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## Mississippi Employment Update



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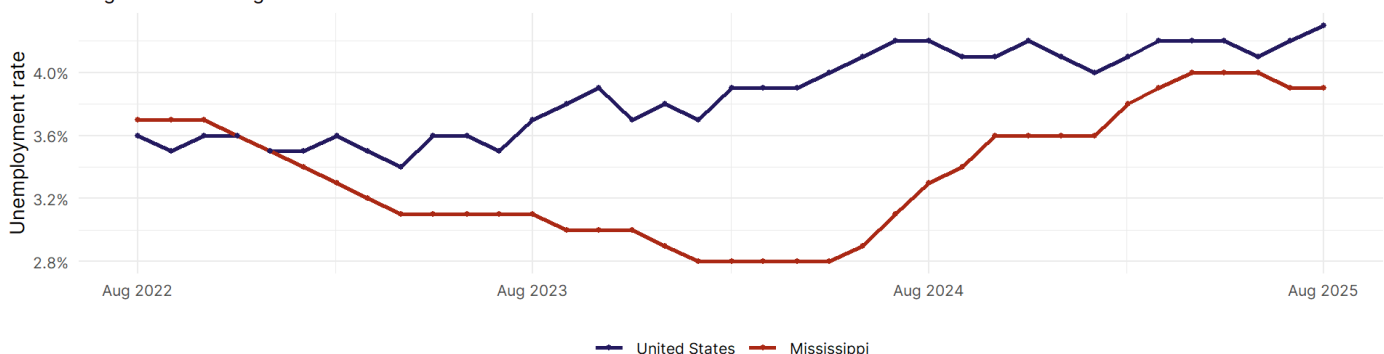
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Mississippi Employment Snapshot

- In August, **Mississippi added 2,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent.** In the prior month, Mississippi added 2,000 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Mississippi added 16,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage points from 3.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Mississippi **is tied for 9th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Mississippi's private sector added 3,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 14,700 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Mississippi added 1,500 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Mississippi **fell by 3,008**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 1,429.
- **Mississippi's labor force participation rate fell to 55.7 percent** in August from 55.9 percent and **ranks 50th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.1 percentage points.

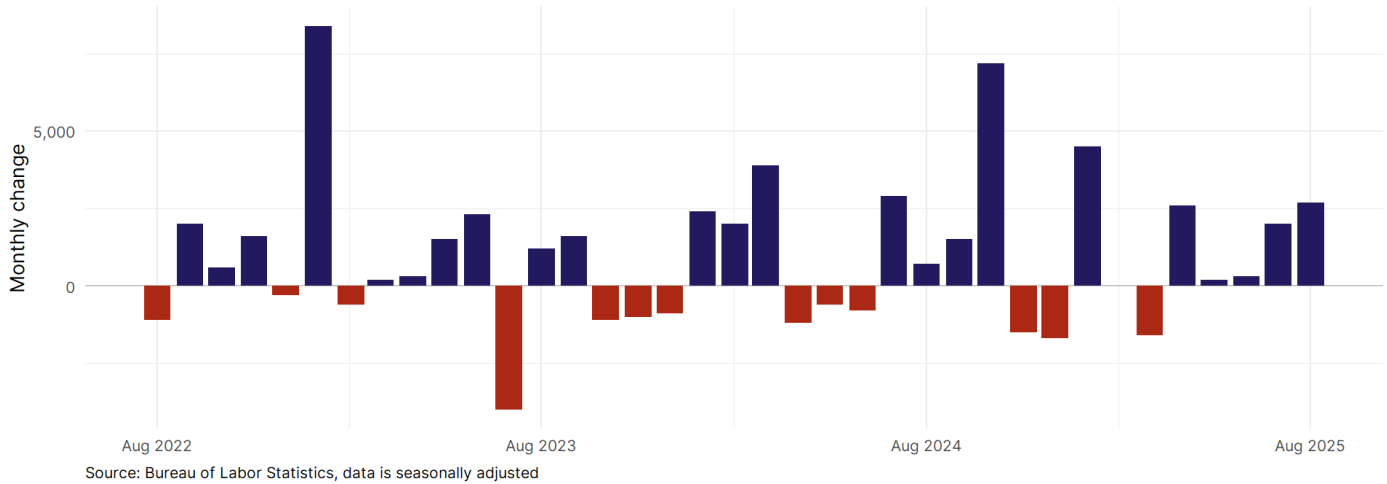
Unemployment Rate in Mississippi  
August 2022 to August 2025



