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Minnesota

Employment Update



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United States Employment Snapshot

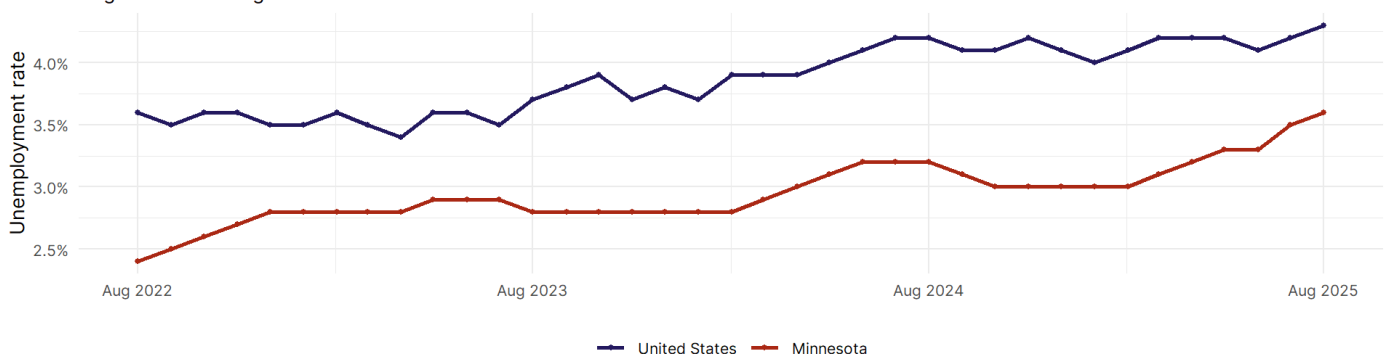
- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 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**.

Minnesota Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Minnesota added 5,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.6 percent.** In the prior month, Minnesota lost 500 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Minnesota added 42,500 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.** Minnesota is **tied for 9th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Minnesota's private sector added 8,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 39,600 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Minnesota added 2,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Minnesota **fell by 3,442**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 6,011.
- **Minnesota's labor force participation rate remained steady at 68.1 percent** in August and **ranks 5th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has fallen by 0.1 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Minnesota

