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UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: August 2026

SALT LAKE CITY (September 18, 2026) — Utah's nonfarm payroll employment for August 2026 increased an estimated 1.2% across the past 12 months, with the state's economy adding a cumulative 20,600 jobs since August 2025. Utah's current job count stands at 1,788,800.

August's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is estimated at 3.5%, down a tenth of a percentage point from its level in July. Approximately 64,100 Utahns are unemployed. The August national unemployment rate is estimated at 4.1%, unchanged from its level in July.

"Utah's economy continues to demonstrate fundamental stability as our prime-age workforce expands and secures employment at very high rates," said Ben Crabb, chief economist with the Department of Workforce Services. "However, the broader hiring landscape has cooled around the edges, leading to a more competitive environment for secondary hours, part-time shifts, and those just entering the workforce."

Utah's August private sector employment recorded a year-over-year expansion of 1.6%, or a 23,600-job increase. Eight 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 (8,500 jobs), education and health services (4,900 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (4,000 jobs). Information (-2,300 jobs) and natural resources (-200 jobs) experienced the year-over-year job losses.

- Additional analysis and tables at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html>
- County unemployment rates for August will post on or shortly after September 21, 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 August 2026 employment report here: soundcloud.com/utahdws/utah-employment-report-august-2026.

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Labor Market Indicators August 2026

