

Recent trends in employment in the State by major categories for the last five years are illustrated in the following table. The table on the following page depicts non-agricultural employment growth for Delaware, the mid-Atlantic region and the U.S. for 1997-2001. Delaware's non-agricultural employment represents approximately 98% of the State's workers.

Composition of Delaware Labor Force

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31

(in Thousands)

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Civilian Labor Force Data					
Employed (1)	365.7	377.4	375.9	392.9	404.1
Unemployed	<u>15.4</u>	<u>14.9</u>	<u>13.7</u>	<u>16.2</u>	<u>14.7</u>
Total	<u>381.1</u>	<u>392.3</u>	<u>389.6</u>	<u>409.1</u>	<u>418.8</u>
Non-Agricultural Employment (2)					
Manufacturing					
Durable	15.8 (3)	17.9	18.6	18.6	17.2
Non-Durable	<u>42.0</u>	<u>41.8</u>	<u>41.2</u>	<u>39.8</u>	<u>38.6</u>
Total Manufacturing	<u>57.8</u>	<u>59.7</u>	<u>59.8</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>55.8</u>
Non-Manufacturing					
Wholesale and Retail Trade	85.3	87.0	89.7	91.5	91.1
Services	107.2	112.2	117.3	121.2	122.4
Government:					
Federal	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.5
State and Local	47.7	49.0	49.7	50.8	51.3
Construction	21.9	22.5	24.6	24.4	24.0
Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities	15.7	16.2	17.2	17.4	17.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	<u>46.8</u>	<u>48.2</u>	<u>49.2</u>	<u>50.5</u>	<u>51.9</u>
Total Non-Manufacturing	<u>330.1</u>	<u>340.5</u>	<u>353.1</u>	<u>361.6</u>	<u>363.4</u>
Total	<u>387.9</u>	<u>400.2</u>	<u>412.9</u>	<u>420.0</u>	<u>419.2</u>

(1) This indicator reflects the number of Delaware residents, 16 years of age or older, who worked at least one hour for pay or profit, and includes employment in agriculture, proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestic workers.

(2) This indicator includes persons on Delaware non-agricultural establishment payrolls, regardless of their place of residence, and does not include proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestic workers, or military personnel.

(3) Reflects the temporary closing of two automobile production plants due to retooling for new models. Both plants reopened in 1997.

Source: Delaware Department of Labor