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Indiana

Employment Update



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United States Employment Snapshot

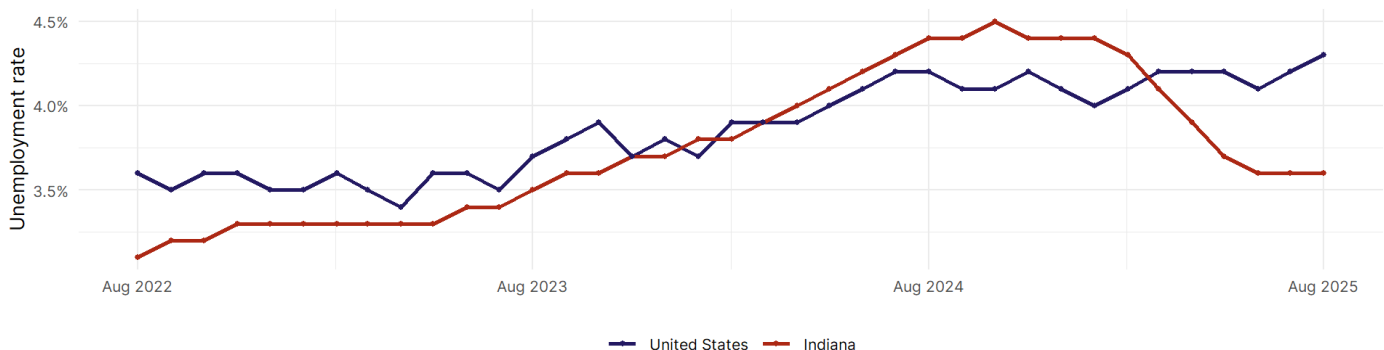
- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Indiana Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Indiana added 2,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.6 percent.** In the prior month, Indiana added 4,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Indiana added 13,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.8 percentage points from 4.4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Indiana **is tied for 36th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Indiana's private sector added 3,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 22,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Indiana added 4,400 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Indiana **fell by 702**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 41,435.
- **Indiana's labor force participation rate fell to 63.6 percent** in August from 63.7 percent and **is tied for 21st** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.2 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Indiana