Utah

Employment Year-Over % Change: 1.2%

Employment # Change: 20,600

Unemployment Rate: 3.5%

United States

Employment Year-Over % Change: 0.3%

Unemployment Rate: 4.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

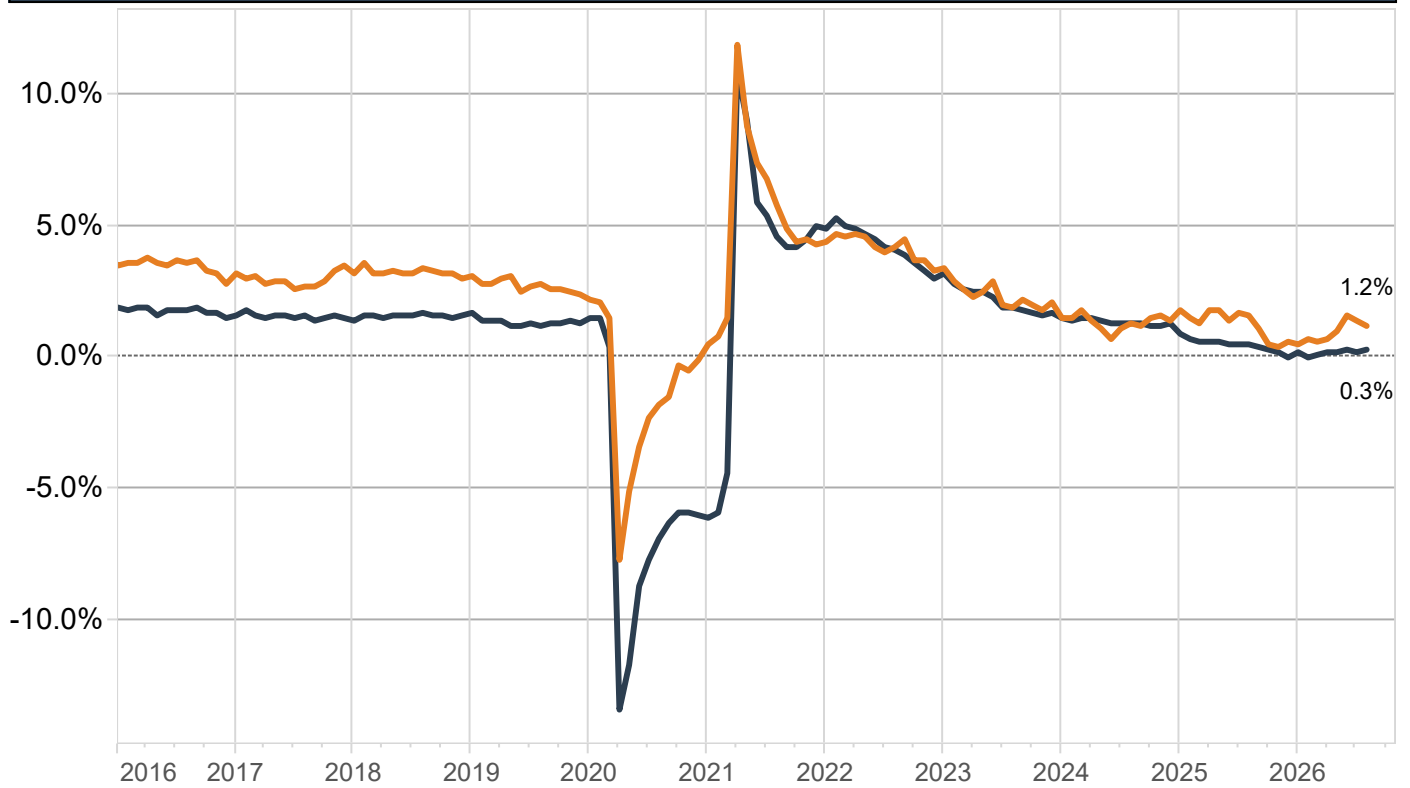
Numbers are in thousands	August (p) 2026	August 2025	Percentage Change	July (r) 2026	July 2025	Percentage Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)	1,826.3	1,839.9	-0.7	1,822.5	1,838.3	-0.9
Employed	1,762.2	1,773.9	-0.7	1,757.7	1,773.4	-0.9
Unemployed	64.1	66.0	-2.9	64.8	65.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6		3.6	3.5	
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)	1,788.8	1,768.2	1.2	1,777.8	1,753.1	1.4
Not seasonally-adjusted						
PRIVATE SECTOR	1,520.6	1,497.0	1.6	1,518.8	1,490.4	1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	315.6	310.2	1.7	314.6	310.7	1.3
Natural Resources and Mining	11.0	11.2	-1.8	11.0	11.3	-2.7
Construction	148.6	144.8	2.6	148.3	144.9	2.3
Construction of Buildings	33.0	31.9	3.4	33.1	32.0	3.4
Heavy and Civil Engineering	13.9	13.7	1.5	13.9	13.7	1.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	101.7	99.2	2.5	101.3	99.2	2.1
Manufacturing	156.0	154.2	1.2	155.3	154.5	0.5
Durable Goods	99.1	98.0	1.1	98.6	98.2	0.4
Computer and Electronic Products	14.0	13.8	1.4	13.9	13.9	0.0
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	20.1	19.4	3.6	19.9	19.5	2.1
Non-Durable Goods	56.9	56.2	1.2	56.7	56.3	0.7
SERVICES PROVIDING	1,473.2	1,458.0	1.0	1,463.2	1,442.4	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	312.8	311.6	0.4	312.8	310.7	0.7
Wholesale Trade	61.3	60.5	1.3	61.4	60.7	1.2
Retail Trade	173.5	175.0	-0.9	173.6	173.8	-0.1
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	24.1	24.6	-2.0	24.3	24.6	-1.2
Food and Beverage Stores	27.7	28.0	-1.1	27.9	27.8	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	37.5	36.5	2.7	37.1	36.0	3.1
Transportation and Utilities	78.0	76.1	2.5	77.8	76.2	2.1
Utilities	5.2	5.1	2.0	5.2	5.1	2.0
Transportation & Warehousing	72.8	71.0	2.5	72.6	71.1	2.1
Air Transportation	10.2	9.5	7.4	10.2	9.4	8.5
Truck Transportation	21.0	21.2	-0.9	20.9	21.2	-1.4
Couriers and Messengers	19.4	18.1	7.2	19.3	18.6	3.8
Information	40.4	42.7	-5.4	40.8	43.0	-5.1
Motion Picture and Sound Recording	6.0	6.6	-9.1	6.0	6.8	-11.8
Publishing Industries	19.0	20.0	-5.0	19.2	20.0	-4.0
Telecommunications	4.2	4.4	-4.5	4.2	4.5	-6.7
Internet Service Providers	7.6	8.1	-6.2	7.8	8.2	-4.9
Financial Activities	102.9	101.5	1.4	103.4	101.0	2.4
Finance and Insurance	75.6	74.9	0.9	75.7	74.5	1.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	27.3	26.6	2.6	27.7	26.5	4.5
Professional and Business Services	262.7	254.2	3.3	264.2	252.7	4.6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	138.1	134.0	3.1	138.8	133.8	3.7
Legal Services	11.7	11.2	4.5	11.8	11.2	5.4
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	23.1	21.6	6.9	23.2	21.5	7.9
Computer Systems Design and Related	34.9	35.1	-0.6	35.4	35.0	1.1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24.7	23.9	3.3	24.7	23.8	3.8
Administrative and Waste Services	99.9	96.3	3.7	100.7	95.1	5.9
Education and Health Services	253.4	248.5	2.0	250.4	244.6	2.4
Educational Services	55.6	53.2	4.5	52.2	50.3	3.8
Health Services and Social Assistance	197.8	195.3	1.3	198.2	194.3	2.0
Ambulatory Health Care Services	86.0	86.0	0.0	86.4	86.8	-0.5
Hospitals	45.4	43.7	3.9	45.3	43.7	3.7
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	34.0	32.6	4.3	34.0	32.4	4.9
Social Assistance	32.4	31.6	2.5	32.5	31.4	3.5
Leisure and Hospitality	185.0	181.0	2.2	184.7	180.3	2.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	34.3	33.9	1.2	35.3	34.2	3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	150.7	147.1	2.4	149.4	146.1	2.3
Accommodation	25.0	24.1	3.7	25.0	24.1	3.7
Food Services and Drinking Places	125.7	123.0	2.2	124.4	122.0	2.0
Other Services	47.8	47.3	1.1	47.9	47.4	1.1
Government	268.2	271.2	-1.1	259.0	262.7	-1.4
Federal Government	36.8	40.7	-9.6	36.9	41.0	-10.0
Federal Defense	16.3	18.7	-12.8	16.4	18.7	-12.3
Other Federal Government	20.5	22.0	-6.8	20.5	22.3	-8.1
State Government	92.5	91.3	1.3	92.4	91.1	1.4
State Education	51.2	51.4	-0.4	51.3	51.6	-0.6
Other State Government	41.3	39.9	3.5	41.1	39.5	4.1
Local Government	138.9	139.2	-0.2	129.7	130.6	-0.7
Local Education	68.5	70.2	-2.4	59.7	62.6	-4.6
Other Local Government	70.4	69.0	2.0	70.0	68.0	2.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). September 18, 2026

