

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in September 2019, unchanged from August 2019 and the previous year. The national unemployment rate in September was 3.5 percent, down from 3.7 percent in August 2019 and down from 3.7 percent in September 2018.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment grew by 20,100 jobs, or 2.4 percent, between September 2018 and September 2019. Gains came from both the public and the private sector. The private sector was up 17,700 jobs, or 2.7 percent. The public sector was up 2,400 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Growth was reported in both components of the private sector. The private service-providing industries were up 10,700 jobs, or 1.9 percent, while the goods-producing industries were up 7,000 jobs, representing a gain of 7.0 percent. Seven private industries added jobs and two lost jobs.

Leisure and hospitality reported the largest employment increase with a gain of 7,200 jobs, or 7.3 percent. Mining and construction employment increased by 6,700 jobs, or 9.3 percent. Within mining and construction, construction was up 4,700 jobs, or 10.0 percent. Mining added 2,000 jobs, which represented over-the-year growth of 8.1 percent. Professional and business services employment was up 2,400 jobs, or 2.2 percent. Employment in education and health services increased by 1,700 jobs, or 1.2 percent. Within this industry, a loss of 500 jobs, or 2.4 percent, in educational services was offset by a gain of 2,200 jobs, or 1.8 percent, in health care and social assistance. Financial activities reported a gain of 700 jobs, or 2.1 percent. Manufacturing employment was up 300 jobs, or 1.1 percent, from its September 2018 level. Within this industry, durable goods manufacturing was up 200 jobs, or 1.3 percent, and non-durable goods manufacturing was up 100 jobs, or 0.8 percent. Employment in miscellaneous *other services* increased by 100 jobs, or 0.3 percent.

Trade, transportation, and utilities was down 900 jobs, or 0.7 percent. Within the industry, employment in retail trade decreased by 600 jobs, or 0.7 percent; wholesale trade was down 400 jobs, or 1.9 percent; and transportation, warehousing, and utilities reported a gain of 100 jobs, or 0.4 percent. Employment in information was down 500 jobs, or 4.2 percent.

Within the public sector, local government employment grew by 2,300 jobs, or 2.2 percent. Most gains came from local government excluding education, which was up 2,200 jobs, or 4.4 percent. Local government education was up 100 jobs, or 0.2 percent. Federal government reported a gain of 1,000 jobs, or 3.5 percent. State government employment decreased by 900 jobs, or 1.6 percent. Within state government, state government excluding education was up 1,000 jobs, or 3.2 percent, with state government education posting a loss of 1,900 jobs, or 7.6 percent.

Further analysis will be provided in the *Labor Market Review* scheduled for release on October 25.

Data can be found online at the following locations: www.dws.state.nm.us (under "Labor Market Information/Data, Statistics & Dashboards") and www.jobs.state.nm.us/analyzer.

