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## Illinois Employment Update



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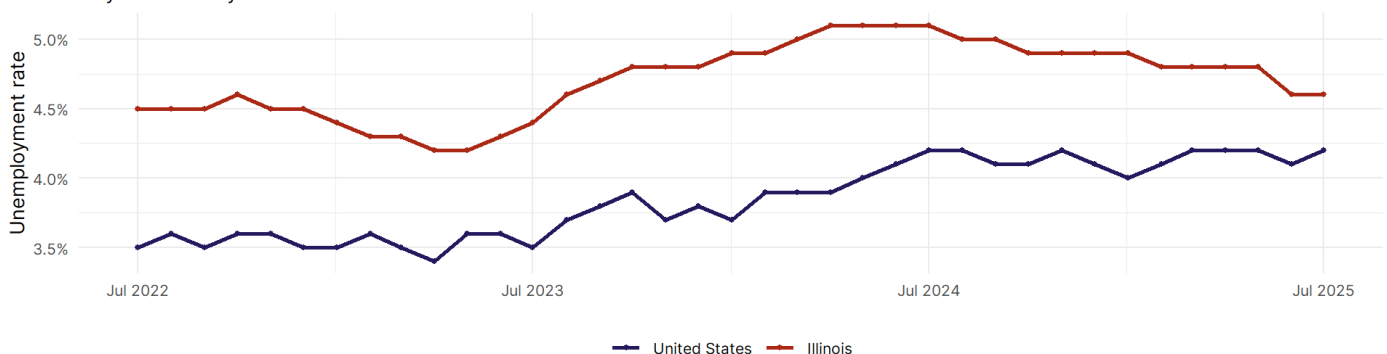
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In July, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 6, rose in 15, and remained unchanged in 30.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent.
- In July, **payroll jobs rose in 31 states and fell in 20.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.6 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.5 percent in **Wyoming**.

### Illinois Employment Snapshot

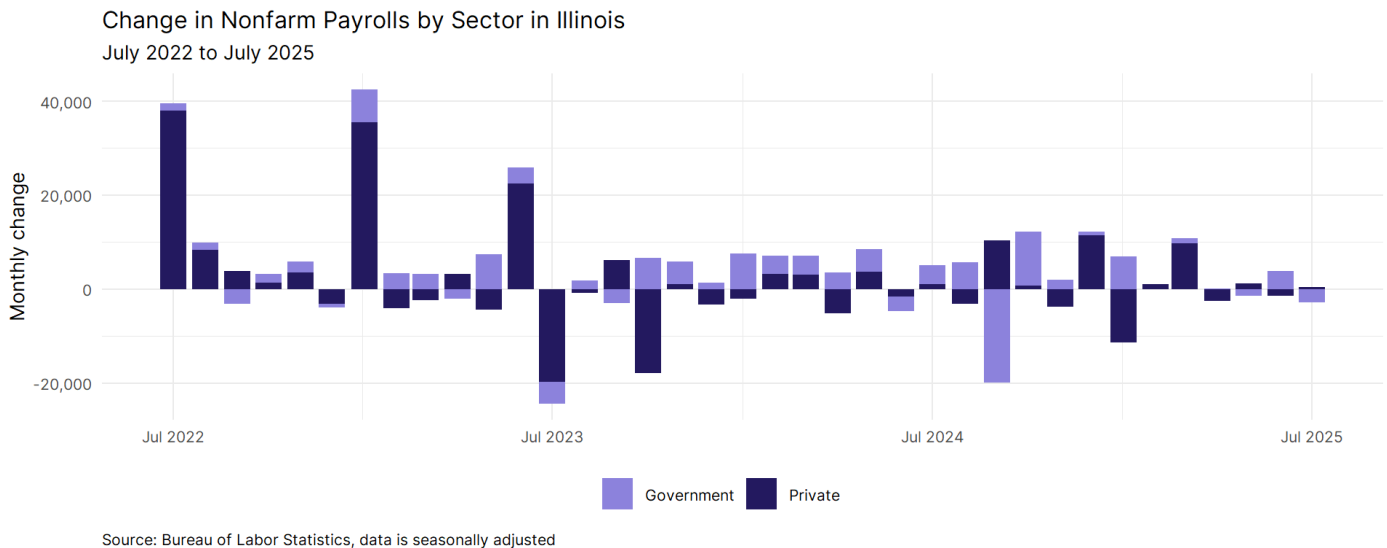
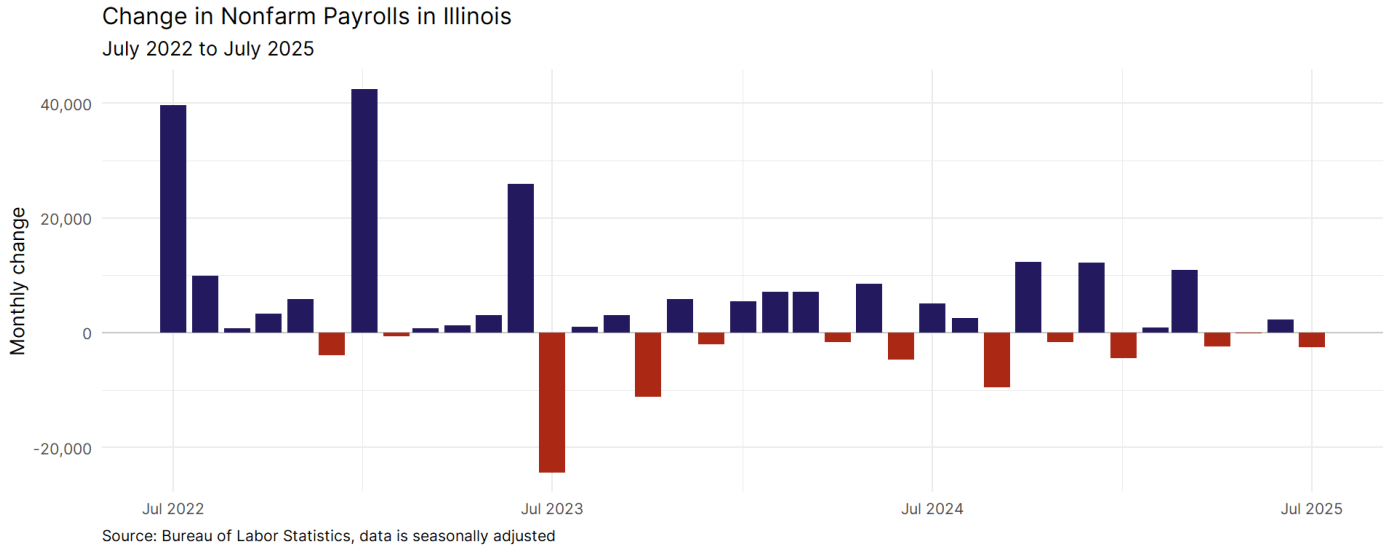
- In July, **Illinois lost 2,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.6 percent.** In the prior month, Illinois added 2,300 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Illinois added 20,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points from 5.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 73,000 in July, or 0 percent.** Illinois **is tied for 44th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In July, **Illinois's private sector added 400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 12,400 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Illinois lost 1,500 net private payroll jobs.
- In July, employment in Illinois **fell by 6,584**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 1,954.
- **Illinois's labor force participation rate fell to 64.4 percent** in July from 64.6 percent and **ranks 19th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.7 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Illinois  
July 2022 to July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

