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UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: April 2026

SALT LAKE CITY (May 22, 2026) — Utah's nonfarm payroll employment for April 2026 increased an estimated 0.6% across the past 12 months, with the state's economy adding a cumulative 11,100 jobs since April 2025. Utah's current job count stands at 1,781,800.

April's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is estimated at 3.8%, the same as March. Approximately 69,200 Utahns are unemployed. The April national unemployment rate is estimated at 4.3%, unchanged from its level in March.

"We are seeing a mixed economic picture. On one hand, job expansion is outpacing the nation and unemployment is low," said Ben Crabb, chief economist with the Department of Workforce Services. "On the other, labor force growth is flat, and hesitation from employers to expand their headcount signals a cautious approach to the future."

Utah's April private sector employment recorded a year-over-year expansion of 0.8%, or a 11,900-job increase. Five of the 10 major private-sector industry groups posted net year-over-year job gains. The overall gains are led by professional and business services (8,600 jobs), education and health services (6,700 jobs), and financial activities (2,500 jobs). Leisure and hospitality (-4,100 jobs), manufacturing (-1,100 jobs), and natural resources (-800 jobs) experienced the largest year-over-year job losses.

- Additional analysis and tables at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html>
- County unemployment rates for April will post on or shortly after May 26, 2026, at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/season.pdf>
- Statistics generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., modeled from monthly employer (employment) and household (unemployment) surveys.
- Listen to Chief Economist Ben Crabb's analysis of the April 2026 employment report here: soundcloud.com/utahdws/utah-employment-report-april-2026.

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Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