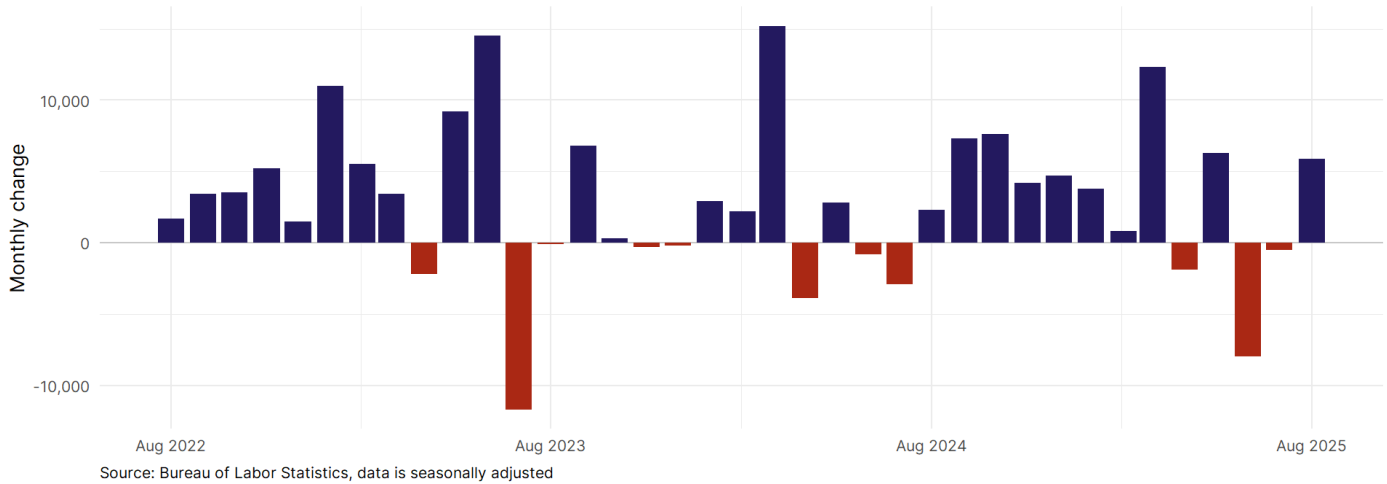
August 2022 to August 2025



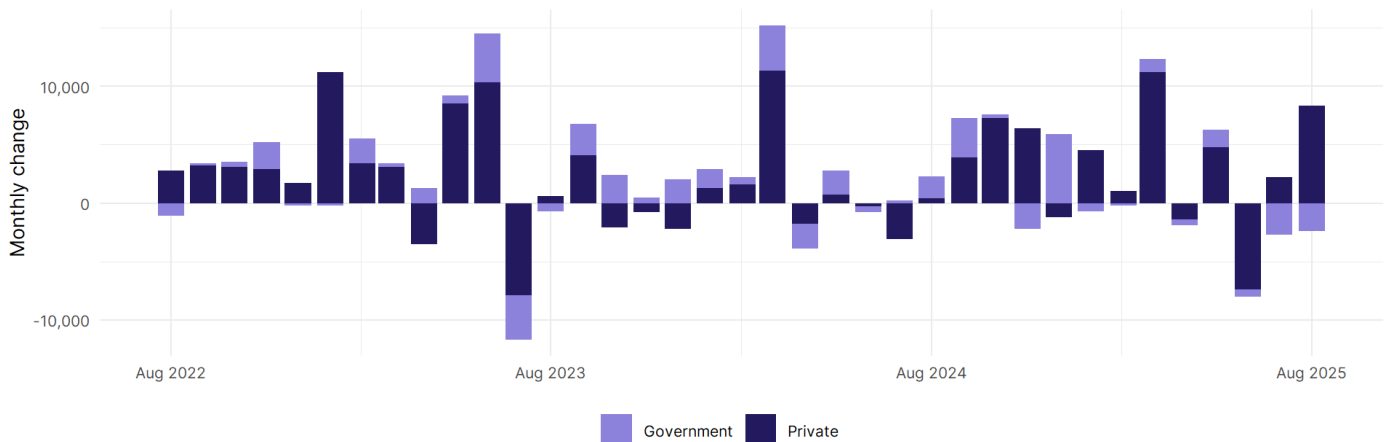
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Minnesota Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Minnesota
August 2022 to August 2025



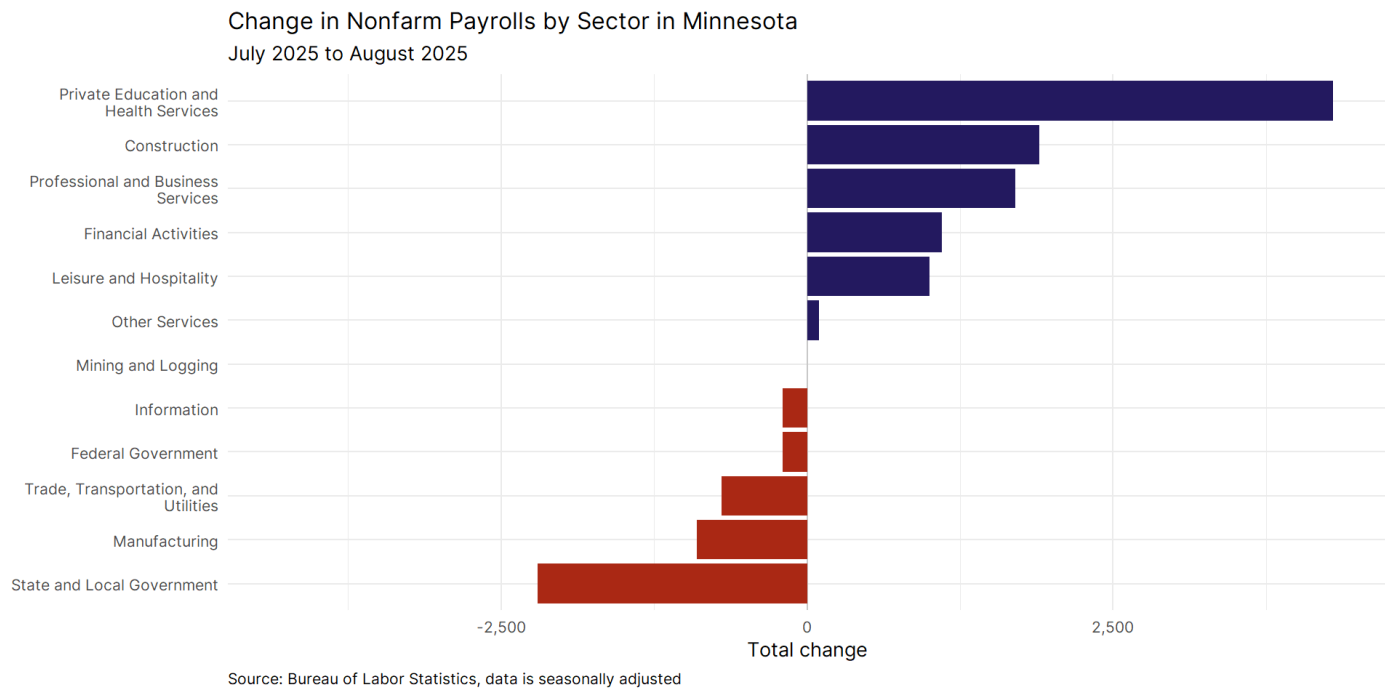
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Minnesota
August 2022 to August 2025