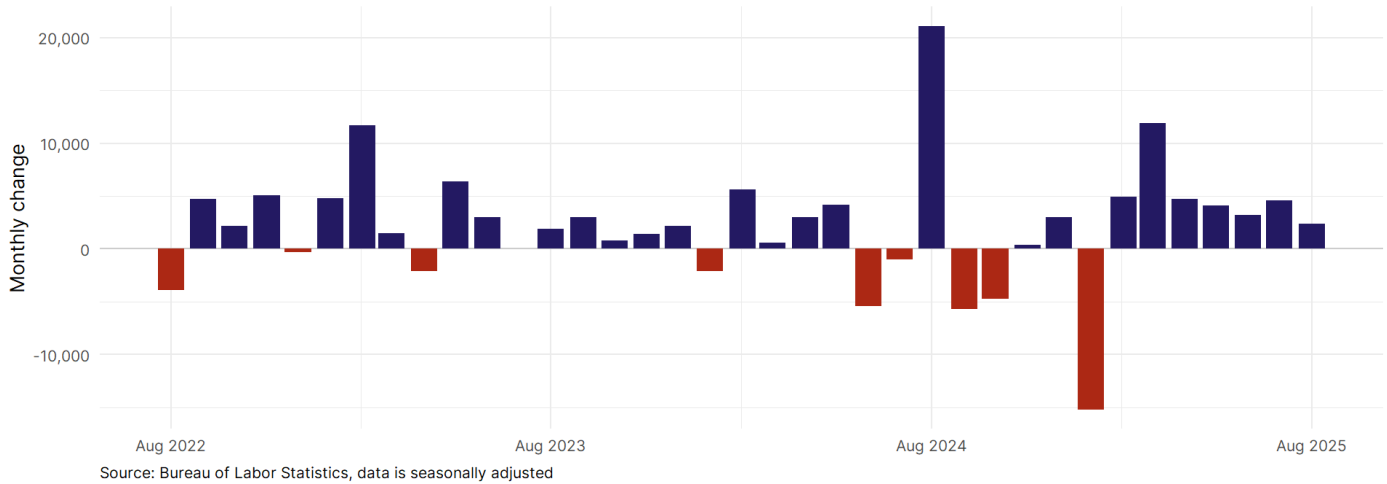
August 2022 to August 2025



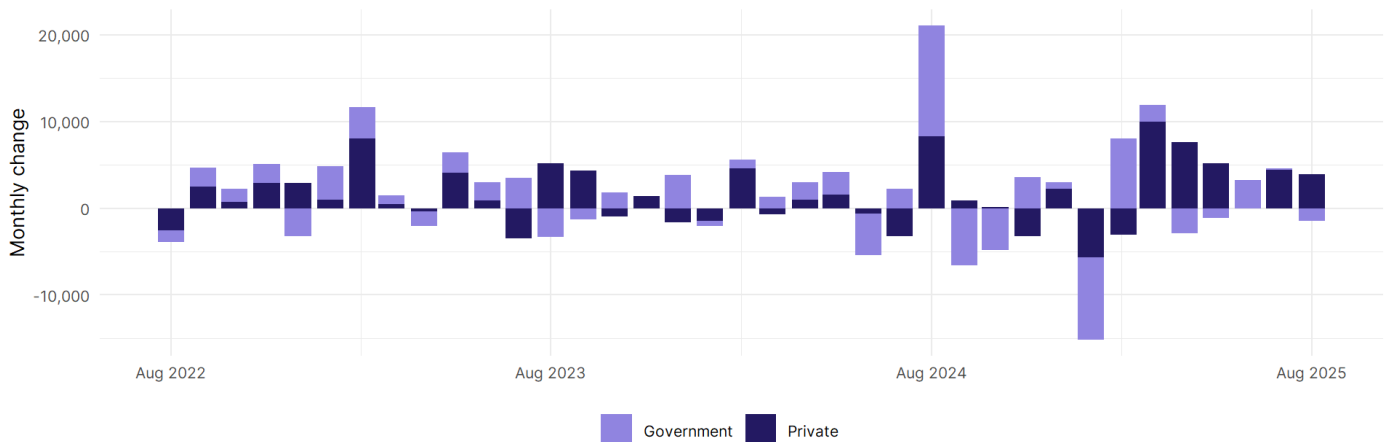
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Indiana Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Indiana
August 2022 to August 2025



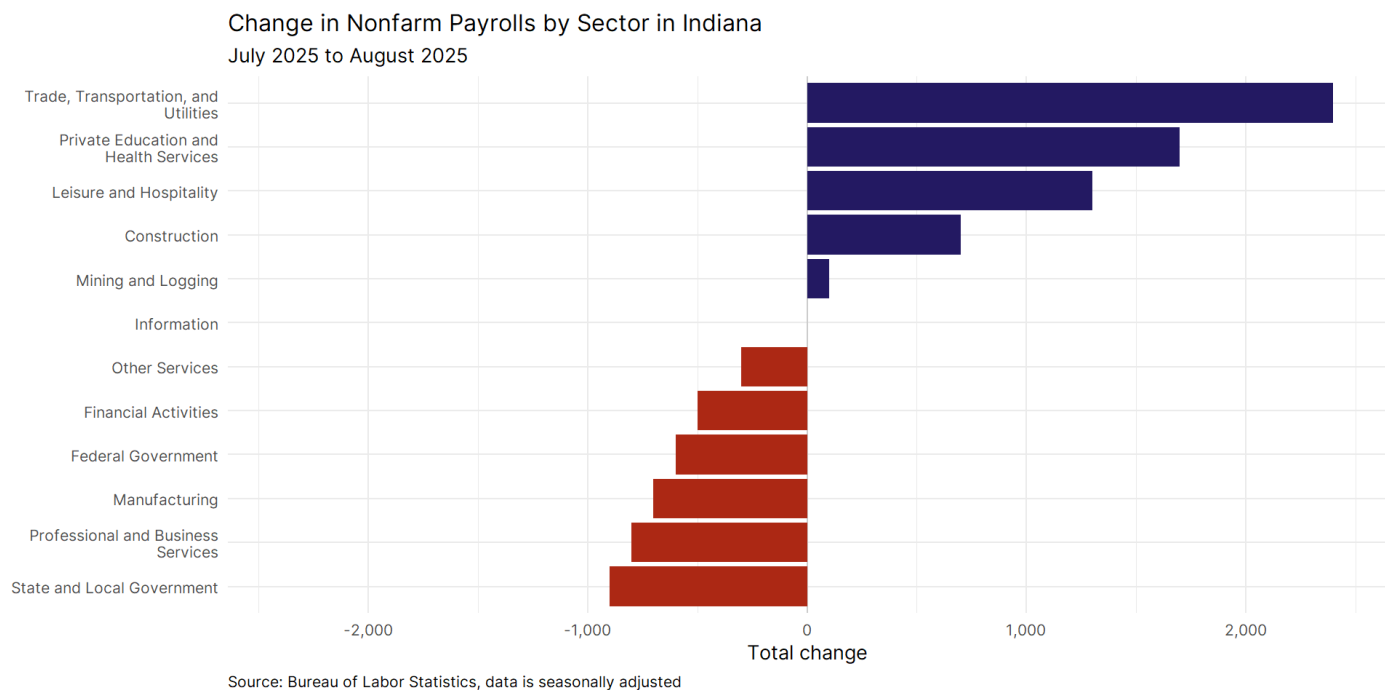
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Indiana
August 2022 to August 2025



