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May job numbers down, unemployment rate up from a year ago

BENSON—The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was down by 400 (-1.1 percent) in the 12 months ended May 2025, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity. The private sector lost 500 jobs (-2.1 percent) while the number of government jobs overall was up by 100 (0.9 percent). Within government, combined state and local government jobs increased by 100 (1.6 percent) while the number of federal jobs was unchanged in the 12 months ended May.

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs held steady in the 12 months ending in May with the gain of 100 manufacturing jobs (12.5 percent) offset by the loss of 100 jobs in construction and mining (-4.5 percent).

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers were down by 500 (-2.3 percent) from May 2024 to May 2025. Within private sector services, gains of 100 jobs in educational and health services (2.0 percent), 100 in the information industry (25.0 percent), and 100 in other services (14.3 percent) were more than offset by the loss of 500 professional and business services jobs (-12.2 percent) and 300 jobs in leisure and hospitality (-8.1 percent). Job numbers were unchanged in trade, transportation, and utilities, along with financial activities, in the 12 months ending in May.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County job numbers were unchanged from April to May this year. Job numbers across all industries and levels of government held steady from April to May.

Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in May 2025 was 5.0 percent, up from 4.2 percent in April 2025 and 3.9 percent in May a year ago.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in May was 4.1 percent, up from 3.5 percent in April this year and 3.3 percent in May 2024.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in May was 4.0 percent, up from 3.9 percent in April and 3.7 percent in May 2024.

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

Benson, 6.1 percent, up from 5.2 percent in April 2025 and 4.8 percent in May 2024.

Bisbee, 7.0 percent, up from 5.9 percent in April this year and 5.5 percent in May a year ago.

Douglas, 7.8 percent, up from 6.7 percent in April and 6.2 percent a year prior.

Huachuca City, 8.5 percent, up from 7.2 percent in April and 6.7 percent in May last year.

Sierra Vista, 4.6 percent, up from 3.6 percent in both April this year and May 2024.

Tombstone, 0.4 percent, the same level as April 2025 and May a year ago.

Willcox, 9.1 percent, up from 7.7 percent in April and 7.2 percent in May last year.

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>May 2025</i>	<i>April 2025</i>	<i>May 2024</i>
United States	4.0	3.9	3.7
Arizona	4.1	3.5	3.3
Cochise County	5.0	4.2	3.9
Benson	6.1	5.2	4.8
Bisbee	7.0	5.9	5.5
Douglas	7.8	6.7	6.2
Huachuca City	8.5	7.2	6.7
Sierra Vista	4.6	3.6	3.6
Tombstone	0.4	0.4	0.4
Willcox	9.1	7.7	7.2

Note. Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>May 2025</i>	<i>April 2025</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>May 2024</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	34,700	34,700	0	35,100	-400	-1.1%
Total Private Sector Jobs	23,800	23,800	0	24,300	-500	-2.1%
Goods Producing Jobs	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	0	0.0%
Construction and Mining	2,100	2,100	0	2,200	-100	-4.5%
Manufacturing	900	900	0	800	100	12.5%
Service Providing Jobs	31,700	31,700	0	32,100	-400	-1.2%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,800	20,800	0	21,300	-500	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,500	6,500	0	6,500	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	0	400	100	25.0%
Financial Activities	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.0%
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	700	100	14.3%
Government Jobs	10,900	10,900	0	10,800	100	0.9%
Federal Government	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0	0.0%
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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