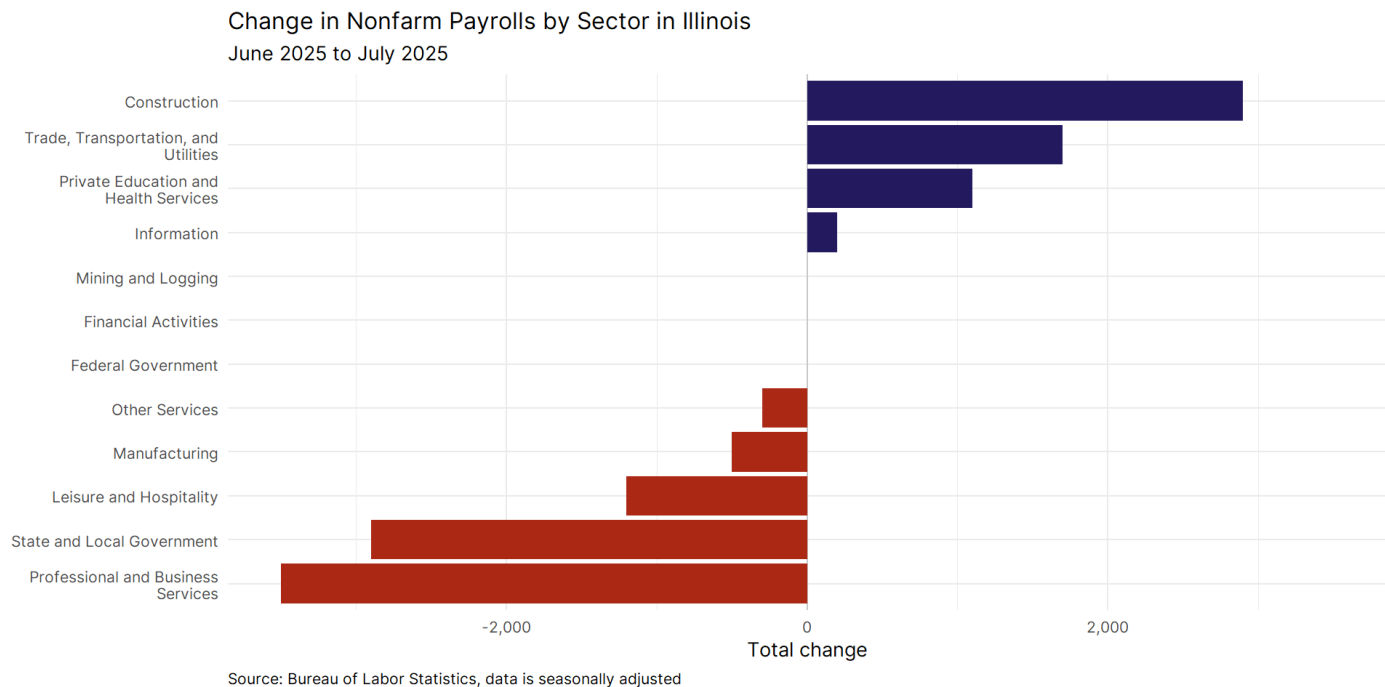
## Illinois Payroll employment



- **Illinois lost 2,500 net payroll jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Illinois added 2,300 jobs. Illinois nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **6 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 73,000 in July, or 0 percent**. Illinois is tied for 44th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Illinois added 400 private sector jobs, or 0 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Illinois lost 1,500 jobs. Illinois private sector payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 83,000 jobs in July, or 0.1 percent**. Illinois is tied for 47th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

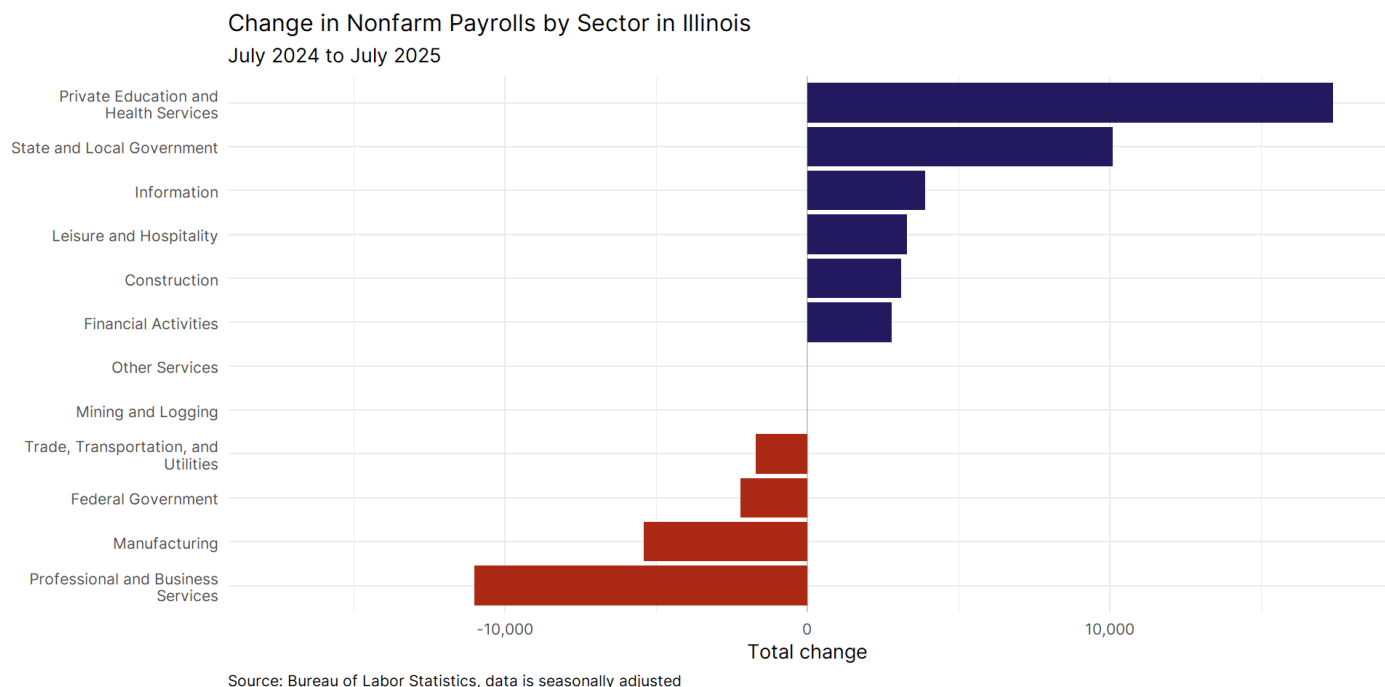
From June 2025 to July 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Construction** (+2,900) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+1,700).
- The worst performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (-3,500) and **State and Local Government** (-2,900).