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

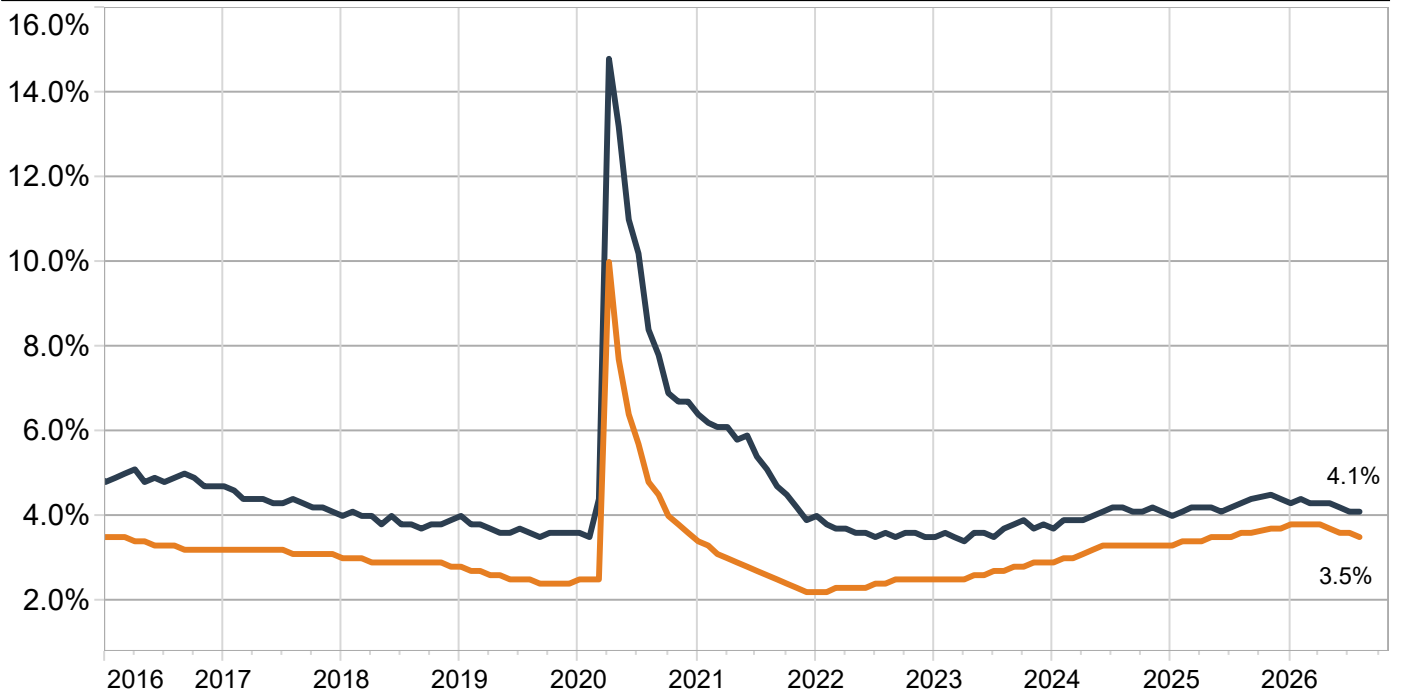
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Year-Over Percent Change In Nonfarm Jobs