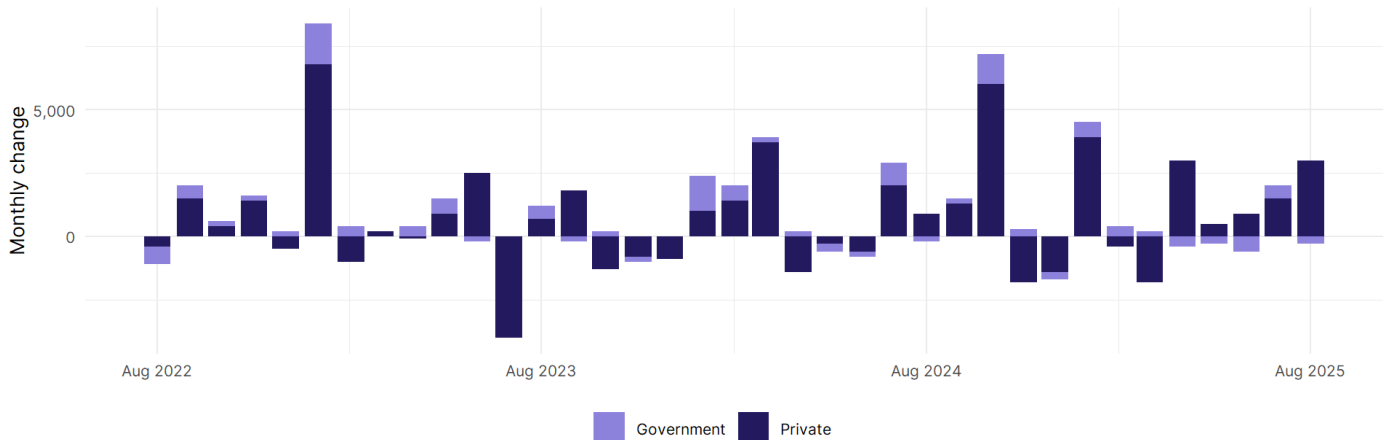
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

## Mississippi Payroll employment

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Mississippi  
August 2022 to August 2025



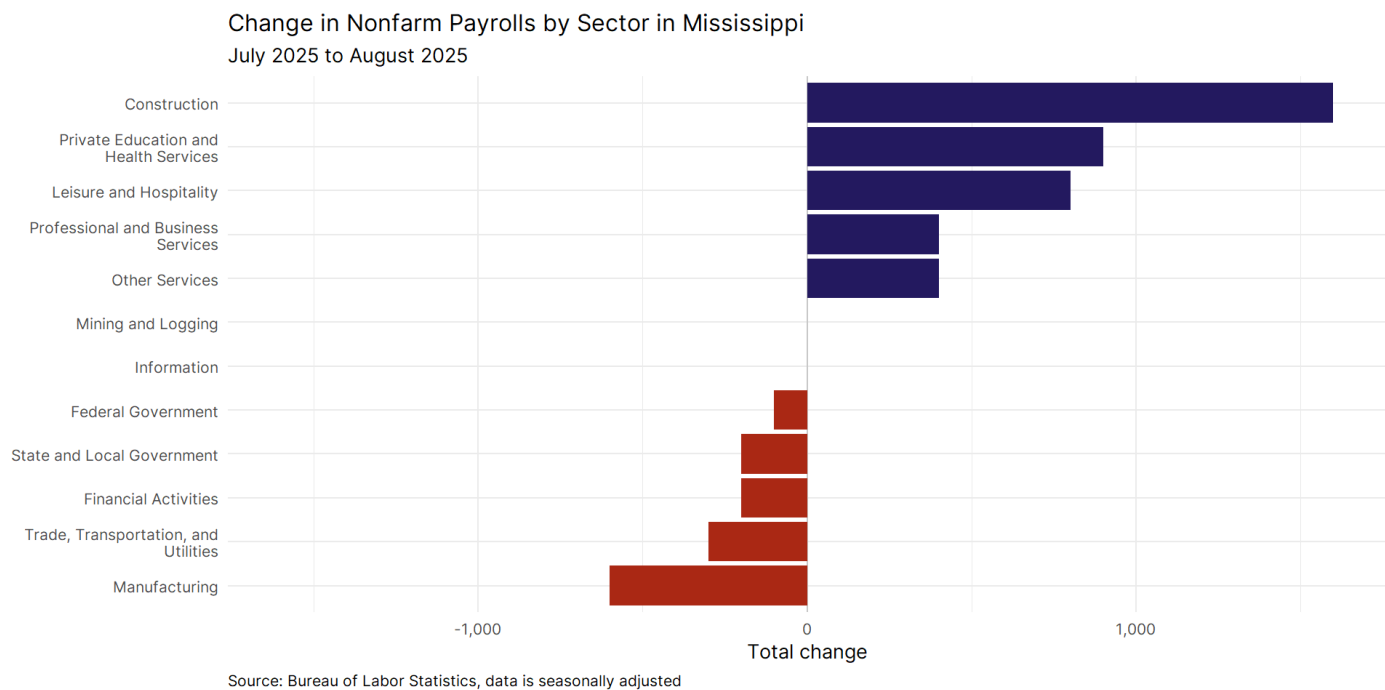
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls by Sector in Mississippi  
August 2022 to August 2025



