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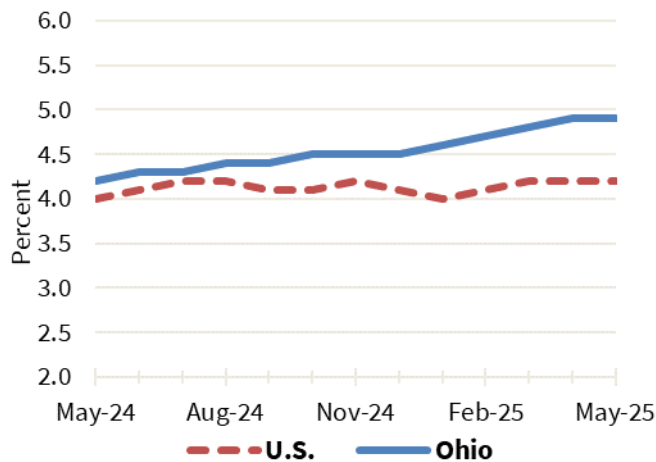
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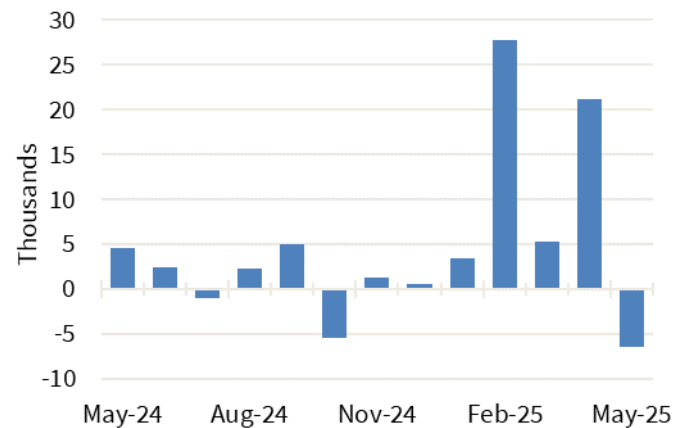
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**Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates,
seasonally adjusted, May 2024 – May 2025**



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



Household Survey Data

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in May was 294,000, up from 291,000 in April 2025. The number of unemployed has increased by 45,000 in the past 12 months from 249,000. The May unemployment rate for Ohio increased 0.7 percentage points from 4.2% in May 2024.

The U.S. unemployment rate for May 2025 was 4.2%, unchanged from 4.2% in April 2025 and up from 4.0% in May 2024.

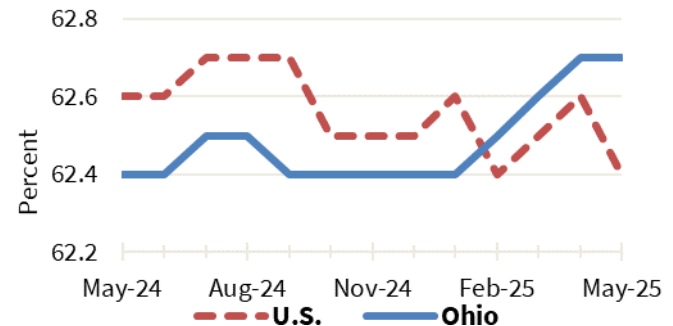




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In May 2025, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 62.7%, unchanged from 62.7% in April 2025 and up from 62.4% in May 2024. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.4%, down from 62.6% in April 2025 and down from 62.6% in May 2024.

Ohio and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates,
seasonally adjusted, May 2024 – May 2025



Establishment Survey Data

Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased 6,500 over the month, from a revised 5,712,100 in April to 5,705,600 in May, 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 958,000, decreased 1,100 over the month in manufacturing (-700) and construction (-400). Mining and logging did not change over the month. The private service-providing sector, at 3,956,700, decreased 5,200 as losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-5,200) and leisure and hospitality (-3,400) outweighed gains in private educational and health services (+1,400); financial activities (+1,300); information (+400); professional and business services (+200); and other services (+100). Government employment, at 790,900, decreased 200, as losses in federal (-1,100) and local (-300) government surpassed gains in state government (+1,200).

From May 2024 to May 2025, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 55,700. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 18,100, led by construction, which added 17,000 jobs. Manufacturing added 1,400 jobs, as gains in nondurable goods (+3,800) outpaced losses in durable goods (-2,400). Mining and logging lost 300 jobs over the year. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 35,700, as gains in private educational and health services (+25,500); financial activities (+4,500); leisure and hospitality (+3,600); other services (+2,700); information (+2,100); and professional and business services (+1,800) outweighed losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-4,500). Government employment increased 1,900, over the year, as gains in state government (+3,600) surpassed losses in federal (-1,200) and local (-500) government.

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 May 2025 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. June 2025 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, July 18, 2025. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/about/communications>.

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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.

