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April unemployment down from March but up from a year ago

BENSON—Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in April 2025 was 4.2 percent, down from 4.8 percent in March 2025 but up from 3.5 percent in April a year ago, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in April was 3.5 percent, down from 4.0 percent in March but up from 2.9 percent in April 2024.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in April was 3.9 percent, down from 4.2 percent in March but up from 3.5 percent in April 2024.

Cochise County city and town unemployment rates in April 2025 were:

Benson, 5.2 percent, down from 6.0 percent in March but up from 4.3 percent in April 2024.

Bisbee, 6.0 percent, down from 6.8 percent in March but up from 5.0 percent in April a year ago.

Douglas, 6.7 percent, down from 7.6 percent in March but up from 5.6 percent a year prior.

Huachuca City, 7.2 percent, down from 8.2 percent in March but up from 6.0 percent in April last year.

Sierra Vista, 3.7 percent, down from 4.3 percent in March but up from 3.3 percent in April 2024.

Tombstone, 0.4 percent, the same level as March but up from 0.2 percent in April a year ago.

Willcox, 7.7 percent, down from 8.8 percent in March but up from 6.5 percent in April last year.

The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was down by 400 (-1.1 percent) in the 12 months ending April 2025. The private sector lost 600 jobs (-2.5 percent) while the number of government jobs overall was up by 200 (1.9 percent). Within government, federal jobs were up by 100 (2.3 percent) while combined state and local government jobs increased by 100 (1.6 percent).

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs was up by 100 in the 12 months ended in April with all the gains in manufacturing (12.5 percent). Jobs numbers in construction and mining were unchanged in the 12 months ended April.

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers were down by 700 (-3.3 percent) from April 2024 to April 2025. Within private sector services, gains of 100 jobs in educational and health services (2.0 percent) and 100 in the information industry (25.0 percent) were more than offset by the loss of 500 professional and business services jobs (-12.2 percent), 300 jobs in leisure and hospitality (-8.1 percent), and 100 in financial activities (-10.0 percent). Job numbers were unchanged in trade, transportation, and utilities, as well as in other services, in the 12 months ended April.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County job numbers were down by 100 from March to April this year, with all the losses in financial activities. Job numbers across all other industries and levels of government held steady from March to April.

Labor market data are released monthly with revisions to the previous month's data. Data are also revised annually. Job numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.

For more information on the Cochise County economy, including current and historical data, visit CochiseEconomy.com, a project of Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group in partnership with Arizona G&T Cooperatives and community sponsors.

Unemployment rates (%)

	<i>April 2025</i>	<i>March 2025</i>	<i>April 2024</i>
United States	3.9	4.2	3.5
Arizona	3.5	4.0	2.9
Cochise County	4.2	4.8	3.5
Benson	5.2	6.0	4.3
Bisbee	6.0	6.8	5.0
Douglas	6.7	7.6	5.6
Huachuca City	7.2	8.2	6.0
Sierra Vista	3.7	4.3	3.3
Tombstone	0.4	0.4	0.2
Willcox	7.7	8.8	6.5

Note. Not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>April 2025</i>	<i>March 2025</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>April 2024</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	34,600	34,700	-100	35,000	-400	-1.1%
Total Private Sector Jobs	23,700	23,800	-100	24,300	-600	-2.5%
Goods Producing Jobs	3,000	3,000	0	2,900	100	3.4%
Construction and Mining	2,100	2,100	0	2,100	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	900	900	0	800	100	12.5%
Service Providing Jobs	31,600	31,700	-100	32,100	-500	-1.6%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,700	20,800	-100	21,400	-700	-3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,500	6,500	0	6,500	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	0	400	100	25.0%
Financial Activities	900	1,000	-100	1,000	-100	-10.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,600	3,600	0	4,100	-500	-12.2%
Educational and Health Services	5,000	5,000	0	4,900	100	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,400	3,400	0	3,700	-300	-8.1%
Other Services	800	800	0	800	0	0.0%
Government Jobs	10,900	10,900	0	10,700	200	1.9%
Federal Government	4,400	4,400	0	4,300	100	2.3%
State and Local Government	6,500	6,500	0	6,400	100	1.6%

Note. Not seasonally adjusted. Numbers rounded to nearest 100; discrepancies due to rounding.

Source: Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity and US Economic Research

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