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Cochise County gains 200 jobs in 12 months ended November

BENSON—The number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County was up by 200 (0.6 percent) in the 12 months ended November 2024, according to data from Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity. The private sector gained 100 jobs (0.4 percent) while the government sector grew by 100 jobs (0.9 percent). Within government, the state and local levels added a combined 100 jobs (1.6 percent) while countywide federal job numbers held steady.

Within Cochise County's private sector, goods-producing jobs were up by 200 (6.9 percent) over the year, all of which were in construction and mining (10.0 percent). Manufacturing job numbers were unchanged in the 12 months ended November 2024.

Countywide private-sector, service-providing job numbers were down by 100 (-0.5 percent) from November 2023 to November 2024. Within private-sector services, the gain of 100 trade, transportation, and utilities jobs (1.5 percent) and 100 educational and health services jobs (2.0 percent) were more than offset by the loss of 200 professional and business services jobs (-5.3 percent) and 100 jobs in the information industry (-25.0 percent). Job numbers were unchanged in financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and other services in the 12 months ended November.

In month-to-month comparisons, Cochise County added 200 jobs from October to November 2024, all of which were in trade, transportation, and utilities. All other private-sector industries (construction and mining; manufacturing; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services), along with federal, state, and local governments, saw job numbers unchanged from October to November this year.

Average weekly earnings in Cochise County in November 2024 were \$1,058.12 (up 24.1 percent from November 2023). Average weekly hours worked were 31.9 (up marginally from 31.8 in November a year ago). Countywide average hourly earnings in November were \$33.17 (up 23.7 percent from November 2023).

Cochise County's unadjusted unemployment rate in November 2024 was 4.4 percent, up from 4.2 percent in October this year but the same level as November a year ago.

At the state level, Arizona's unadjusted unemployment rate in November was 3.9 percent, up from 3.8 percent in both October this year and November last year.

The U.S. unadjusted unemployment rate in November was 4.0 percent, up from 3.9 percent in October 2024 and 3.5 percent in November 2023.

Cochise County city and town unemployment rates in November 2024 were:

Benson, 5.1 percent, up from 4.8 percent in October 2024 but the same level as November 2023.

Bisbee, 2.8 percent, up from 2.6 percent in October this year and unchanged from November last year.

Douglas, 7.9 percent, up from 7.5 percent in October but the same as November a year ago.

Huachuca City, 7.2 percent, up from 7.0 percent in October this year but the same level as November 2023.

Sierra Vista, 3.9 percent, up from 3.8 percent in both October this year and November a year ago.

Tombstone, 1.8 percent, the same as October this year and November last year.

Willcox, 11.2 percent, up from 10.8 percent in October 2024 but unchanged from November 2023.

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>November 2024</i>	<i>October 2024</i>	<i>November 2023</i>
United States	4.0	3.9	3.5
Arizona	3.9	3.8	3.8
Cochise County	4.4	4.2	4.4
Benson	5.1	4.8	5.1
Bisbee	2.8	2.6	2.8
Douglas	7.9	7.5	7.9
Huachuca City	7.2	7.0	7.2
Sierra Vista	3.9	3.8	3.8
Tombstone	1.8	1.8	1.8
Willcox	11.2	10.8	11.2

Note. Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Cochise County average earnings and hours

	<i>November 2024</i>	<i>November 2023</i>
Weekly Earnings	\$1,058.12	\$852.56
Weekly Hours	31.9	31.8
Hourly Earnings	\$33.17	\$26.81

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

Cochise County nonfarm jobs

	<i>November 2024</i>	<i>October 2024</i>	<i>1-month Change</i>	<i>November 2023</i>	<i>12-month Change</i>	<i>12-month Job Growth Rate</i>
Total Nonfarm Jobs	35,700	35,500	200	35,500	200	0.6%
Total Private Sector Jobs	24,600	24,400	200	24,500	100	0.4%
Goods Producing Jobs	3,100	3,100	0	2,900	200	6.9%
Construction and Mining	2,200	2,200	0	2,000	200	10.0%
Manufacturing	900	900	0	900	0	0.0%
Service Providing Jobs	32,600	32,400	200	32,600	0	0.0%
Private Service Providing Jobs	21,500	21,300	200	21,600	-100	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,800	6,600	200	6,700	100	1.5%
Information	300	300	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	3,800	-200	-5.3%
Educational and Health Services	5,000	5,000	0	4,900	100	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,100	0	4,100	0	0.0%
Other Services	700	700	0	700	0	0.0%
Government Jobs	11,100	11,100	0	11,000	100	0.9%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	0	4,600	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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