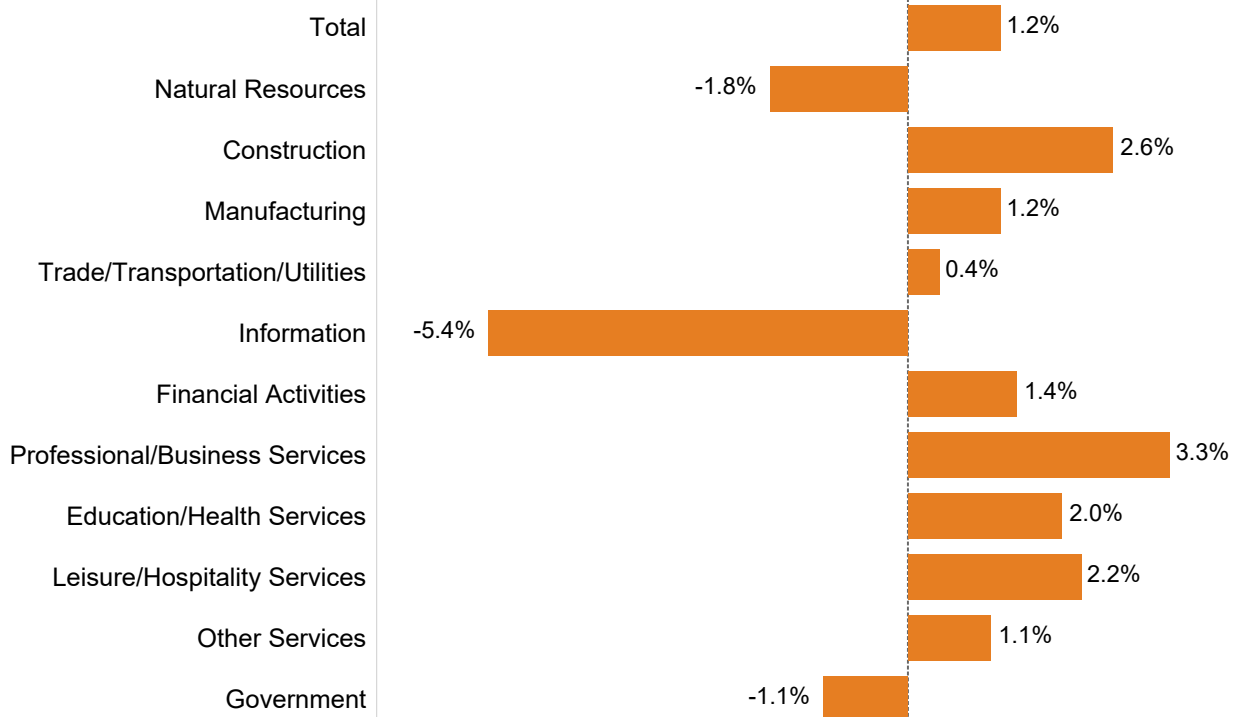
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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