From July 2024 to July 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+17,400) and **State and Local Government** (+10,100).
- The worst performing sectors were **Professional and Business Services** (-11,000) and **Manufacturing** (-5,400).

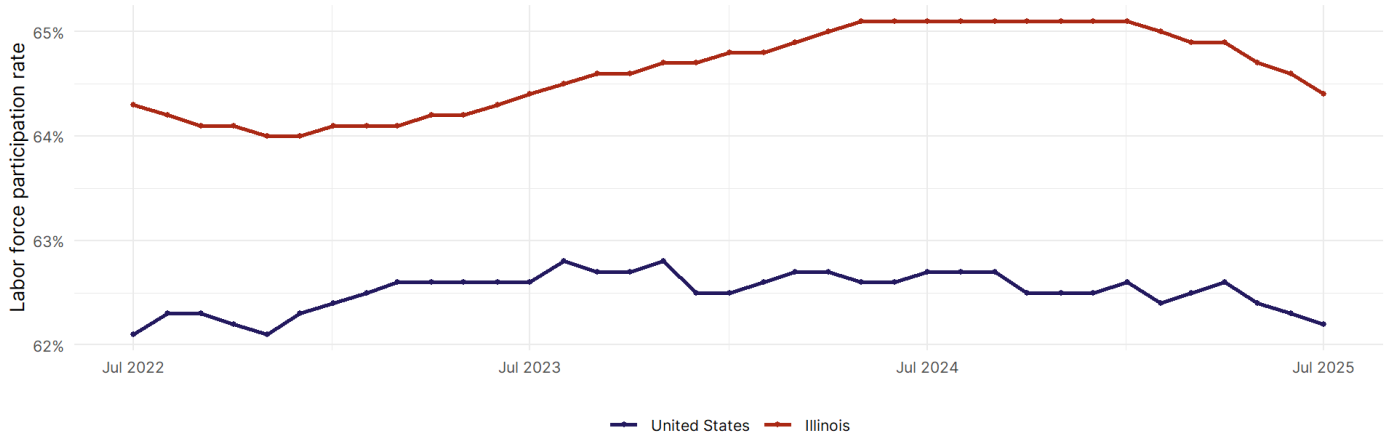


## Illinois Labor force

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.

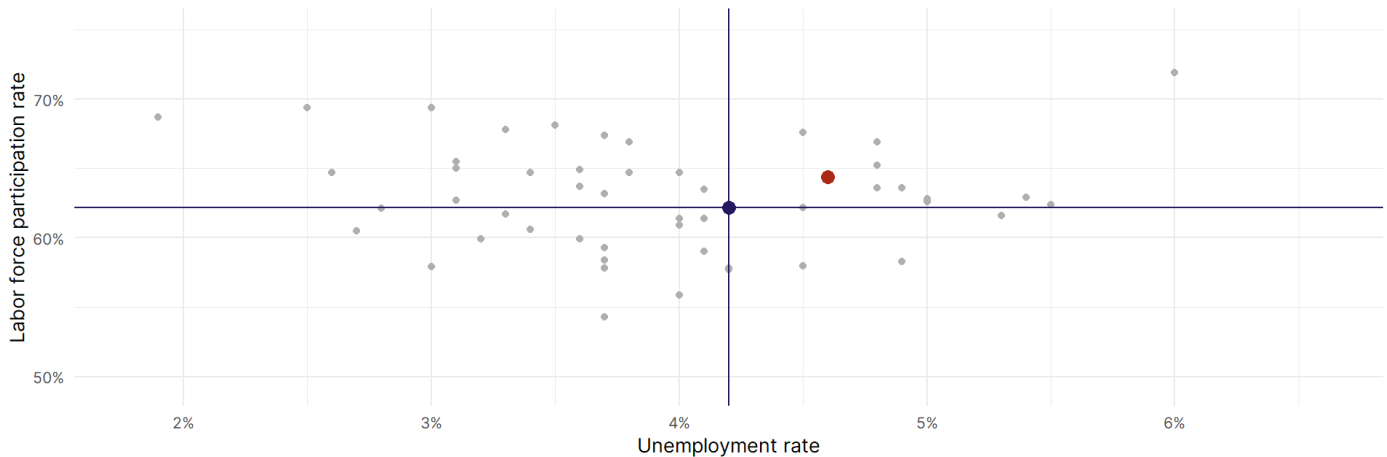
- The labor force participation rate in **Illinois fell to 64.4 percent in July from 64.6 percent in the prior month.**
- **Illinois ranks 19th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Illinois was **65.6 percent** occurring in April 2016, and the 10-year low was **61.8 percent** in June 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **fell by 0.1 percentage points to 62.2 percent** in July.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Illinois  
July 2022 to July 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State  
July 2025



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