Delaware

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Overview
Delaware had 20,230 energy workers statewide in 2022, representing 0.2% of all U.S. energy jobs. Of these energy jobs, 1,518 were in electric power generation; 1,232 in fuels; 3,081 in transmission, distribution, and storage; 10,782 in energy efficiency; and 3,617 in motor vehicles. From 2021 to 2022, energy jobs in the state increased 613 jobs, or 3.1% (Figure DE-1). The energy sector in Delaware represented 4.3% of total state employment.

Figure DE-1. Employment by Major Energy Technology Application

Breakdown by Technology Applications

**Electric Power Generation**
As shown in Figure DE-2, the electric power generation sector employed 1,518 workers in Delaware, 0.2% of the national electricity total, and added 184 jobs from 2021 to 2022 (13.8%).
Construction was the largest industry sector in the electric power generation sector, with 61.2% of jobs. Professional and business services was second largest with 20.6% (Figure DE-3).

**Fuels**

The Fuel sector employed 1,232 workers in Delaware, 0.1% of the national total in fuels (Figure DE-4). The sector gained 122 jobs and increased 11.0% from 2021 to 2022.
Manufacturing jobs represented 46.3% of fuel jobs in Delaware (Figure DE-5).

**Figure DE-5. Fuels Employment by Industry Sector**

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Agriculture and Forestry Mining & Extraction Construction Manufacturing Trade Professional Services Other Services
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*Transmission, Distribution and Storage*

The transmission, distribution, and storage (TDS) sector employed 3,081 workers in Delaware, 0.1% of the national TDS total (Figure DE-6). The sector gained 254 jobs and increased 9.0% from 2021 to 2022.
Utilities was the largest proportion of TDS jobs in Delaware, accounting for 45.7% of the sector’s jobs statewide (Figure DE-7).

Energy Efficiency

The energy efficiency (EE) sector employed 10,782 workers in Delaware, 0.5% of the national EE total. The EE sector added 49 jobs and increased 0.5% from 2021 to 2022 (Figure DE-8).
Energy efficiency employment was primarily found in the construction industry (Figure DE-9).

**Motor Vehicles and Component Parts**

The motor vehicles and component sector employed 3,617 workers in Delaware, 0.1% of the national total for the sector. Motor vehicles and component parts added 5 jobs and increased 0.1% from 2021 to 2022. Repair and maintenance is the largest proportion of motor vehicle jobs (Figure DE-10).
Clean Energy Jobs

In 2022, there were 15,136 jobs in clean energy in Delaware if traditional transmission and distribution is included and 12,453 jobs if it is not. These increased under either definition, growing 2.9% with traditional transmission and distribution and 1.6% without.

Employer Perspectives

**Expected Growth**

Employers in Delaware are similarly optimistic than their peers across the country about energy sector job growth over the next year (Table DE-1).

**Table DE-1 Expected Growth by Major Technology Application**

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8 The definition of “clean energy” at the state level differs from the national definition due to data availability. For more information see Appendix A of the national U.S. Energy and Employment Report.
Hiring Difficulty

Employers in Delaware reported 48% overall hiring difficulty (Table DE-2).

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