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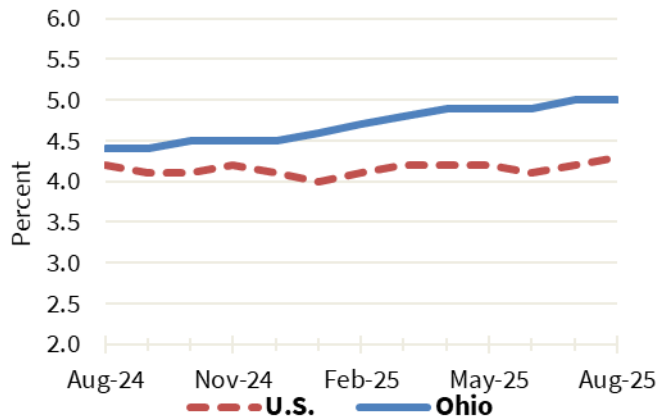
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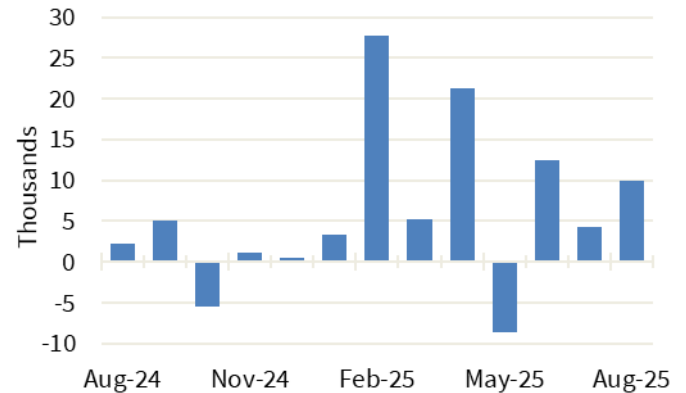
**Ohio's August Unemployment Rate was 5.0%, Unchanged from July**

Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.0% in August 2025, unchanged from 5.0% in July 2025. Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 9,900 over the month, from a revised 5,720,300 in July to 5,730,200 in August.

**Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates,  
seasonally adjusted, August 2024 – August 2025**



**Ohio Nonfarm Payroll Employment Over-the-Month Change,  
seasonally adjusted, August 2024 – August 2025**



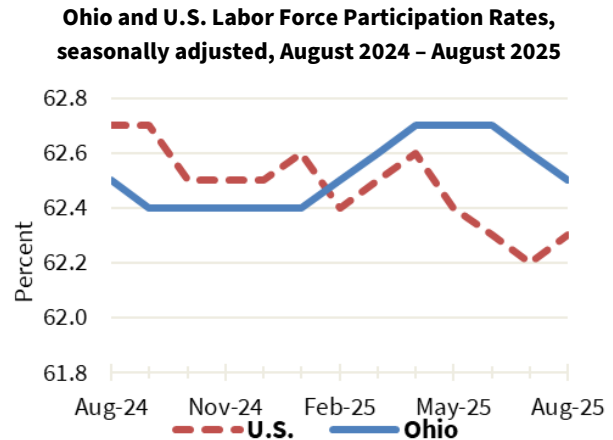
**Household Survey Data**

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in August was 295,000, down from 296,000 in July 2025. The number of unemployed has increased by 37,000 in the past 12 months from 258,000. The August unemployment rate for Ohio increased 0.6 percentage points from 4.4% in August 2024.

The U.S. unemployment rate for August 2025 was 4.3%, up from 4.2% in July 2025 and up from 4.2% in August 2024.



In August 2025, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 62.5%, down from 62.6% in July 2025 and unchanged from 62.5% in August 2024. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.3%, up from 62.2% in July 2025 and down from 62.7% in August 2024.



## Establishment Survey Data

Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 9,900 over the month, from a revised 5,720,300 in July to 5,730,200 in August, according to the latest business establishment survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

Employment in goods-producing industries, at 961,900, increased 800 over the month as gains in manufacturing (+900) outweighed losses in construction (-100). Mining and logging did not change over the month. The private service-providing sector, at 3,971,800, increased 7,500 as gains in trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,300); private educational and health services (+1,900); leisure and hospitality (+1,200); information (+900); financial activities (+700); and other services (+700) surpassed losses in professional and business services (-200). Government employment, at 796,500, increased 1,600 as gains in state (+1,800) and local (+300) government outpaced losses in federal government (-500).

From August 2024 to August 2025, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 76,800. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 20,400, led by construction, which added 13,600 jobs. Manufacturing added 7,000 jobs, in durable goods (+5,200) and nondurable goods (+1,800). Mining and logging lost 200 jobs over the year. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 51,000 in private educational and health services (+21,300); trade, transportation, and utilities (+10,800); financial activities (+6,200); professional and business services (+5,700); other services (+4,700); information (+1,700); and leisure and hospitality (+600). Government employment increased 5,400, over the year, as gains in state (+5,400) and local (+2,100) government outweighed losses in federal government (-2,100).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All data cited are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor. Data sources include the Current Population Survey (U.S. data), Current Employment Statistics Program (nonagricultural wage and salary employment data), and Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (Ohio unemployment rates). More complete listings of the data appear in the monthly Ohio Labor Market Review. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties, as well as cities with populations of 25,000 or more, are presented in the monthly ODJFS Civilian Labor Force Estimates publication. Updated statewide historical data can be obtained through the OhioLMI app, which is available for free on mobile devices through the App Store or Google Play. Ohioans can access tens of thousands of job openings, for positions ranging from file clerks to CEOs, at <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov>.



**News Release Dates**

A calendar of 2025 release dates is available online at <https://ohiolmi.com/Home/Events>.

County, city, and metropolitan area unemployment rates for August 2025 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. September 2025 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, October 17, 2025. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/about/communications>.

Choose this link to view the table on the [Ohio and U.S. Employment Situation](#).

Choose this link to view the table for the [Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Estimates for Ohio](#).

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*The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, adult protective services, and child support services.*