- **Minnesota added 5,900 net payroll jobs, or 0.2 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Minnesota lost 500 jobs. Minnesota nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Minnesota is tied for 9th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Minnesota added 8,300 private sector jobs, or 0.3 percent**, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Minnesota added 2,200 jobs. Minnesota private sector payroll employment has increased in **9 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Minnesota is tied for 8th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

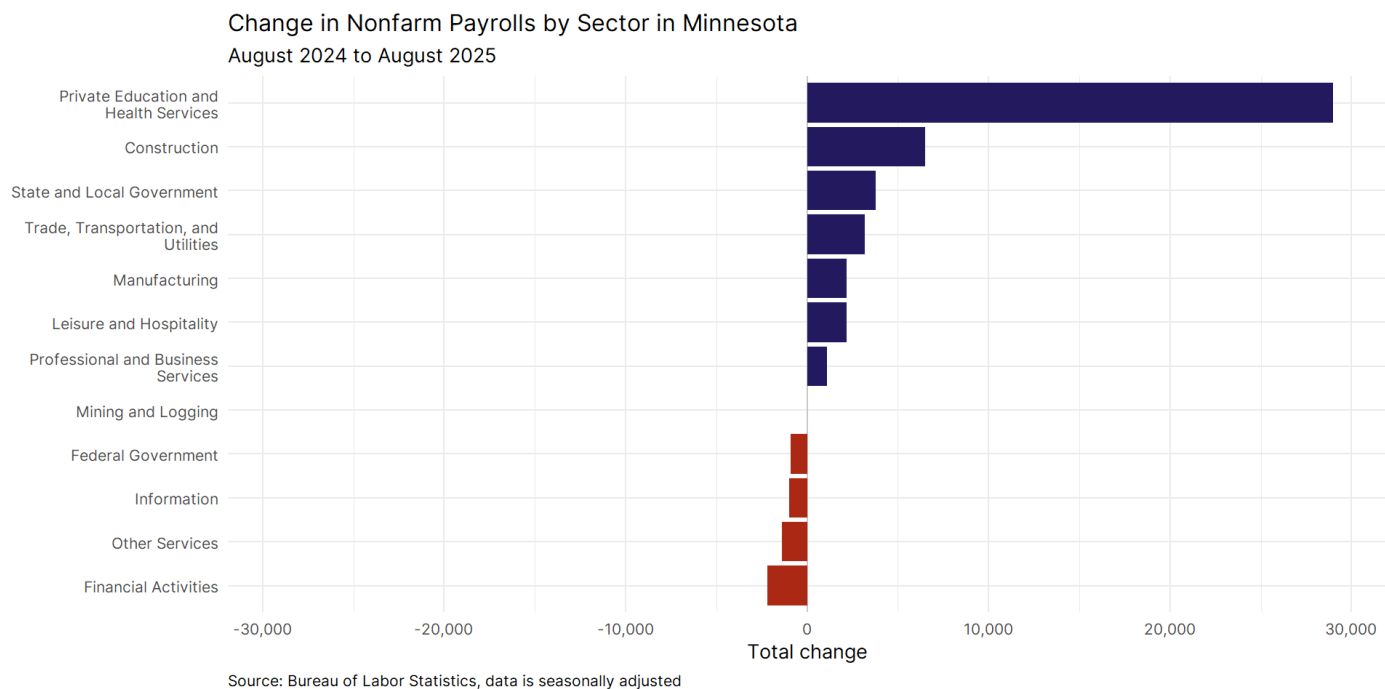
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+4,300) and **Construction** (+1,900).
- The worst performing sectors were **State and Local Government** (-2,200) and **Manufacturing** (-900).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+29,000) and **Construction** (+6,500).
- The worst performing sectors were **Financial Activities** (-2,200) and **Other Services** (-1,400).

