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Cochise County number of jobs in August unchanged from last year

BENSON — The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was unchanged in the 12 months ended August 2025, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity. Overall job numbers in both the private sector and government held steady. Within government, job numbers stabilized at the federal, state, and local government levels.

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs was unchanged in the 12 months ending in August with job numbers holding steady across manufacturing, construction, and mining.

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers stabilized overall from August 2024 to August 2025. Within private sector services, the gain of 200 jobs in trade, transportation, and utilities (job growth of 3.2 percent) was offset by the loss of 100 jobs in professional and business services (-2.8 percent) and 100 in leisure and hospitality (-2.9 percent). Job numbers were unchanged in information, financial activities, educational and health services, and other services in the 12 months ending in August.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County job numbers were up by 900 from July to August this year, in line with seasonal expectations. Overall, government gained 700 jobs from July to August, 600 of which were in state and local government with the remaining 100 new jobs in federal government. In the private sector, trade, transportation, and utilities added 200 jobs from July to August while job numbers held steady in all other industries.

Average weekly earnings in Cochise County in August 2025 were \$1,122.23, up 4.9 percent from August 2024. Average weekly hours worked were 34.1, up from 33.9 in August a year ago. Countywide average hourly earnings in August were \$32.91, up 4.2 percent from August 2024.

Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in August 2025 was 5.4 percent, down from 5.5 percent in July 2025 but up from 4.7 percent in August a year ago.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in August was 4.8 percent, up from 4.7 percent in July this year and 4.2 percent in August 2024.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in August was 4.5 percent, down from 4.6 percent in July but up from 4.4 percent in August 2024.

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

Benson, 6.6 percent, down from 6.8 percent in July 2025 but up from 5.8 percent in August 2024.

Bisbee, 7.5 percent, down from 7.7 percent in July this year but up from 6.6 percent in August a year ago.

Douglas, 8.5 percent, down from 8.6 percent in July but up from 7.4 percent in August a year prior.

Huachuca City, 9.1 percent, down from 9.3 percent in July but up from 7.9 percent in August last year.

Sierra Vista, 5.3 percent, unchanged from July this year but up from 4.5 percent in August 2024.

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

Willcox, 9.7 percent, down from 9.9 percent in July but up from 8.5 percent in August 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>August 2025</i>	<i>July 2025</i>	<i>August 2024</i>
United States	4.5	4.6	4.4
Arizona	4.8	4.7	4.2
Cochise County	5.4	5.5	4.7
Benson	6.6	6.8	5.8
Bisbee	7.5	7.7	6.6
Douglas	8.5	8.6	7.4
Huachuca City	9.1	9.3	7.9
Sierra Vista	5.3	5.3	4.5
Tombstone	0.4	0.4	0.4
Willcox	9.7	9.9	8.5

Note. Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Cochise County average earnings and hours

	<i>August 2025</i>	<i>August 2024</i>
Weekly Earnings	\$1,122.23	\$1,070.22
Weekly Hours	34.1	33.9
Hourly Earnings	\$32.91	\$31.57

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

Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>August 2025</i>	<i>July 2025</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>August 2024</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	34,300	33,400	900	34,300	0	0.0%
Total Private Sector Jobs	23,600	23,400	200	23,600	0	0.0%
Goods Producing Jobs	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	0	0.0%
Construction and Mining	2,100	2,100	0	2,100	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	900	900	0	900	0	0.0%
Service Providing Jobs	31,300	30,400	900	31,300	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,600	20,400	200	20,600	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,500	6,300	200	6,300	200	3.2%
Information	500	500	0	500	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	3,500	3,500	0	3,600	-100	-2.8%
Educational and Health Services	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,300	3,300	0	3,400	-100	-2.9%
Other Services	800	800	0	800	0	0.0%
Government Jobs	10,700	10,000	700	10,700	0	0.0%
Federal Government	4,400	4,300	100	4,400	0	0.0%
State and Local Government	6,300	5,700	600	6,300	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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