

Delaware's unemployment rate for 2001 was 3.5%, lower than the regional rate of 4.3% and the national rate of 4.8%. The following table presents the average annual unemployment rates for Delaware, the mid-Atlantic region and the United States for the last ten years.

### Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>Mid-Atlantic Region</u>	<u>United States</u>
1992	5.3	7.9	7.5
1993	5.3	7.2	6.9
1994	4.9	6.3	6.1
1995	4.3	5.9	5.6
1996	5.2 (1)	5.7	5.4
1997	4.0	5.2	4.9
1998	3.8	4.6	4.5
1999	3.5	4.2	4.2
2000	4.0	4.1	4.0
2001	3.5	4.3	4.8

(1) Reflects the temporary closing of two automobile production plants for re-tooling of new models. Both plants reopened in 1997.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor and Delaware Department of Labor

The table below lists the ten largest commercial and industrial employers in the State as of June 30, 2002.

### Delaware's Largest Private Employers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
MBNA America	Commercial banking	11,500
E.I. duPont de Nemours Co., Inc.	Chemicals and energy corporate headquarters	11,400
Christiana Care Health Services	Hospital complex and home healthcare subsidiary	6,000
Mountaire Farms of Delmarva, Inc.	Food processor	3,300
First USA Bank	Commercial banking	3,000
Perdue Farms, Inc.	Boilers, feed and grains	2,600
Alfred I. duPont Institute	Children's health care facility	2,500
AstraZeneca, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals; corporate headquarters	2,300
DaimlerChrysler	Automotive assembly	2,200
Wilmington Trust Company	Commercial banking	2,200