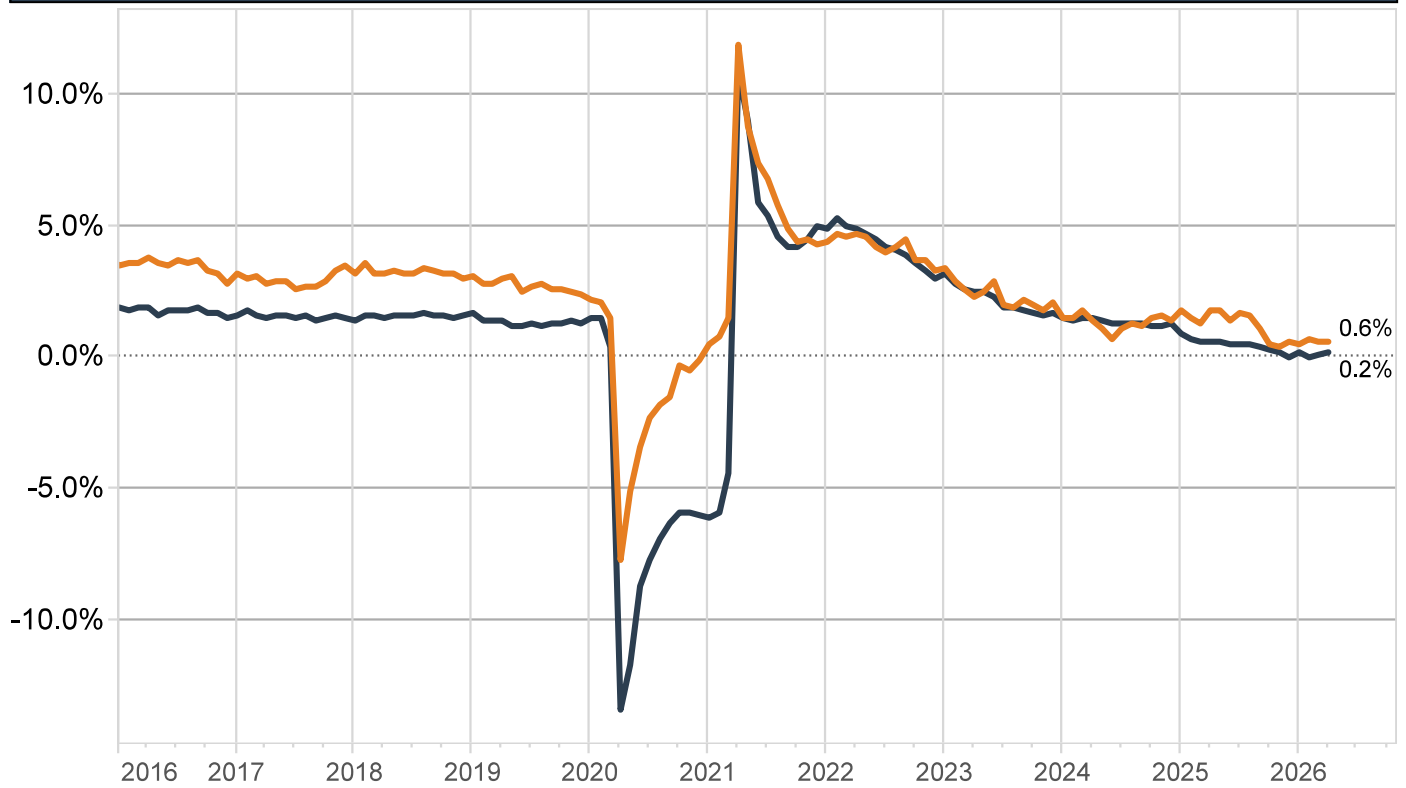
Numbers are in thousands	April (p) 2026	April 2025	Percentage Change	March (r) 2026	March 2025	Percentage Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)	1,829.3	1,838.2	-0.5	1,835.6	1,838.0	-0.1
Employed	1,760.1	1,775.2	-0.9	1,766.0	1,775.6	-0.5
Unemployed	69.2	62.9	9.9	69.7	62.4	11.7
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.4		3.8	3.4	
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)	1,781.8	1,770.7	0.6	1,768.3	1,757.9	0.6
Not seasonally-adjusted						
PRIVATE SECTOR	1,502.0	1,490.1	0.8	1,490.6	1,479.5	0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	305.6	306.6	-0.3	303.8	303.8	0.0
Natural Resources and Mining	10.7	11.5	-7.0	10.7	11.4	-6.1
Construction	142.2	141.3	0.6	140.5	139.0	1.1
Construction of Buildings	32.0	31.0	3.2	31.2	30.9	1.0
Heavy and Civil Engineering	13.3	13.2	0.8	12.8	12.4	3.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	96.9	97.1	-0.2	96.5	95.7	0.8
Manufacturing	152.7	153.8	-0.7	152.6	153.4	-0.5
Durable Goods	96.9	97.6	-0.7	96.8	97.4	-0.6
Computer and Electronic Products	13.7	13.7	0.0	13.7	13.7	0.0
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	19.4	19.4	0.0	19.4	19.5	-0.5
Non-Durable Goods	55.8	56.2	-0.7	55.8	56.0	-0.4
SERVICES PROVIDING	1,476.2	1,464.1	0.8	1,464.5	1,454.1	0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	309.4	309.9	-0.2	307.7	309.3	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	60.9	61.0	-0.2	60.6	60.9	-0.5
Retail Trade	172.5	174.0	-0.9	170.8	173.5	-1.6
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	24.1	24.6	-2.0	23.9	24.6	-2.8
Food and Beverage Stores	27.7	28.0	-1.1	27.7	27.8	-0.4
General Merchandise Stores	35.8	35.5	0.8	35.5	35.5	0.0
Transportation and Utilities	76.0	74.9	1.5	76.3	74.9	1.9
Utilities	5.1	5.0	2.0	5.1	4.7	8.5
Transportation & Warehousing	70.9	69.9	1.4	71.2	70.2	1.4
Air Transportation	10.1	9.2	9.8	10.1	9.3	8.6
Truck Transportation	20.5	20.8	-1.4	20.6	20.6	0.0
Couriers and Messengers	18.5	17.9	3.4	18.7	18.3	2.2
Information	41.4	41.9	-1.2	41.0	41.9	-2.1
Motion Picture and Sound Recording	6.1	6.0	1.7	6.0	5.9	1.7
Publishing Industries	19.5	19.5	0.0	19.4	19.6	-1.0
