



EMPLOYMENT – Growth Doldrums

After 27 months of decline followed by three straight months of modest year over year gains, employment growth has now stalled for three months. The year over year November job growth rate was 0.3% compared to the historical average of 1.8%. Among Delaware's three major industries, healthcare continues to add jobs at a robust

rate, financial services show modest gains, while professional/business services have declined on a year over year basis. Manufacturing continues appear to have bottomed out. Retail and government are declining, as leisure and hospitality continues to gain.