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

NEW MEXICO	Prelim Sep-19	Revised Aug-19	Revised Sep-18	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	865,400	860,500	845,300	4,900	0.6%	20,100	2.4%
Total Private	675,200	674,800	657,500	400	0.1%	17,700	2.7%
Goods-Producing	106,400	105,300	99,400	1,100	1.0%	7,000	7.0%
Mining, Logging & Construction	78,400	77,300	71,700	1,100	1.4%	6,700	9.3%
<i>Mining & Logging</i>	<i>26,700</i>	<i>26,800</i>	<i>24,700</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>8.1%</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>51,700</i>	<i>50,500</i>	<i>47,000</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>2.4%</i>	<i>4,700</i>	<i>10.0%</i>
Manufacturing	28,000	28,000	27,700	0	0.0%	300	1.1%
<i>Durable Goods</i>	<i>15,600</i>	<i>15,700</i>	<i>15,400</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1.3%</i>
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>12,300</i>	<i>12,300</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.8%</i>
Service-Providing	759,000	755,200	745,900	3,800	0.5%	13,100	1.8%
Private Service-Providing	568,800	569,500	558,100	-700	-0.1%	10,700	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	136,400	136,500	137,300	-100	-0.1%	-900	-0.7%
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-1.9%</i>
<i>Retail Trade</i>	<i>89,900</i>	<i>89,600</i>	<i>90,500</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>-600</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>
<i>Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities</i>	<i>25,900</i>	<i>25,900</i>	<i>25,800</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.4%</i>
Information	11,300	11,600	11,800	-300	-2.6%	-500	-4.2%
Financial Activities	34,800	35,500	34,100	-700	-2.0%	700	2.1%
Professional & Business Services	110,200	110,700	107,800	-500	-0.5%	2,400	2.2%
Education & Health Services	142,000	139,900	140,300	2,100	1.5%	1,700	1.2%
<i>Educational Services</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>18,200</i>	<i>21,100</i>	<i>2,400</i>	<i>13.2%</i>	<i>-500</i>	<i>-2.4%</i>
<i>Health Care & Social Assistance</i>	<i>121,400</i>	<i>121,700</i>	<i>119,200</i>	<i>-300</i>	<i>-0.2%</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>1.8%</i>
Leisure & Hospitality	105,300	105,200	98,100	100	0.1%	7,200	7.3%
Other Services	28,800	30,100	28,700	-1,300	-4.3%	100	0.3%
Government	190,200	185,700	187,800	4,500	2.4%	2,400	1.3%
Federal Government	29,900	29,800	28,900	100	0.3%	1,000	3.5%
State Government	55,000	52,300	55,900	2,700	5.2%	-900	-1.6%
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>23,100</i>	<i>20,400</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>2,700</i>	<i>13.2%</i>	<i>-1,900</i>	<i>-7.6%</i>
<i>State Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>31,900</i>	<i>31,900</i>	<i>30,900</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>3.2%</i>
Local Government	105,300	103,600	103,000	1,700	1.6%	2,300	2.2%
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>52,800</i>	<i>49,700</i>	<i>52,700</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
<i>Local Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>52,500</i>	<i>53,900</i>	<i>50,300</i>	<i>-1,400</i>	<i>-2.6%</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>4.4%</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	164,039	158,269	5,769	3.5%	163,922	157,878	6,044	3.7%	162,055	156,069	5,986	3.7%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	163,943	158,478	5,465	3.3%	164,019	157,816	6,203	3.8%	161,958	156,191	5,766	3.6%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

New Mexico Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted Unless Noted as "SA")