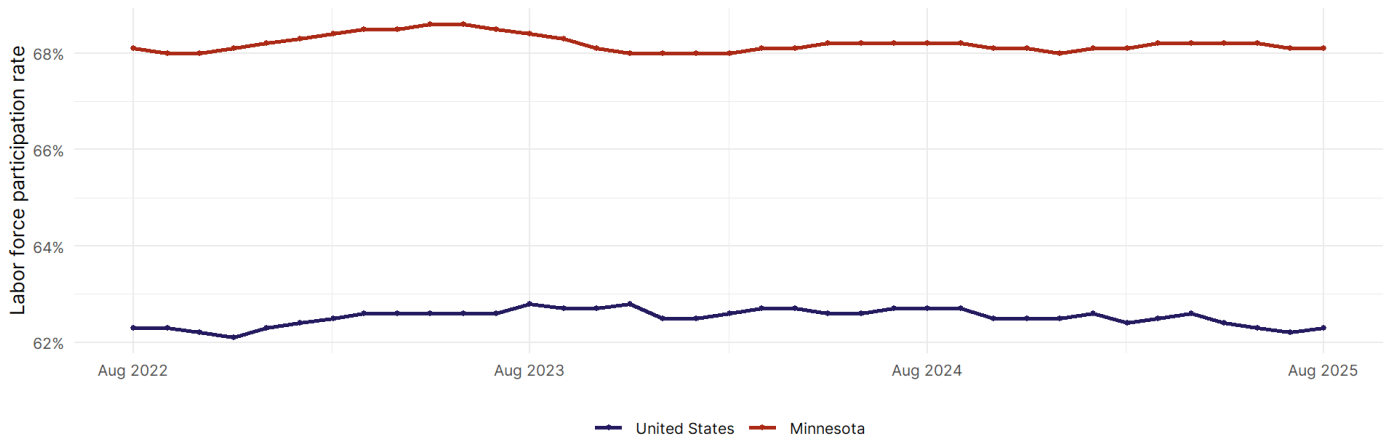


Minnesota Labor force

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.

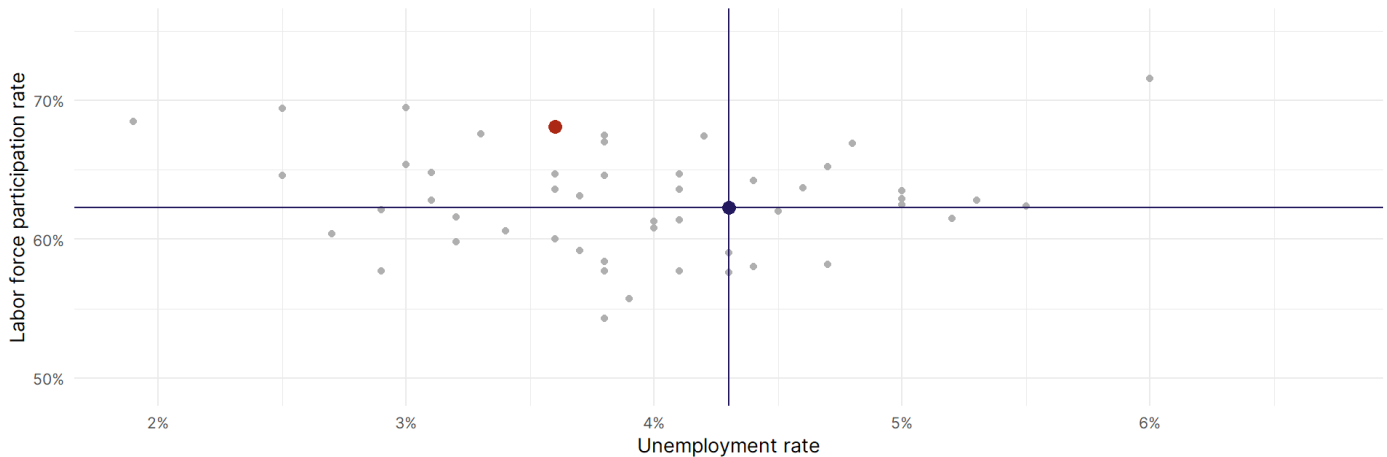
- The labor force participation rate in **Minnesota remained unchanged at 68.1 percent in August.**
- **Minnesota ranks 5th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Minnesota was **70.9 percent** in July 2020, and the 10-year low was **67 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Minnesota
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