- **Mississippi added 2,700 net payroll jobs, or 0.2 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Mississippi added 2,000 jobs. Mississippi nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Mississippi is tied for 9th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Mississippi added 3,000 private sector jobs, or 0.3 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Mississippi added 1,500 jobs. Mississippi 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**. Mississippi is tied for 8th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

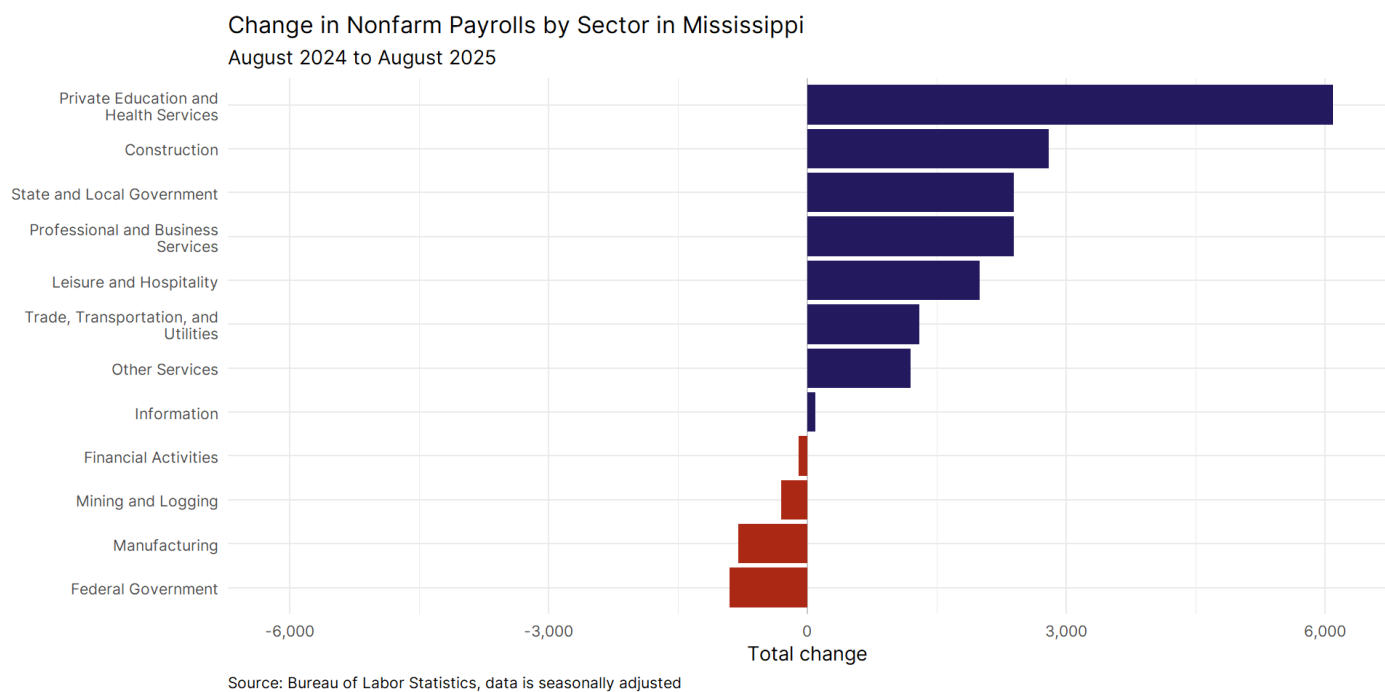
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Construction** (+1,600) and **Private Education and Health Services** (+900).
- The worst performing sectors were **Manufacturing** (-600) and **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-300).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+6,100) and **Construction** (+2,800).
- The worst performing sectors were **Federal Government** (-900) and **Manufacturing** (-800).