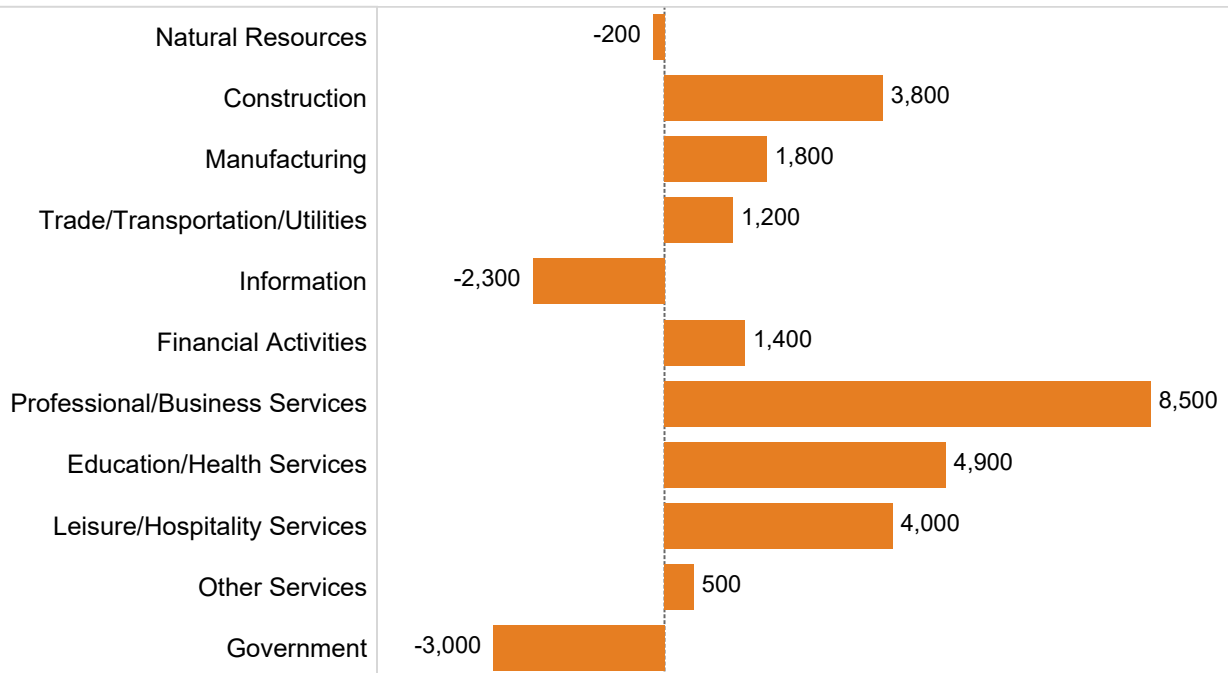


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles August 2025 - 2026 Percent Change



Numeric Change



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	August 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	August 2025 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	July 2026 <i>Estimate</i>	July 2025 <i>Actual</i>
BEAVER	3,175	3,031	4.8	3,142	3,000
BOX ELDER	24,199	24,661	(1.9)	24,012	24,562
CACHE	64,955	65,415	(0.7)	64,869	65,506
CARBON	8,870	9,017	(1.6)	8,808	8,986
DAGGETT	584	572	2.1	582	552
DAVIS	144,394	144,462	(0.0)	143,381	142,825
DUCHESNE	8,970	8,908	0.7	9,000	8,998
EMERY	3,635	3,786	(4.0)	3,649	3,789
GARFIELD	3,066	2,930	4.6	3,065	2,956
GRAND	7,189	7,128	0.9	7,288	7,270
IRON	26,520	26,256	1.0	26,210	25,732
JUAB	4,781	4,692	1.9	4,679	4,478
KANE	4,591	4,525	1.5	4,568	4,458
MILLARD	4,856	5,003	(2.9)	4,806	4,895
MORGAN	3,748	3,738	0.3	3,657	3,586
PIUTE	285	277	2.7	279	270
RICH	1,377	1,376	0.1	1,427	1,412
SALT LAKE	824,543	818,723	0.7	821,218	815,329
SAN JUAN	4,974	5,020	(0.9)	4,794	4,796
SANPETE	9,820	9,576	2.6	9,662	9,515
SEVIER	9,658	9,818	(1.6)	9,649	9,854
SUMMIT	31,434	31,293	0.4	31,377	31,299
TOOELE	20,905	21,048	(0.7)	20,595	20,141
UINTAH	15,090	15,799	(4.5)	15,113	15,789
UTAH	320,301	313,834	2.1	315,791	309,162
WASATCH	13,424	12,943	3.7	13,336	12,835
WASHINGTON	93,566	89,927	4.0	91,074	87,714
WAYNE	1,440	1,354	6.3	1,425	1,371
WEBER	125,027	126,398	(1.1)	124,719	125,421

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, 9/18/2026