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Cochise County July jobs up by 200 from a year ago

BENSON— The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was up by 200 for job growth of 0.6 percent in the 12 months ended July 2025, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity. The private sector gained 300 jobs or 1.3 percent while the number of government jobs was down by 100 or 1.0 percent. Within government, all the job losses were at the federal level while the number of state and local government jobs was unchanged.

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs was up by 100 in the 12 months ending in July. All the gains were in manufacturing with job numbers unchanged in construction and mining.

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers were up by 200 or 1.0 percent from July 2024 to July 2025. Within private sector services, gains of 300 jobs in educational and health services (6.4 percent) and 100 in the information industry (25.0 percent) were partly offset by the loss of 200 jobs in leisure and hospitality (-5.7 percent). Job numbers were unchanged in trade, transportation, and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; and other services in the 12 months ending in July.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County job numbers were down by 500 from June to July this year, in line with seasonal expectations. Overall, government shed 400 jobs from June to July, 300 of which were in state and local government with the remaining 100 lost jobs in federal government. In the private sector, leisure and hospitality dropped 100 jobs from June to July while job numbers held steady in all other industries.

Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in July 2025 was 5.5 percent, up from 5.3 percent in June 2025 and 5.1 percent in July a year ago.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in July was 4.7 percent, up from 4.5 percent in June this year and 4.3 percent in July 2024.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in July was 4.6 percent, up from 4.4 percent in June and 4.5 percent in July 2024.

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

Benson, 6.7 percent, up from 6.5 percent in June 2025 and 6.3 percent in July 2024.

Bisbee, 7.6 percent, up from 7.4 percent in June this year and 7.1 percent in July a year ago.

Douglas, 8.6 percent, up from 8.3 percent in June and 8.0 percent in July a year prior.

Huachuca City, 9.3 percent, up from 9.0 percent in June and 8.7 percent in July last year.

Sierra Vista, 5.3 percent, up from 5.0 percent in June this year and 4.9 percent in July 2024.

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

Willcox, 10.0 percent, up from 9.5 percent in June and 9.3 percent in July 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>July 2025</i>	<i>June 2025</i>	<i>July 2024</i>
United States	4.6	4.4	4.5
Arizona	4.7	4.5	4.3
Cochise County	5.5	5.3	5.1
Benson	6.7	6.5	6.3
Bisbee	7.6	7.4	7.1
Douglas	8.6	8.3	8.0
Huachuca City	9.3	9.0	8.7
Sierra Vista	5.3	5.0	4.9
Tombstone	0.4	0.4	0.4
Willcox	10.0	9.5	9.3

Note. Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>July 2025</i>	<i>June 2025</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>July 2024</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	33,500	34,000	-500	33,300	200	0.6%
Total Private Sector Jobs	23,600	23,700	-100	23,300	300	1.3%
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	30,500	31,000	-500	30,400	100	0.3%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,600	20,700	-100	20,400	200	1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,400	6,400	0	6,400	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	3,600	0	0.0%
Educational and Health Services	5,000	5,000	0	4,700	300	6.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,300	3,400	-100	3,500	-200	-5.7%
Other Services	800	800	0	800	0	0.0%
Government Jobs	9,900	10,300	-400	10,000	-100	-1.0%
Federal Government	4,300	4,400	-100	4,400	-100	-2.3%
State and Local Government	5,600	5,900	-300	5,600	0	0.0%

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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