

# Alabama Employment Report

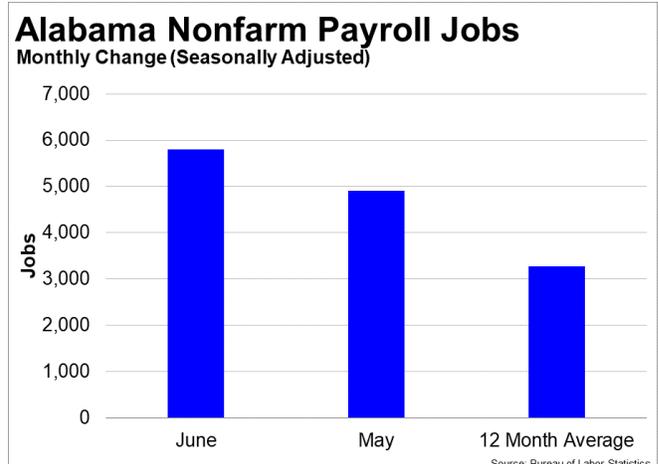
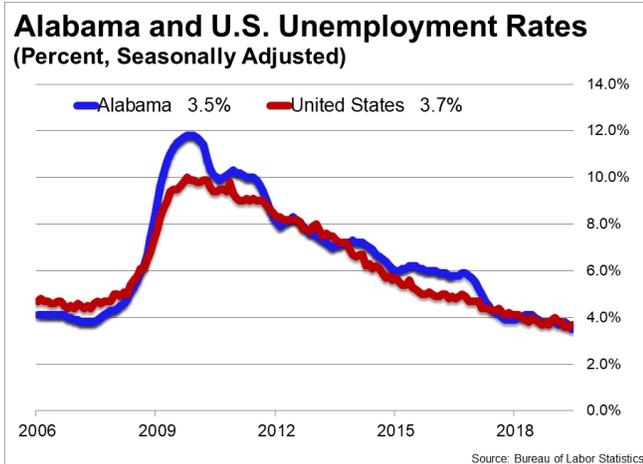
## Joint Economic Committee

Senator Mike Lee, Chairman

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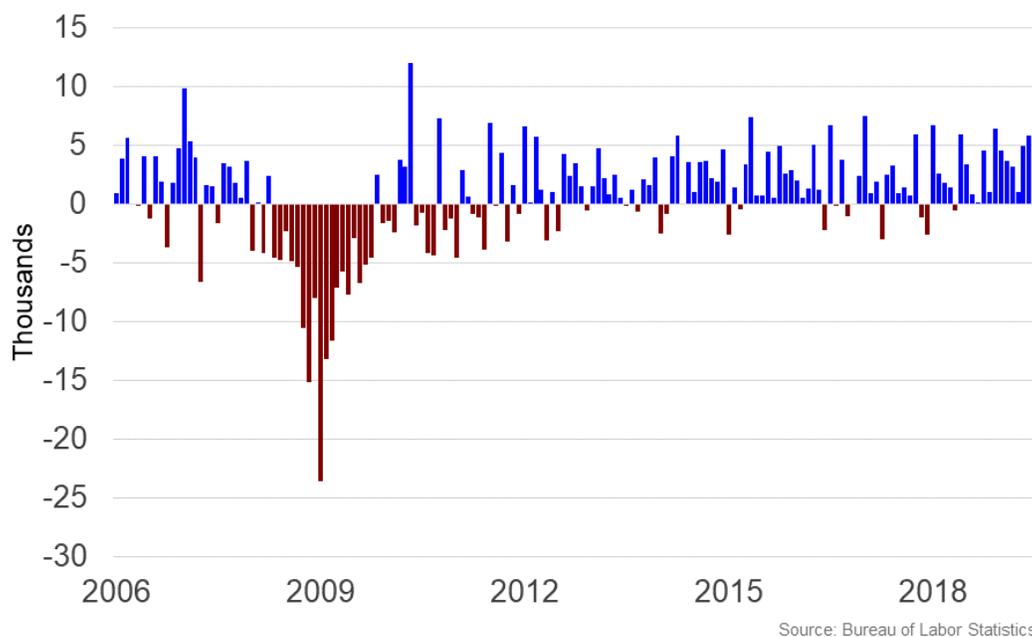
### Summary

- **Alabama added 5,800 jobs and the unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 3.5 percent in June** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Alabama added 39,300 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage point from 4.1 percent.
- **In June, Alabama's private sector added 3,000 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 33,300 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Alabamans fell by 3,145 in June**, and over the past year 48,952 Alabamans found jobs.
- Alabama's **labor force participation rate increased to 58 percent** from 57.9 percent in June. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 0.8 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.7 percent in June**. State employment and unemployment data for July is scheduled for release on August 16, 2019. The national employment situation report for July will be released on Friday, August 2, 2019.



