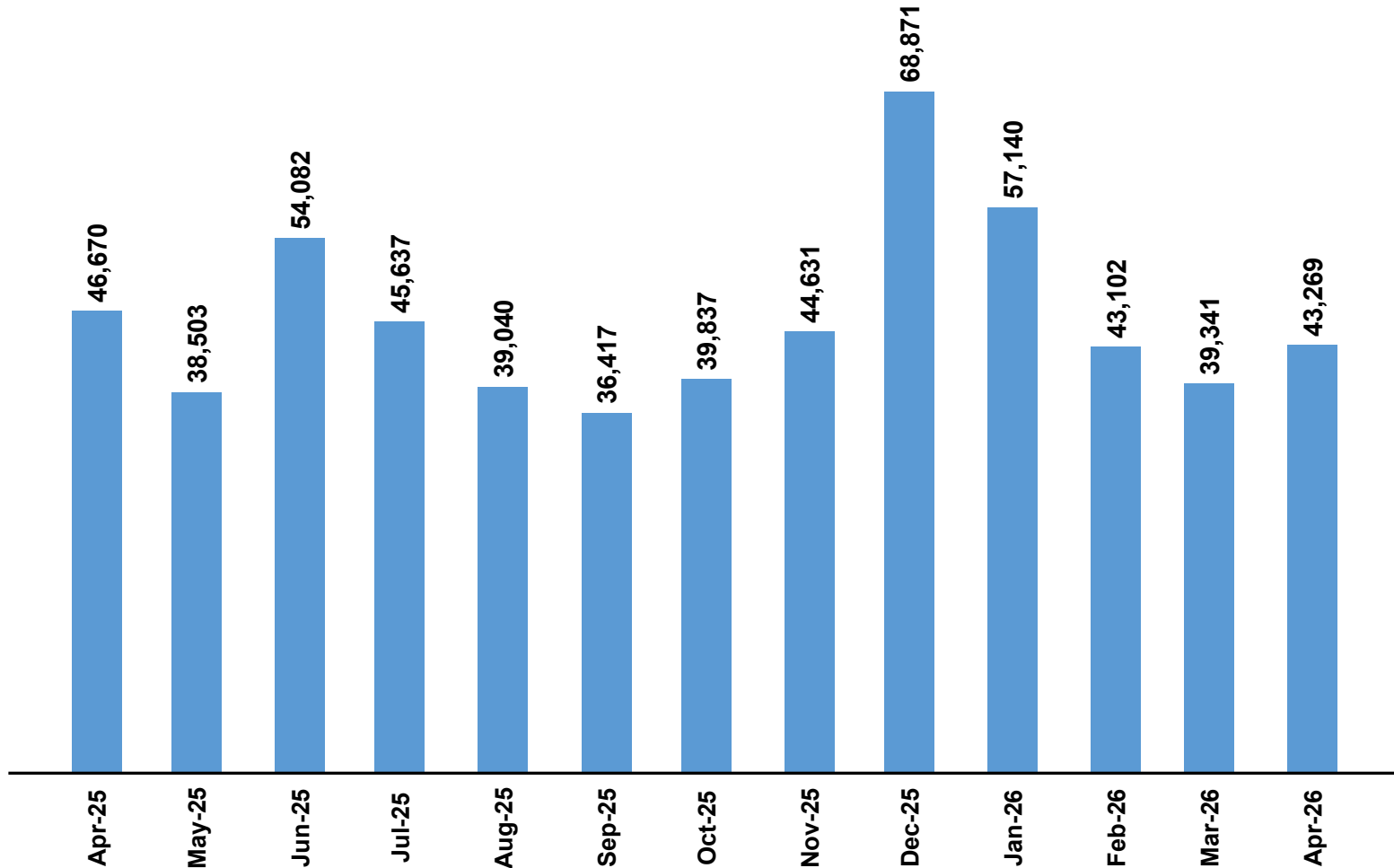
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Monthly Initial Unemployment Claims

Year-Over-Year: -3,401



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Real Time Jobs in Demand

Top 10 Occupational Listings

Occupation Demand and Employment

SOC CODE*	OCCUPATION TITLE	# of Job Postings	# Employed 2024
		2026	(BLS/OES)
29-1141	Registered Nurses.....	3,740	78,340
15-1252	Software Developers.....	3,575	54,920
41-2031	Retail Salespersons.....	2,651	104,660
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers.....	2,249	49,730
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers.....	1,822	27,720
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives.....	1,560	62,490
11-1021	General and Operations Managers.....	1,499	63,940
31-1120	Home Health Aides.....	1,475	89,210
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers.....	1,386	16,490
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing.....	1,362	35,440

*ONET-6



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Real Time Jobs in Demand

Top 10 Locations

Cities with the Most Job Postings

City	# of Job Postings 2026
Jersey City.....	5,416
Newark.....	4,460
Bogota.....	3,796
Trenton.....	3,503
Hoboken.....	2,285
Princeton.....	2,026
New Brunswick.....	1,777
Union City.....	1,682
Weehawken.....	1,648
Morristown.....	1,609



Real Time Jobs in Demand

Top 10 Industries

Industry	# of Job Postings 2026
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	16,511
Health Care and Social Assistance.....	14,509
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services.....	13,030
Retail Trade.....	9,793
Manufacturing.....	7,454
Finance and Insurance.....	4,670
Educational Services.....	3,979
Accommodation and Food Services.....	3,404
Wholesale Trade.....	3,142
Transportation and Warehousing.....	2,356



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