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Maryland Employment Update



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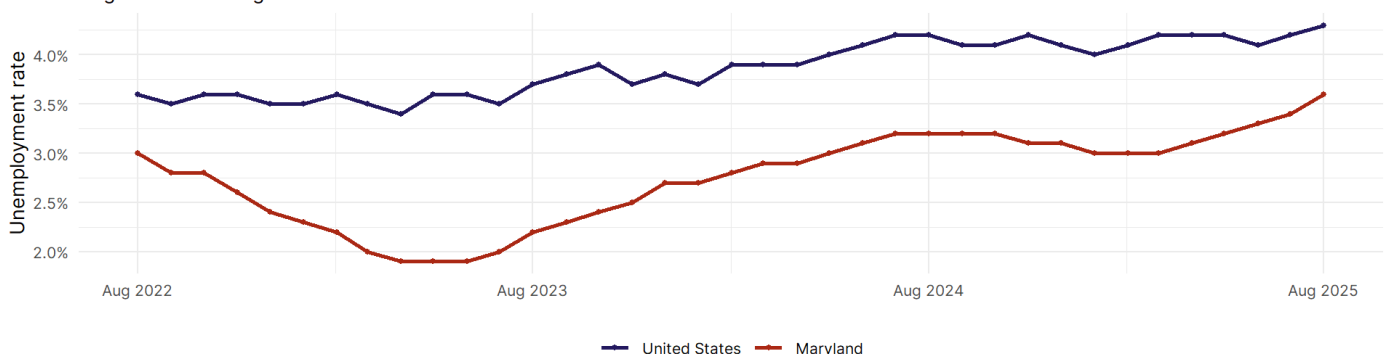
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Maryland Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Maryland lost 3,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 3.6 percent.** In the prior month, Maryland added 9,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Maryland added 11,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points from 3.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Maryland **is tied for 36th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Maryland's private sector lost 2,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 8,200 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Maryland lost 100 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Maryland **fell by 4,133**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 29,861.
- **Maryland's labor force participation rate remained steady at 64.7 percent** in August and **is tied for 14th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.8 percentage points.

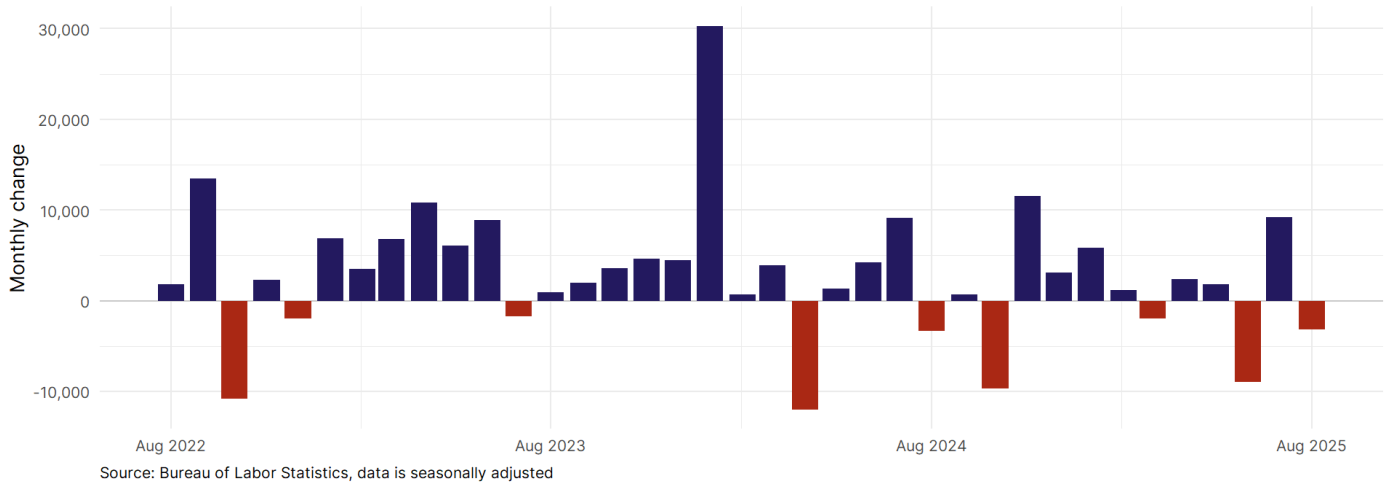
Unemployment Rate in Maryland
August 2022 to August 2025