# Alabama Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



## Alabama Payroll Employment

Alabama added 5,800 jobs, or 0.28 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during June. In the prior month, Alabama added 4,900 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Alabama increased by 39,300, or 1.93 percent. Alabama nonfarm payroll employment has increased in each of the past 12 months.

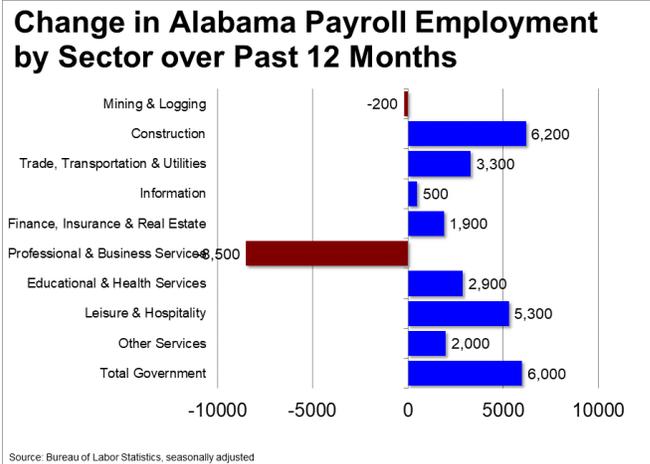
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 224,000 jobs in June, or 0.15 percent. Over the 12-month period ending June 2019, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,301,000 jobs, or 1.54 percent. Alabama ranks 11th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During June, Alabama's private-sector added 3,000 jobs, or 0.18 percent. The private-sector in Alabama added 2,300 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Alabama increased by 33,300, or 2.01 percent. Alabama private-sector payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 191,000 jobs in June, or 0.15 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,201,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.74 percent. Alabama ranks 13th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during June were Total Government (+2,800) and Professional & Business Services (+900). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Leisure & Hospitality (-500) and Mining & Logging (-100).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Construction (+6,200) and Total Government (+6,000). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (-8,500) and Mining & Logging (-200).



## Alabama Labor Force Statistics

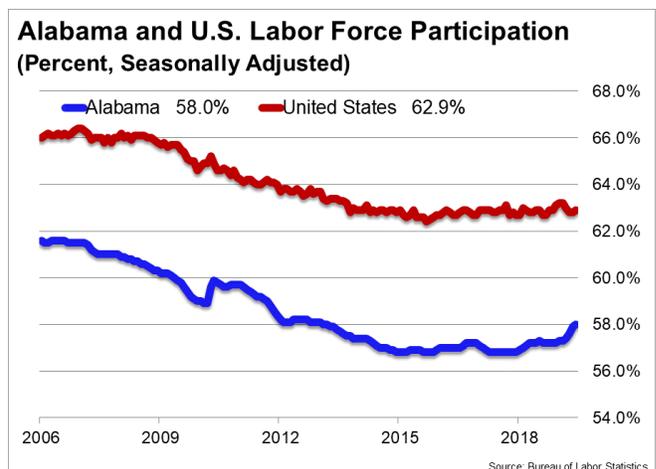
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Alabama rose to 58.0 percent in June from 57.9 percent the prior month. At 58.0 percent, Alabama has one of the five lowest labor force participation rates in the nation. The labor force participation rate in Alabama is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Alabama was 59.9 percent in May 2010. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Alabama occurred in August 1997 when the labor force participation rate hit 64.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 56.8 percent in December 2017. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Alabama. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 62.9 percent in June, but remains near its 41-year low of 62.4 percent.

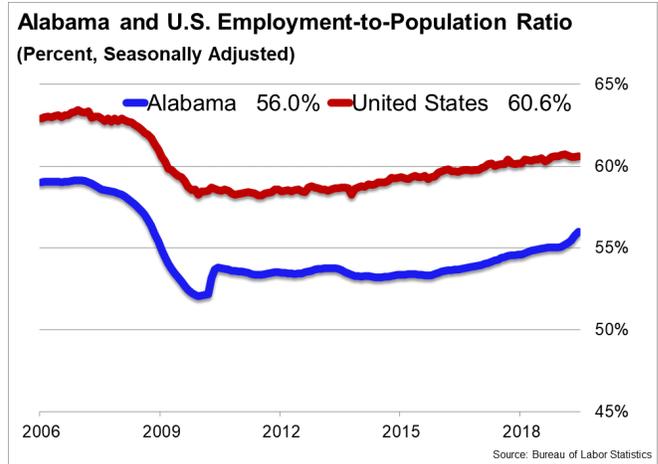
### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Alabama civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 56.0 percent in June from 55.7 percent the prior month. At 56.0 percent, Alabama has one of the five lowest employment-to-population ratios



in the nation. The employment-to-population ratio in Alabama is 1.1 percentage points higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Alabama was 56.0 percent in June 2019. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Alabama occurred in December 1997 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 61.4 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 52.1 percent in February 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1983 when the employment-to-population ratio was 50.7 percent.



The national employment-to-population ratio held steady at 60.6 percent in June. That rate was 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.