Telecommunications	4.3	4.5	-4.4	4.2	4.6	-8.7
Internet Service Providers	7.9	8.2	-3.7	7.9	8.3	-4.8
Financial Activities	102.4	99.9	2.5	101.5	99.4	2.1
Finance and Insurance	75.5	74.1	1.9	74.6	73.7	1.2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	26.9	25.8	4.3	26.9	25.7	4.7
Professional and Business Services	260.0	251.4	3.4	256.6	248.0	3.5
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	137.7	133.7	3.0	136.9	132.2	3.6
Legal Services	11.5	11.0	4.5	11.4	10.8	5.6
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	22.5	20.9	7.7	22.2	20.7	7.2
Computer Systems Design and Related	34.8	34.7	0.3	35.0	34.5	1.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24.2	24.0	0.8	24.2	24.1	0.4
Administrative and Waste Services	98.1	93.7	4.7	95.5	91.7	4.1
Education and Health Services	260.5	253.8	2.6	257.7	252.0	2.3
Educational Services	62.7	59.1	6.1	62.4	59.6	4.7
Health Services and Social Assistance	197.8	194.7	1.6	195.3	192.4	1.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	87.3	87.3	0.0	86.1	85.7	0.5
Hospitals	44.9	44.0	2.0	44.4	43.1	3.0
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	33.6	32.6	3.1	33.2	32.5	2.2
Social Assistance	32.0	31.5	1.6	31.6	31.1	1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	175.9	180.0	-2.3	175.9	178.5	-1.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	32.7	35.0	-6.6	33.2	34.3	-3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	143.2	145.0	-1.2	142.7	144.2	-1.0
Accommodation	23.2	23.7	-2.1	23.8	24.8	-4.0
Food Services and Drinking Places	120.0	121.3	-1.1	118.9	119.4	-0.4
Other Services	46.8	46.6	0.4	46.4	46.6	-0.4
Government	279.8	280.6	-0.3	277.7	278.4	-0.3
Federal Government	36.5	41.2	-11.4	36.3	41.3	-12.1
Federal Defense	16.5	18.9	-12.7	16.6	19.0	-12.6
Other Federal Government	20.0	22.3	-10.3	19.7	22.3	-11.7
State Government	93.1	91.8	1.4	92.5	91.1	1.5
State Education	53.3	53.4	-0.2	53.2	53.4	-0.4
Other State Government	39.8	38.4	3.6	39.3	37.7	4.2
Local Government	150.2	147.6	1.8	148.9	146.0	2.0
Local Education	82.8	81.9	1.1	83.1	82.2	1.1
Other Local Government	67.4	65.7	2.6	65.8	63.8	3.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). May 22, 2026