- **Indiana added 2,400 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Indiana added 4,600 jobs. Indiana nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Indiana is tied for 36th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Indiana added 3,900 private sector jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Indiana added 4,400 jobs. Indiana private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Indiana is tied for 26th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

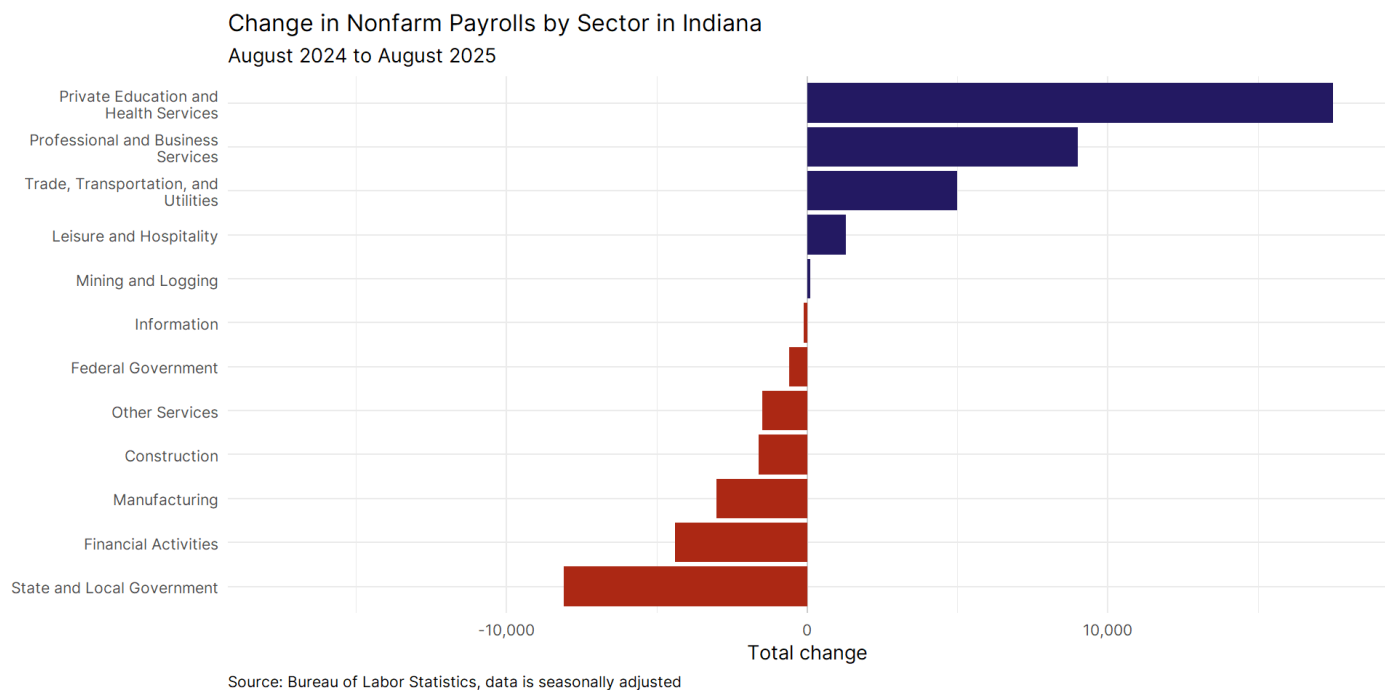
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+2,400) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+1,700).
- The worst performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (-900) and **Professional and Business Services** (-800).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+17,500) and **Professional and Business Services** (+9,000).
- The worst performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (-8,100) and **Financial Activities** (-4,400).

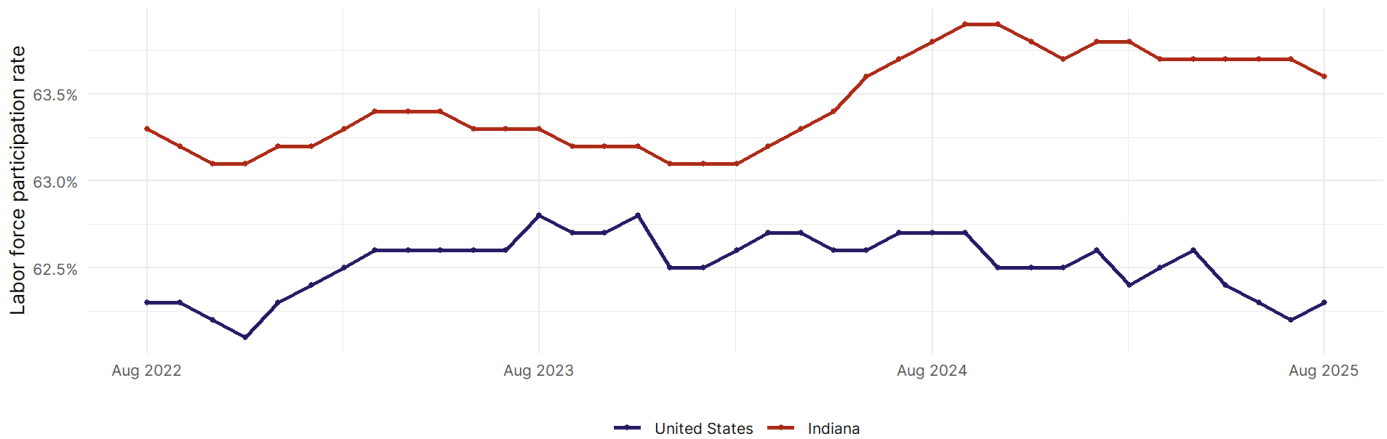


Indiana Labor force

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.

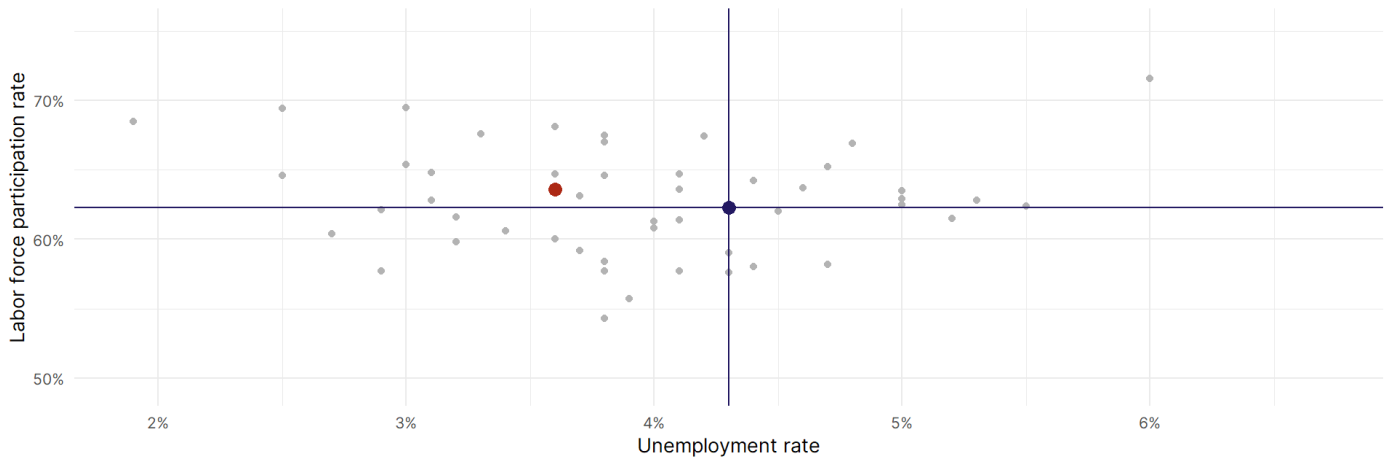
- The labor force participation rate in **Indiana** fell to **63.6 percent in August** from **63.7 percent in the prior month**.
- **Indiana is tied for 21st** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Indiana was **65.2 percent** in June 2018, and the 10-year low was **60.9 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Indiana
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State
August 2025



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