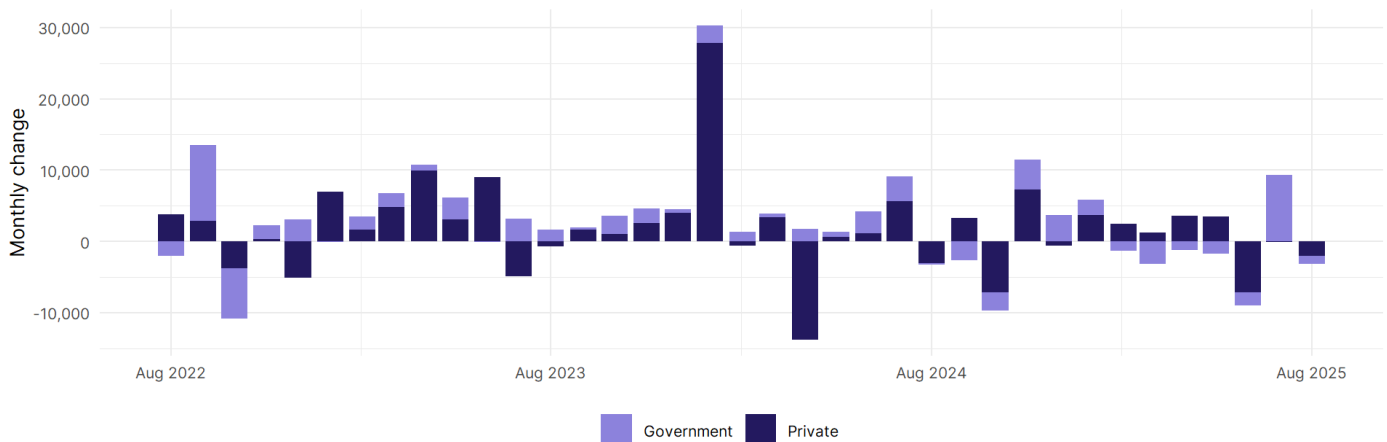
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Maryland Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Maryland
August 2022 to August 2025



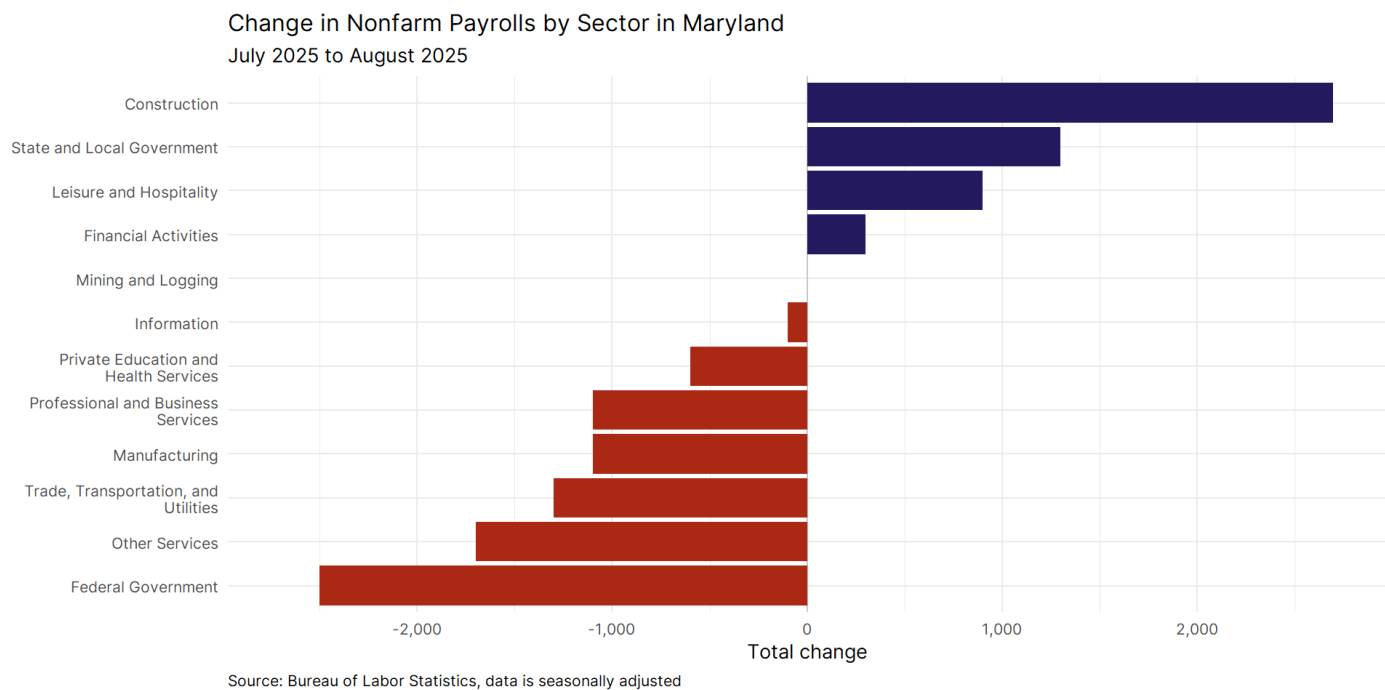
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Maryland
August 2022 to August 2025