Note: Government owned education, healthcare, etc. are enumerated within Government.

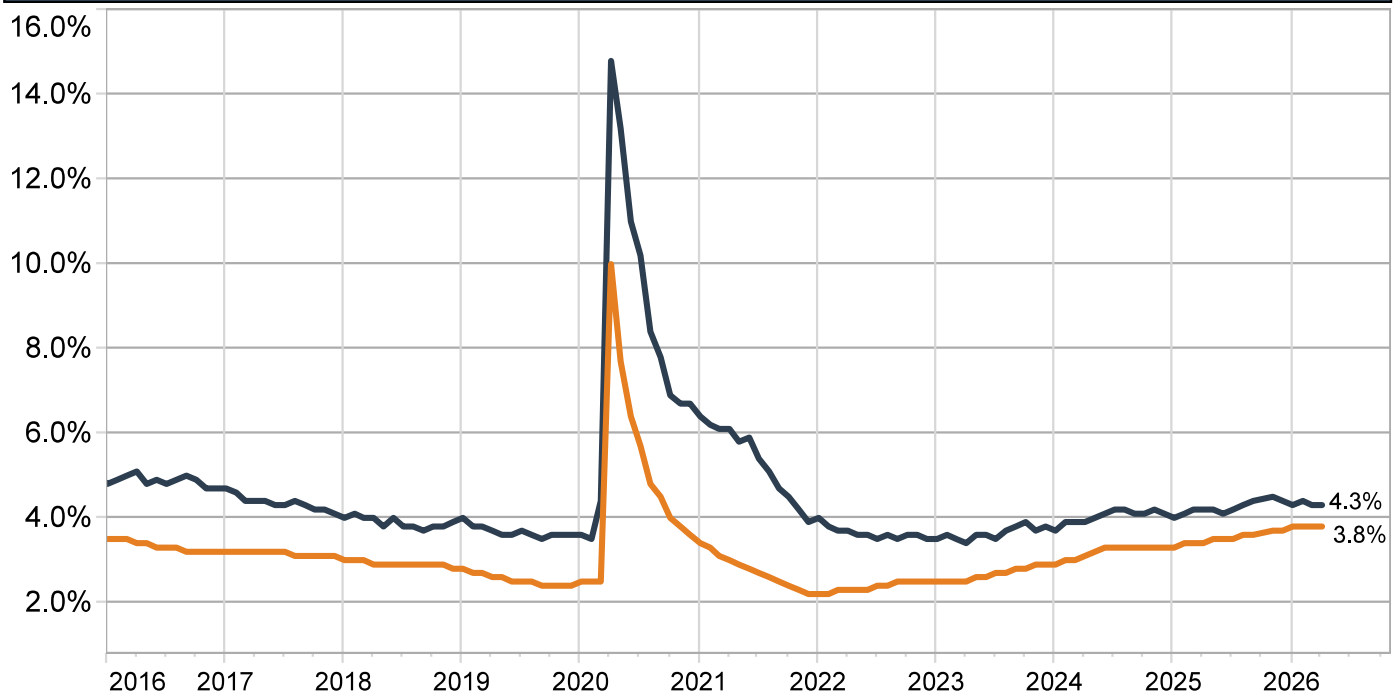
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Year-Over Percent Change In Nonfarm Jobs



