

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.0 percent in May, down from 8.1 percent in April and down from 10.0 percent in the previous year. The national unemployment rate in May was 5.8 percent, down from 6.1 percent in April and down from 13.3 percent in May 2020.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment grew by 39,900 jobs, or 5.2 percent, between May 2020 and May 2021. All gains came from the private sector, which was up 43,000 jobs, or 7.4 percent. The public sector was down 3,100 jobs, or 1.7 percent. All private sector gains were in the private service-providing industries, which were up 44,800 jobs, or 9.2 percent, while the goods-producing industries were down 1,800 jobs, representing a decrease of 1.9 percent.

Seven major industry sectors reported over-the-year job increases. Leisure and hospitality experienced the largest employment growth with a gain of 24,200 jobs, or 38.2 percent, compared to the previous year. Trade, transportation, and utilities reported an increase of 10,400 jobs, or 8.4 percent. Within the industry, retail trade was up 8,200 jobs, or 10.4 percent; transportation, warehousing, and utilities was up 1,500 jobs, or 6.2 percent; and wholesale trade was up 700 jobs, or 3.5 percent. Employment in education and health services expanded by 5,200 jobs, or 4.0 percent. Most gains within the education and health services industry were in health care and social assistance, which was up 5,000 jobs, or 4.4 percent. Employment in educational services was up 200 jobs, or 1.1 percent, over the year. Professional and business services employment grew by 3,900 jobs, or 3.8 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* employment increased by 2,200 jobs, or 9.2 percent. Manufacturing employment rose by 1,500 jobs, or 5.9 percent. Within this industry, the majority of gains occurred in non-durable goods manufacturing, which was up 1,300 jobs, or 11.5 percent. Durable goods manufacturing employment was up 200 jobs, or 1.4 percent over the year. Information was up 100 jobs, or 1.3 percent.

Employment in mining and construction was down 3,300 jobs, or 4.8 percent. The majority of losses in mining and construction came from mining, which contracted by 2,800 jobs, or 13.9 percent. Construction employment was down 500 jobs, or 1.0 percent, over the year. Financial activities was down 1,200 jobs, or 3.5 percent.

Within the public sector, all losses came in local government, which was down 4,000 jobs, or 4.1 percent. Within local government employment, local government excluding education shed 2,400 jobs, representing a loss of 5.2 percent. Local government education was down 1,600 jobs, or 3.2 percent. Employment in state government was up 800 jobs, or 1.5 percent. Within state government, state government excluding education was up 500 jobs, or 1.7 percent. Employment in state government education was up 300 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Federal government reported a gain of 100 jobs, or 0.3 percent, from its employment level in May 2020.

Further analysis will be provided in the Labor Market Review scheduled for release on June 30.

Data can be found online at the following locations:

<https://www.dws.state.nm.us/en-us/Researchers/Data/Employment-Snapshot> and www.jobs.state.nm.us/analyzer.