	Preliminary September 2019				Revised August 2019				Revised September 2018			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	965,447	918,522	46,925	4.9%	963,765	916,246	47,519	4.9%	943,302	896,968	46,334	4.9%
STATEWIDE	964,575	920,975	43,600	4.5%	964,708	915,919	48,789	5.1%	939,873	893,834	46,039	4.9%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				430,791	410,643	20,148	4.7%
Albuquerque MSA	440,503	421,163	19,340	4.4%	439,527	417,980	21,547	4.9%	428,686	408,215	20,471	4.8%
Bernalillo	337,564	323,273	14,291	4.2%	336,718	320,761	15,957	4.7%	328,484	313,331	15,153	4.6%
Sandoval	66,329	63,247	3,082	4.6%	66,134	62,720	3,414	5.2%	64,455	61,201	3,254	5.0%
Torrance	5,705	5,351	354	6.2%	5,715	5,325	390	6.8%	5,565	5,164	401	7.2%
Valencia	30,905	29,292	1,613	5.2%	30,960	29,174	1,786	5.8%	30,182	28,519	1,663	5.5%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				52,479	49,446	3,033	5.8%
Farmington MSA	53,575	50,730	2,845	5.3%	52,431	49,286	3,145	6.0%	52,569	49,605	2,964	5.6%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				97,157	91,722	5,435	5.6%
Las Cruces MSA	99,005	94,085	4,920	5.0%	98,197	92,714	5,483	5.6%	97,040	91,882	5,158	5.3%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				74,690	71,632	3,058	4.1%
Santa Fe MSA	74,881	72,127	2,754	3.7%	76,302	73,121	3,181	4.2%	73,945	70,879	3,066	4.1%
Catron	1,171	1,112	59	5.0%	1,199	1,131	68	5.7%	1,135	1,066	69	6.1%
Chaves	27,587	26,299	1,288	4.7%	27,492	26,080	1,412	5.1%	27,121	25,808	1,313	4.8%
Cibola	9,017	8,475	542	6.0%	9,084	8,478	606	6.7%	8,906	8,360	546	6.1%
Cofax	5,179	4,932	247	4.8%	6,086	5,807	279	4.6%	5,250	4,987	263	5.0%
Curry	21,743	20,845	898	4.1%	21,544	20,550	994	4.6%	21,506	20,596	910	4.2%
De Baca	788	758	30	3.8%	792	757	35	4.4%	757	718	39	5.2%
Eddy	34,931	33,895	1,036	3.0%	34,665	33,506	1,159	3.3%	31,599	30,542	1,057	3.3%
Grant	12,510	11,941	569	4.5%	12,496	11,865	631	5.0%	12,085	11,491	594	4.9%
Guadalupe	1,619	1,548	71	4.4%	1,645	1,559	86	5.2%	1,629	1,534	95	5.8%
Harding	285	271	14	4.9%	290	275	15	5.2%	287	273	14	4.9%
Hidalgo	2,286	2,191	95	4.2%	2,271	2,166	105	4.6%	2,221	2,142	79	3.6%
Lea	32,153	30,985	1,168	3.6%	32,177	30,865	1,312	4.1%	30,241	28,998	1,243	4.1%
Lincoln	8,936	8,565	371	4.2%	9,379	8,971	408	4.4%	8,743	8,353	390	4.5%
Los Alamos	9,622	9,345	277	2.9%	9,658	9,336	322	3.3%	9,316	9,003	313	3.4%
Luna	10,323	9,490	833	8.1%	10,572	9,648	924	8.7%	10,222	9,383	839	8.2%
McKinley	23,921	22,316	1,605	6.7%	24,037	22,214	1,823	7.6%	23,663	21,960	1,703	7.2%
Mora	2,300	2,185	115	5.0%	2,360	2,227	133	5.6%	2,309	2,188	121	5.2%
Otero	24,855	23,752	1,103	4.4%	24,992	23,713	1,279	5.1%	24,499	23,275	1,224	5.0%
Quay	3,322	3,165	157	4.7%	3,288	3,106	182	5.5%	3,195	3,031	164	5.1%
Rio Arriba	17,198	16,382	816	4.7%	17,319	16,400	919	5.3%	16,865	16,023	842	5.0%
Roosevelt	7,784	7,439	345	4.4%	7,728	7,338	390	5.0%	7,842	7,489	353	4.5%
San Miguel	11,205	10,593	612	5.5%	10,956	10,276	680	6.2%	11,020	10,394	626	5.7%
Sierra	4,088	3,858	230	5.6%	4,155	3,893	262	6.3%	4,263	4,008	255	6.0%
Socorro	6,592	6,224	368	5.6%	6,562	6,142	420	6.4%	6,430	6,102	328	5.1%
Taos	15,294	14,458	836	5.5%	15,572	14,651	921	5.9%	14,766	13,830	936	6.3%
Union	1,904	1,847	57	3.0%	1,931	1,865	66	3.4%	1,763	1,697	66	3.7%

Notes: Current MSA SA labor force estimates will be released October 25, 2019 in the NMDWS LASER system, available under the Researchers tab at <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/>. All MSA SA series from January 1990 forward are available through LASER and from BLS at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrosa.htm>.

Totals may not sum because of rounding.

**County Unemployment Rates, September 2019
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