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

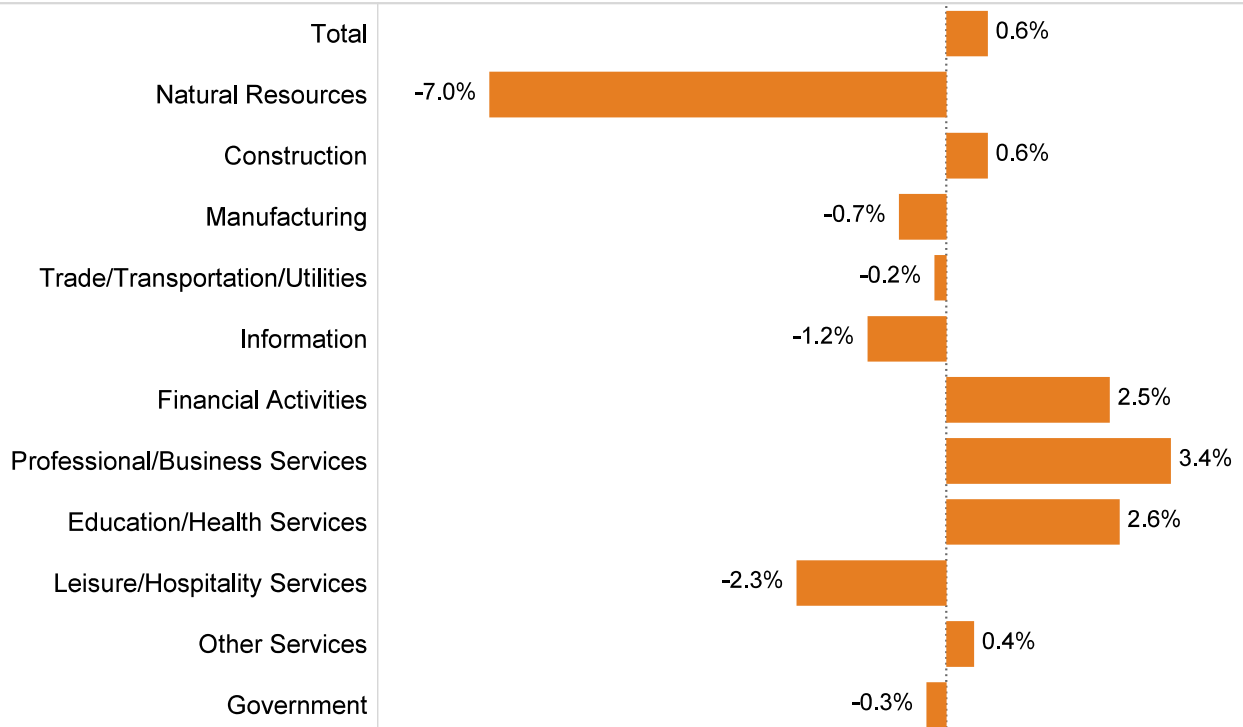


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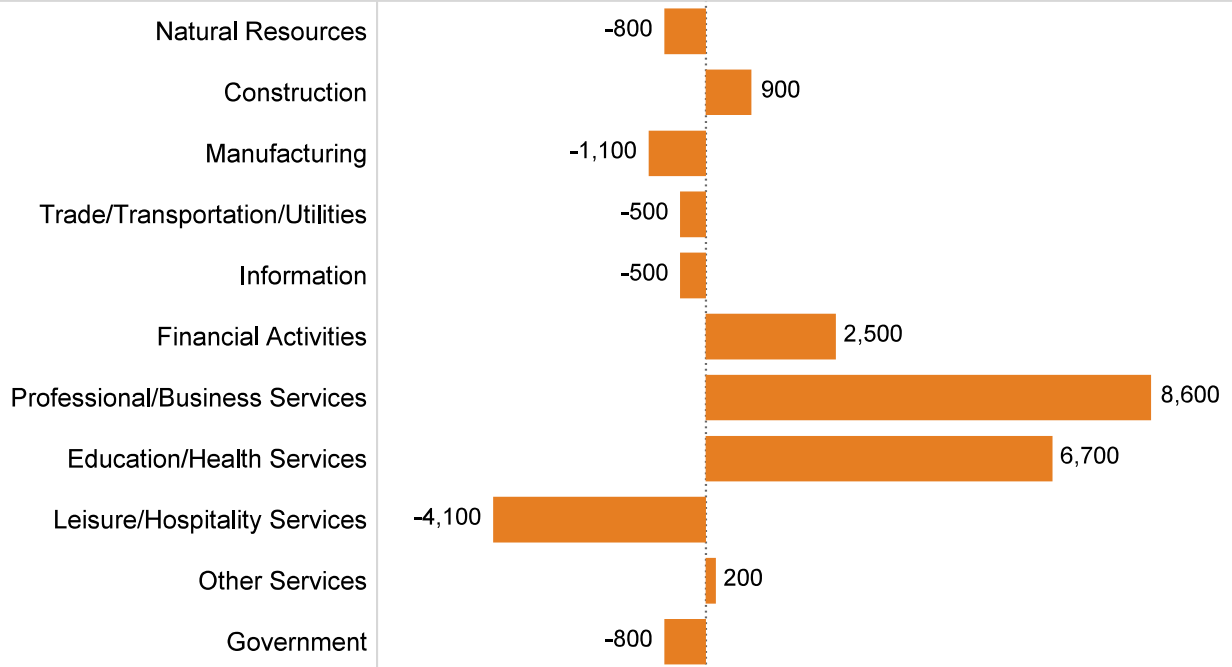
Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles

April 2025 - 2026

Percent Change



Numeric Change



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	April 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	April 2025 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	March 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	March 2025 <i>Actual</i>
BEAVER	2,965	2,847	4.1	3,000	2,857
BOX ELDER	24,310	24,539	(0.9)	24,138	24,098
CACHE	68,689	68,907	(0.3)	68,168	67,823
CARBON	9,036	9,266	(2.5)	8,934	9,158
DAGGETT	423	415	1.9	366	356
DAVIS	144,808	145,510	(0.5)	142,830	142,683
DUCHESNE	9,184	9,337	(1.6)	9,063	9,113
EMERY	3,637	3,621	0.4	3,640	3,498
GARFIELD	2,711	2,627	3.2	2,319	2,280
GRAND	7,234	7,317	(1.1)	6,782	6,822
IRON	27,661	27,054	2.2	27,544	26,854
JUAB	4,699	4,485	4.8	4,652	4,410
KANE	4,254	4,216	0.9	4,075	4,046
MILLARD	4,833	4,943	(2.2)	4,824	4,948
MORGAN	3,812	3,585	6.3	3,748	3,442
PIUTE	281	285	(1.3)	270	266
RICH	897	879	2.0	821	794
SALT LAKE	830,031	815,009	1.8	827,657	810,987
SAN JUAN	4,941	4,892	1.0	4,771	4,744
SANPETE	10,232	10,079	1.5	10,090	9,856
SEVIER	9,821	10,004	(1.8)	9,762	9,904
SUMMIT	32,038	32,083	(0.1)	35,328	35,206
TOOELE	20,735	20,417	1.6	20,700	20,241
UINTAH	15,933	15,798	0.9	15,753	15,629
UTAH	326,436	317,262	2.9	323,481	313,368
WASATCH	12,836	12,247	4.8	12,737	12,031
WASHINGTON	94,041	90,489	3.9	93,226	90,032
WAYNE	1,358	1,306	4.0	1,274	1,259
WEBER	124,808	125,105	(0.2)	124,531	124,106

Note: Numbers have been left unrounded for convenience rather than to denote accuracy.

Note: County employment estimates are assessed independently of the statewide estimate.

Note: Employment numbers are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons of employment levels from one month to the next should not be used as job creation/loss estimates between those months. Seasonal factors could be the reason. For example, employment levels in September are usually higher than in August, as school employment resumes.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Research and Analysis, 5/22/2026