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

NEW MEXICO	Prelim May-21	Revised Apr-21	Revised May-20	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	800,900	791,100	761,000	9,800	1.2%	39,900	5.2%
Total Private	623,400	614,100	580,400	9,300	1.5%	43,000	7.4%
Goods-Producing	92,000	91,700	93,800	300	0.3%	-1,800	-1.9%
Mining, Logging & Construction	65,000	65,000	68,300	0	0.0%	-3,300	-4.8%
<i>Mining & Logging</i>	<i>17,400</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>20,200</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>2.4%</i>	<i>-2,800</i>	<i>-13.9%</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>47,600</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>48,100</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>-500</i>	<i>-1.0%</i>
Manufacturing	27,000	26,700	25,500	300	1.1%	1,500	5.9%
<i>Durable Goods</i>	<i>14,400</i>	<i>14,300</i>	<i>14,200</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	<i>12,600</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>11,300</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>11.5%</i>
Service-Providing	708,900	699,400	667,200	9,500	1.4%	41,700	6.2%
Private Service-Providing	531,400	522,400	486,600	9,000	1.7%	44,800	9.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	133,600	132,400	123,200	1,200	0.9%	10,400	8.4%
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>19,700</i>	<i>19,900</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>3.5%</i>
<i>Retail Trade</i>	<i>87,200</i>	<i>87,100</i>	<i>79,000</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.1%</i>	<i>8,200</i>	<i>10.4%</i>
<i>Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities</i>	<i>25,800</i>	<i>25,600</i>	<i>24,300</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>6.2%</i>
Information	8,100	7,700	8,000	400	5.2%	100	1.3%
Financial Activities	32,700	32,400	33,900	300	0.9%	-1,200	-3.5%
Professional & Business Services	107,200	107,200	103,300	0	0.0%	3,900	3.8%
Education & Health Services	136,200	136,200	131,000	0	0.0%	5,200	4.0%
<i>Educational Services</i>	<i>18,700</i>	<i>19,300</i>	<i>18,500</i>	<i>-600</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1.1%</i>
<i>Health Care & Social Assistance</i>	<i>117,500</i>	<i>116,900</i>	<i>112,500</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>4.4%</i>
Leisure & Hospitality	87,500	80,600	63,300	6,900	8.6%	24,200	38.2%
Other Services	26,100	25,900	23,900	200	0.8%	2,200	9.2%
Government	177,500	177,000	180,600	500	0.3%	-3,100	-1.7%
Federal Government	30,200	30,000	30,100	200	0.7%	100	0.3%
State Government	54,600	54,500	53,800	100	0.2%	800	1.5%
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>23,800</i>	<i>23,700</i>	<i>23,500</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>1.3%</i>
<i>State Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>30,800</i>	<i>30,800</i>	<i>30,300</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1.7%</i>
Local Government	92,700	92,500	96,700	200	0.2%	-4,000	-4.1%
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>48,600</i>	<i>48,500</i>	<i>50,200</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>-1,600</i>	<i>-3.2%</i>
<i>Local Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>44,100</i>	<i>44,000</i>	<i>46,500</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>-2,400</i>	<i>-5.2%</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	May 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	160,935	151,620	9,316	5.8%	160,988	151,176	9,812	6.1%	158,200	137,224	20,975	13.3%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	160,607	151,778	8,829	5.5%	160,379	151,160	9,220	5.7%	157,975	137,461	20,514	13.0%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	Preliminary May 2021				Revised April 2021				Revised May 2020			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	953,346	877,299	76,047	8.0%	954,446	877,043	77,403	8.1%	909,383	818,702	90,681	10.0%
STATEWIDE	946,564	876,567	69,997	7.4%	949,169	877,004	72,165	7.6%	905,575	815,455	90,120	10.0%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				414,850	370,601	44,249	10.7%
Albuquerque MSA	432,758	402,282	30,476	7.0%	435,564	404,317	31,247	7.2%	414,464	371,736	42,728	10.3%
Bernalillo	330,721	307,869	22,852	6.9%	332,897	309,509	23,388	7.0%	317,163	284,465	32,698	10.3%
Sandoval	66,281	61,394	4,887	7.4%	66,738	61,691	5,047	7.6%	63,659	56,753	6,906	10.8%
Torrance	5,356	4,896	460	8.6%	5,363	4,900	463	8.6%	5,039	4,538	501	9.9%
Valencia	30,400	28,123	2,277	7.5%	30,566	28,217	2,349	7.7%	28,603	25,980	2,623	9.2%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				48,505	42,863	5,642	11.6%
Farmington MSA	48,985	44,778	4,207	8.6%	49,757	45,339	4,418	8.9%	48,593	43,009	5,584	11.5%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				93,956	85,105	8,851	9.4%
Las Cruces MSA	97,621	90,518	7,103	7.3%	97,382	89,982	7,400	7.6%	94,362	85,492	8,870	9.4%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				68,991	61,268	7,723	11.2%
Santa Fe MSA	71,276	66,278	4,998	7.0%	70,770	65,688	5,082	7.2%	68,981	61,541	7,440	10.8%
Catron	1,200	1,122	78	6.5%	1,192	1,109	83	7.0%	1,113	1,041	72	6.5%
Chaves	29,008	26,924	2,084	7.2%	28,990	26,842	2,148	7.4%	26,824	24,440	2,384	8.9%
Cibola	9,628	8,731	897	9.3%	9,626	8,693	933	9.7%	8,528	7,704	824	9.7%
Colfax	5,506	5,136	370	6.7%	5,510	5,107	403	7.3%	4,695	4,299	396	8.4%
Curry	23,071	21,885	1,186	5.1%	23,084	21,856	1,228	5.3%	21,268	20,067	1,201	5.6%
De Baca	714	677	37	5.2%	716	680	36	5.0%	683	655	28	4.1%
Eddy	33,001	30,804	2,197	6.7%	33,131	30,843	2,288	6.9%	32,589	30,338	2,251	6.9%
Grant	11,747	10,830	917	7.8%	11,693	10,786	907	7.8%	11,985	10,807	1,178	9.8%
Guadalupe	1,612	1,491	121	7.5%	1,611	1,486	125	7.8%	1,429	1,340	89	6.2%
Harding	280	269	11	3.9%	270	260	10	3.7%	270	262	8	3.0%
Hidalgo	2,065	1,956	109	5.3%	2,032	1,920	112	5.5%	1,866	1,768	98	5.3%
Lea	28,334	25,420	2,914	10.3%	28,598	25,542	3,056	10.7%	28,594	25,415	3,179	11.1%
Lincoln	9,310	8,593	717	7.7%	9,303	8,548	755	8.1%	8,565	7,609	956	11.2%
Los Alamos	10,417	10,104	313	3.0%	10,384	10,075	309	3.0%	9,582	9,219	363	3.8%
Luna	10,492	8,763	1,729	16.5%	10,281	8,445	1,836	17.9%	9,973	8,457	1,516	15.2%
McKinley	24,757	22,375	2,382	9.6%	24,746	22,288	2,458	9.9%	22,643	20,374	2,269	10.0%
Mora	2,078	1,948	130	6.3%	2,063	1,921	142	6.9%	2,017	1,849	168	8.3%
Otero	26,033	24,208	1,825	7.0%	25,999	24,129	1,870	7.2%	24,281	21,796	2,485	10.2%
Quay	3,174	2,949	225	7.1%	3,144	2,917	227	7.2%	2,968	2,772	196	6.6%
Rio Arriba	17,308	16,021	1,287	7.4%	17,264	15,955	1,309	7.6%	16,178	14,755	1,423	8.8%
Roosevelt	8,153	7,683	470	5.8%	8,158	7,674	484	5.9%	7,855	7,400	455	5.8%
San Miguel	10,651	9,817	834	7.8%	10,650	9,796	854	8.0%	9,992	9,093	899	9.0%
Sierra	4,249	3,869	380	8.9%	4,205	3,822	383	9.1%	3,893	3,512	381	9.8%
Socorro	6,429	6,011	418	6.5%	6,399	5,982	417	6.5%	5,928	5,495	433	7.3%
Taos	15,086	13,575	1,511	10.0%	15,029	13,455	1,574	10.5%	13,858	11,696	2,162	15.6%
Union	1,622	1,551	71	4.4%	1,619	1,548	71	4.4%	1,599	1,516	83	5.2%

Notes: Current MSA SA labor force estimates will be released June 30, 2021 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, May 2021
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

