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# News Release

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## Cochise unemployment rate continues to rise

BENSON—Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in June 2025 was 5.3 percent, up from 5.0 percent in May 2025 and 4.7 percent in June a year ago, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in June was 4.5 percent, up from 4.1 percent in May this year and 4.0 percent in June 2024.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in June was 4.4 percent, up from 4.0 percent in May and 4.3 percent in June 2024.

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

Benson, 6.5 percent, up from 6.1 percent in May 2025 and 5.8 percent in June 2024.

Bisbee, 7.4 percent, up from 7.0 percent in May this year and 6.5 percent in June a year ago.

Douglas, 8.3 percent, up from 7.9 percent in May and 7.4 percent in June a year prior.

Huachuca City, 9.0 percent, up from 8.5 percent in May and 7.9 percent in June last year.

Sierra Vista, 5.1 percent, up from 4.6 percent in May this year and 4.4 percent in June 2024.

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

Willcox, 9.5 percent, up from 9.0 percent in May and 8.5 percent in June last year.

The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was down by 300 (-0.9 percent) in the 12 months ended June 2025. The private sector lost 400 jobs (-1.7 percent) while the number of government jobs overall was up by 100 (1.0 percent). Within government, combined state and local government jobs increased by 100 (1.7 percent) while the number of federal jobs was unchanged in the 12 months ended June.

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs held steady in the 12 months ending in June. Job numbers were unchanged in manufacturing and construction and mining.

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers were down by 400 (-1.9 percent) from June 2024 to June 2025. Within private sector services, gains of 200 jobs in educational and health services

(4.2 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), 200 jobs in leisure and hospitality (-5.6 percent), and 100 in trade, transportation, and utilities (-1.5 percent). Job numbers were unchanged financial activities in the 12 months ending in June.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County job numbers were down by a seasonally expected 500 from May to June this year, in line with seasonal expectations and led by the turnover of personnel at local school districts at the end of the school year. Overall, government shed 500 jobs from May to June all of which were state and local government jobs. In the private sector, the gain of 100 construction and mining jobs was offset by the loss of 100 jobs in trade, transportation, and utilities. All other private sector industries, along with federal jobs countywide, held steady from May to June 2025.

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](http://CochiseEconomy.com), a project of Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group in partnership with Arizona G&T Cooperatives and community sponsors.

#### Unemployment rates (%)

	<i>June 2025</i>	<i>May 2025</i>	<i>June 2024</i>
United States	4.4	4.0	4.3
Arizona	4.5	4.1	4.0
Cochise County	5.3	5.0	4.7
Benson	6.5	6.1	5.8
Bisbee	7.4	7.0	6.5
Douglas	8.3	7.9	7.4
Huachuca City	9.0	8.5	7.9
Sierra Vista	5.1	4.6	4.4
Tombstone	0.4	0.4	0.4
Willcox	9.5	9.0	8.5

*Note.* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

## Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>June 2025</i>	<i>May 2025</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>June 2024</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	34,200	34,700	-500	34,500	-300	-0.9%
Total Private Sector Jobs	23,800	23,800	0	24,200	-400	-1.7%
Goods Producing Jobs	3,100	3,000	100	3,100	0	0.0%
Construction and Mining	2,200	2,100	100	2,200	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	900	900	0	900	0	0.0%
Service Providing Jobs	31,100	31,700	-600	31,400	-300	-1.0%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,700	20,800	-100	21,100	-400	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,400	6,500	-100	6,500	-100	-1.5%
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	4,800	200	4.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,400	3,400	0	3,600	-200	-5.6%
Other Services	800	800	0	700	100	14.3%
Government Jobs	10,400	10,900	-500	10,300	100	1.0%
Federal Government	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0	0.0%
State and Local Government	6,000	6,500	-500	5,900	100	1.7%

*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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