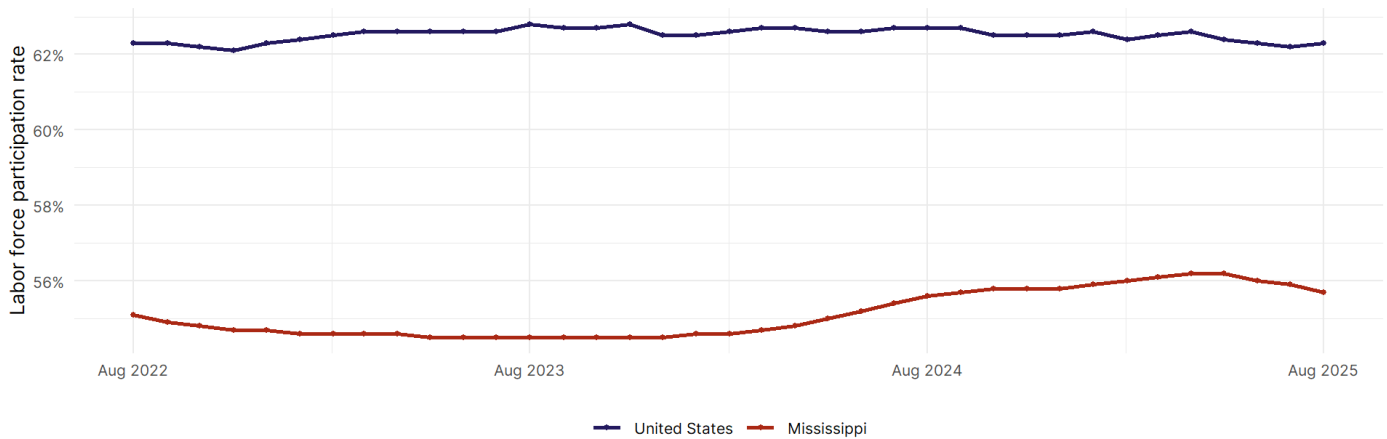


## Mississippi Labor force

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.

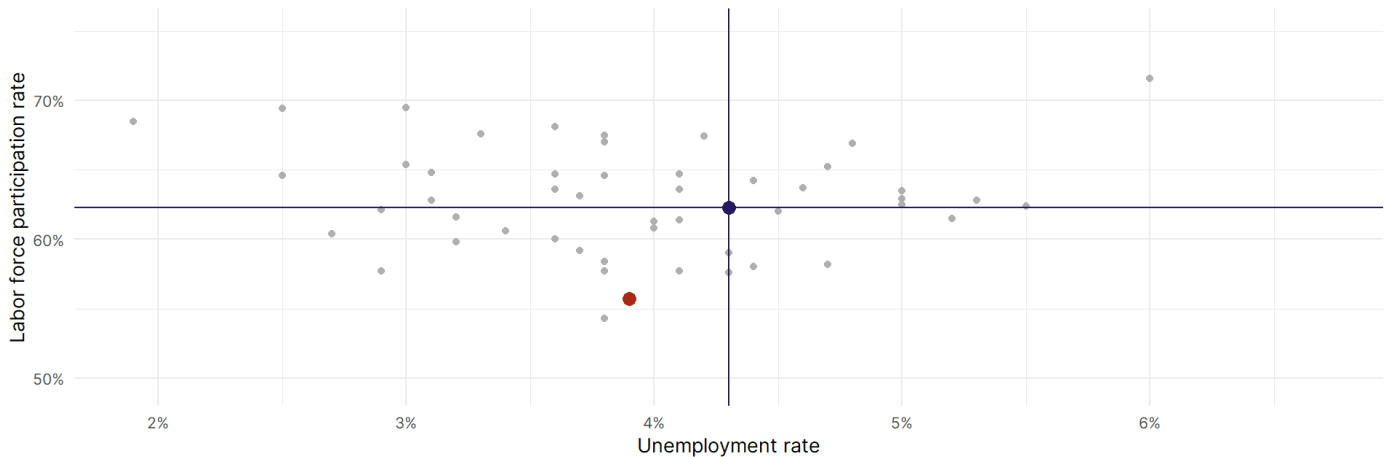
- The labor force participation rate in **Mississippi fell to 55.7 percent in August from 55.9 percent in the prior month.**
- **Mississippi ranks 50th** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi was **56.4 percent** occurring in September 2019, and the 10-year low was **53 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 Mississippi  
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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