- **Maryland lost 3,200 net payroll jobs, or -0.1 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Maryland added 9,200 jobs. Maryland nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Maryland is tied for 36th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Maryland lost 2,000 private sector jobs, or -0.1 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Maryland lost 100 jobs. Maryland private sector payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Maryland is tied for 38th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

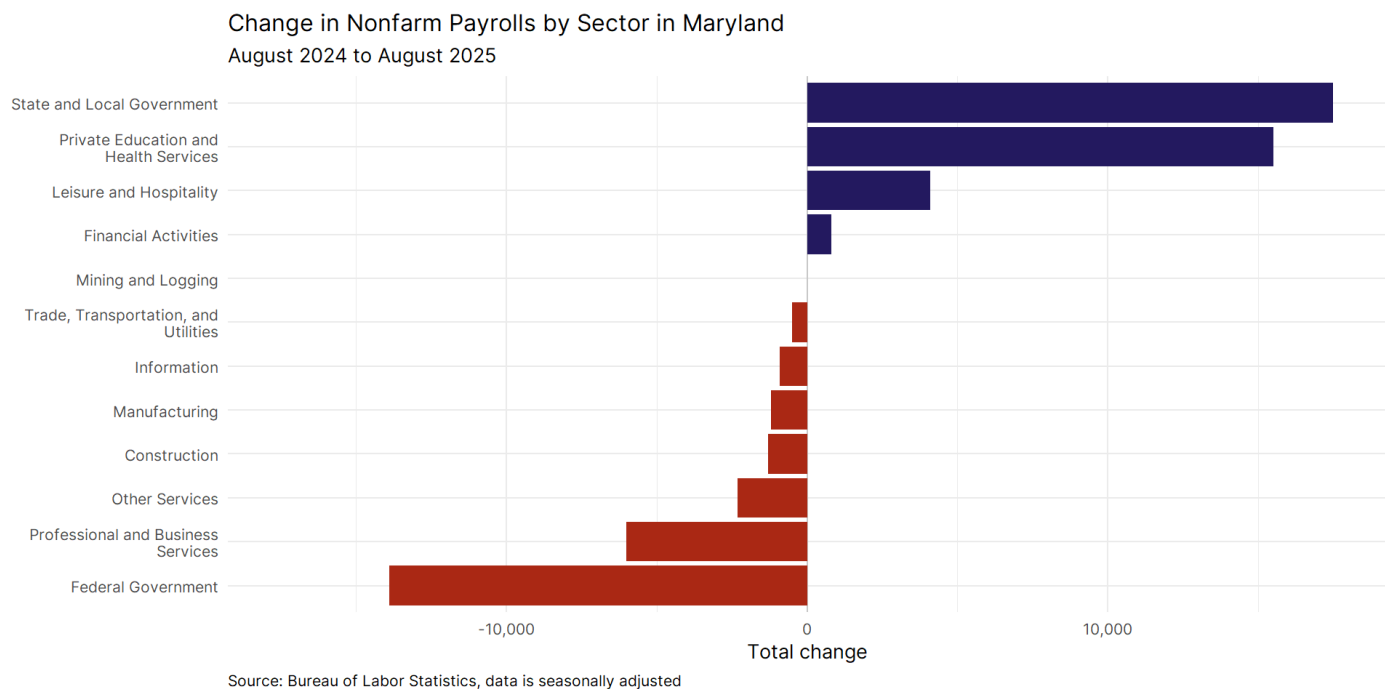
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Construction** (+2,700) and **State and Local Government** (+1,300).
- The worst performing sectors were **Federal Government** (-2,500) and **Other Services** (-1,700).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (+17,500) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+15,500).
- The worst performing sectors were **Federal Government** (-13,900) and **Professional and Business Services** (-6,000).

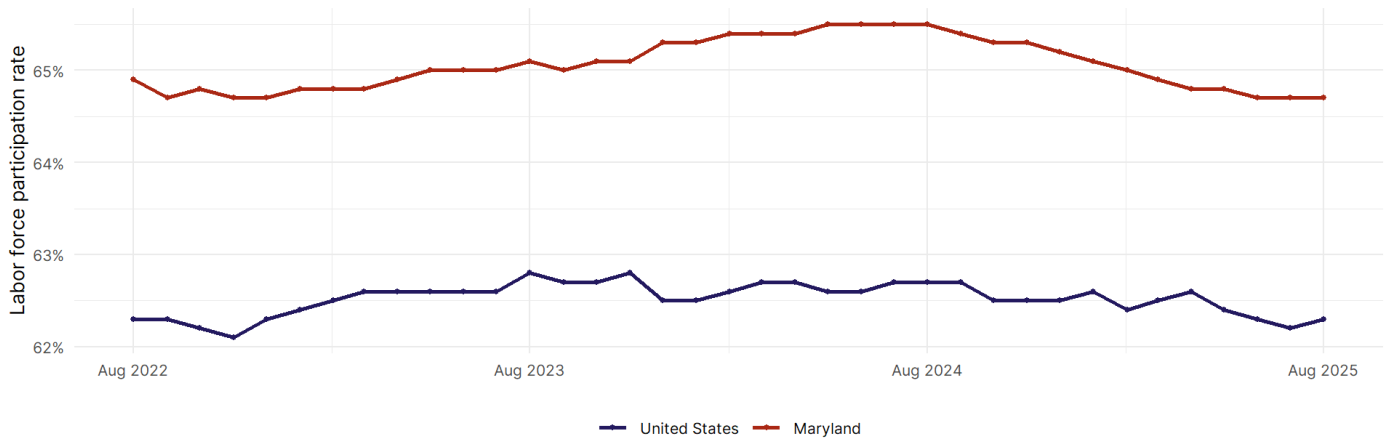


Maryland Labor force

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.

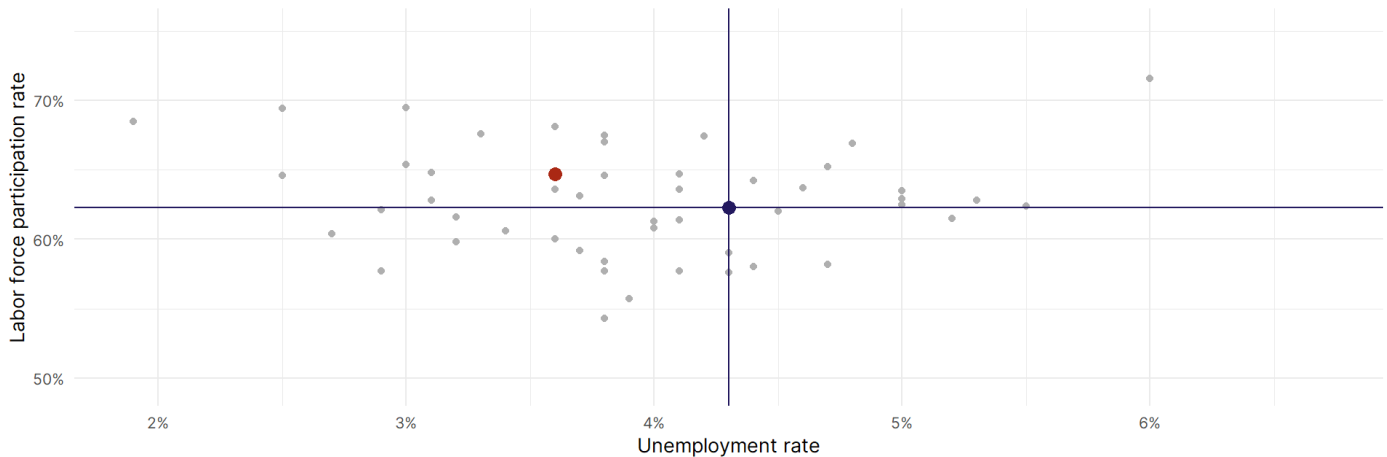
- The labor force participation rate in **Maryland remained unchanged at 64.7 percent in August.**
- **Maryland is tied for 14th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Maryland was **69.3 percent** occurring in February 2020, and the 10-year low was **64.7 percent** occurring in August 2025.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Maryland
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State
August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted