

EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in April, down from 8.3 percent in March and down from 10.0 percent in the previous year. The national unemployment rate in April was 6.1 percent, up from 6.0 percent in March and down from 14.8 percent in April 2020.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment grew by 30,400 jobs, or 4.0 percent, between April 2020 and April 2021. The shift from an over-the-year loss of 7.9 percent in March (revised) to a gain of 4.0 percent growth in April is mainly due to the impacts of COVID-19 one year ago. The pandemic led to a 95,200 drop in employment between March 2020 and April 2020. All gains came from the private sector, which was up 39,700 jobs, or 6.9 percent. The public sector was down 9,300 jobs, or 5.0 percent. All private sector gains were in the private service-providing industries, which were up 44,200 jobs, or 9.2 percent, while the goods-producing industries were down 4,500 jobs, representing a decrease of 4.7 percent.

Six major industry sectors reported over-the-year job increases. Leisure and hospitality experienced the largest employment growth with a gain of 23,000 jobs, or 40.0 percent, compared to the previous year. Trade, transportation, and utilities reported an increase of 10,800 jobs, or 8.9 percent. Within the industry, retail trade was up 10,000 jobs, or 12.9 percent; transportation, warehousing, and utilities was up 1,200 jobs, or 4.9 percent; and wholesale trade was down 400 jobs, or 2.0 percent. Employment in education and health services expanded by 6,100 jobs, or 4.7 percent. Most gains within the education and health services industry were in health care and social assistance, which was up 5,400 jobs, or 4.8 percent. Employment in educational services was up 700 jobs, or 3.7 percent, over the year. Professional and business services employment grew by 4,000 jobs, or 3.9 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* employment increased by 2,600 jobs, or 11.2 percent. Manufacturing employment rose by 1,200 jobs, or 4.7 percent. Within this industry, all gains occurred in non-durable goods manufacturing, which was up 10.7 percent. Durable goods manufacturing employment was unchanged over the year.

Employment in mining and construction was down 5,700 jobs, or 8.1 percent. The majority of losses in mining and construction came from mining, which contracted by 5,100 jobs, or 23.1 percent. Construction employment was down 600 jobs, or 1.2 percent, over the year. Financial activities was down 1,700 jobs, or 5.0 percent. Information was down 600 jobs, or 7.2 percent.

Within the public sector, the majority of losses came in local government, which was down 8,600 jobs, or 8.5 percent. Within local government employment, local government excluding education shed 5,200 jobs, representing a loss of 10.6 percent. Local government education was down 3,400 jobs, or 6.6 percent. Employment in state government was down 700 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Within state government, all losses came from state government education which was down 1,100 jobs, or 4.4 percent. Employment in state government excluding education was up 400 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Federal government reported no change from its employment level in April 2020.

Further analysis will be provided in the Labor Market Review scheduled for release on May 28.

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 Apr-21	Revised Mar-21	Revised Apr-20	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	791,400	788,500	761,000	2,900	0.4%	30,400	4.0%
Total Private	614,700	613,100	575,000	1,600	0.3%	39,700	6.9%
Goods-Producing	91,700	91,800	96,200	-100	-0.1%	-4,500	-4.7%
Mining, Logging & Construction	65,000	65,400	70,700	-400	-0.6%	-5,700	-8.1%
<i>Mining & Logging</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>17,100</i>	<i>22,100</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-5,100</i>	<i>-23.1%</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>48,300</i>	<i>48,600</i>	<i>-300</i>	<i>-0.6%</i>	<i>-600</i>	<i>-1.2%</i>
Manufacturing	26,700	26,400	25,500	300	1.1%	1,200	4.7%
<i>Durable Goods</i>	<i>14,300</i>	<i>14,200</i>	<i>14,300</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>12,200</i>	<i>11,200</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>10.7%</i>
Service-Providing	699,700	696,700	664,800	3,000	0.4%	34,900	5.2%
Private Service-Providing	523,000	521,300	478,800	1,700	0.3%	44,200	9.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	132,600	132,300	121,800	300	0.2%	10,800	8.9%
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	<i>19,600</i>	<i>20,200</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>-600</i>	<i>-3.0%</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-2.0%</i>
<i>Retail Trade</i>	<i>87,400</i>	<i>86,900</i>	<i>77,400</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>12.9%</i>
<i>Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities</i>	<i>25,600</i>	<i>25,200</i>	<i>24,400</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>4.9%</i>
Information	7,700	8,000	8,300	-300	-3.8%	-600	-7.2%
Financial Activities	32,400	31,700	34,100	700	2.2%	-1,700	-5.0%
Professional & Business Services	107,500	107,700	103,500	-200	-0.2%	4,000	3.9%
Education & Health Services	136,500	136,600	130,400	-100	-0.1%	6,100	4.7%
<i>Educational Services</i>	<i>19,400</i>	<i>19,000</i>	<i>18,700</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>2.1%</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>3.7%</i>
<i>Health Care & Social Assistance</i>	<i>117,100</i>	<i>117,600</i>	<i>111,700</i>	<i>-500</i>	<i>-0.4%</i>	<i>5,400</i>	<i>4.8%</i>
Leisure & Hospitality	80,500	79,000	57,500	1,500	1.9%	23,000	40.0%
Other Services	25,800	26,000	23,200	-200	-0.8%	2,600	11.2%
Government	176,700	175,400	186,000	1,300	0.7%	-9,300	-5.0%
Federal Government	30,000	29,400	30,000	600	2.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	54,500	54,700	55,200	-200	-0.4%	-700	-1.3%
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>23,700</i>	<i>23,500</i>	<i>24,800</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>-1,100</i>	<i>-4.4%</i>
<i>State Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>30,800</i>	<i>31,200</i>	<i>30,400</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-1.3%</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>1.3%</i>
Local Government	92,200	91,300	100,800	900	1.0%	-8,600	-8.5%
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>48,200</i>	<i>48,300</i>	<i>51,600</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0.2%</i>	<i>-3,400</i>	<i>-6.6%</i>
<i>Local Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>44,000</i>	<i>43,000</i>	<i>49,200</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>-5,200</i>	<i>-10.6%</i>

U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	160,988	151,176	9,812	6.1%	160,558	150,848	9,710	6.0%	156,478	133,370	23,109	14.8%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	160,379	151,160	9,220	5.7%	160,397	150,493	9,905	6.2%	155,830	133,326	22,504	14.4%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	Preliminary April 2021				Revised March 2021				Revised April 2020			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE SA	955,084	877,056	78,028	8.2%	956,628	877,636	78,992	8.3%	908,572	817,889	90,683	10.0%
STATEWIDE	949,776	877,150	72,626	7.6%	947,280	872,058	75,222	7.9%	904,428	816,302	88,126	9.7%
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				414,654	369,306	45,348	10.9%
Albuquerque MSA	435,628	404,192	31,436	7.2%	434,046	401,820	32,226	7.4%	414,535	371,514	43,021	10.4%
Bernalillo	332,950	309,414	23,536	7.1%	331,689	307,623	24,066	7.3%	317,427	284,378	33,049	10.4%
Sandoval	66,753	61,672	5,081	7.6%	66,598	61,318	5,280	7.9%	63,675	56,706	6,969	10.9%
Torrance	5,357	4,899	458	8.5%	5,329	4,859	470	8.8%	5,004	4,517	487	9.7%
Valencia	30,568	28,207	2,361	7.7%	30,430	28,020	2,410	7.9%	28,429	25,913	2,516	8.9%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				48,739	43,023	5,716	11.7%
Farmington MSA	49,802	45,369	4,433	8.9%	49,679	44,894	4,785	9.6%	48,748	43,327	5,421	11.1%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				93,573	84,146	9,427	10.1%
Las Cruces MSA	97,299	89,854	7,445	7.7%	96,993	89,268	7,725	8.0%	93,509	84,474	9,035	9.7%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				67,853	60,054	7,799	11.5%
Santa Fe MSA	70,811	65,692	5,119	7.2%	70,712	65,427	5,285	7.5%	67,213	59,868	7,345	10.9%
Catron	1,190	1,109	81	6.8%	1,184	1,092	92	7.8%	1,059	996	63	5.9%
Chaves	29,040	26,877	2,163	7.4%	29,001	26,758	2,243	7.7%	26,624	24,397	2,227	8.4%
Cibola	9,647	8,702	945	9.8%	9,664	8,661	1,003	10.4%	8,681	8,021	660	7.6%
Colfax	5,514	5,114	400	7.3%	5,464	5,080	384	7.0%	4,675	4,279	396	8.5%
Curry	23,113	21,885	1,228	5.3%	23,029	21,781	1,248	5.4%	21,332	20,196	1,136	5.3%
De Baca	718	682	36	5.0%	715	678	37	5.2%	690	665	25	3.6%
Eddy	33,193	30,889	2,304	6.9%	33,272	30,831	2,441	7.3%	33,644	31,771	1,873	5.6%
Grant	11,716	10,800	916	7.8%	11,711	10,752	959	8.2%	11,651	10,966	685	5.9%
Guadalupe	1,613	1,489	124	7.7%	1,593	1,470	123	7.7%	1,409	1,329	80	5.7%
Harding	270	260	10	3.7%	276	264	12	4.3%	264	258	6	2.3%
Hidalgo	2,037	1,923	114	5.6%	2,005	1,879	126	6.3%	1,830	1,752	78	4.3%
Lea	28,668	25,578	3,090	10.8%	28,730	25,475	3,255	11.3%	28,918	26,457	2,461	8.5%
Lincoln	9,318	8,558	760	8.2%	9,319	8,503	816	8.8%	8,371	7,358	1,013	12.1%
Los Alamos	10,402	10,089	313	3.0%	10,369	10,052	317	3.1%	9,612	9,225	387	4.0%
Luna	10,313	8,457	1,856	18.0%	10,300	8,379	1,921	18.7%	9,440	8,010	1,430	15.1%
McKinley	24,802	22,320	2,482	10.0%	24,827	22,165	2,662	10.7%	22,728	20,647	2,081	9.2%
Mora	2,066	1,923	143	6.9%	2,056	1,903	153	7.4%	1,964	1,818	146	7.4%
Otero	26,044	24,165	1,879	7.2%	26,021	24,077	1,944	7.5%	25,439	22,899	2,540	10.0%
Quay	3,150	2,922	228	7.2%	3,152	2,914	238	7.6%	2,977	2,804	173	5.8%
Rio Arriba	17,293	15,972	1,321	7.6%	17,260	15,868	1,392	8.1%	16,095	14,648	1,447	9.0%
Roosevelt	8,171	7,684	487	6.0%	8,129	7,631	498	6.1%	7,903	7,492	411	5.2%
San Miguel	10,664	9,806	858	8.0%	10,650	9,771	879	8.3%	10,304	9,396	908	8.8%
Sierra	4,218	3,829	389	9.2%	4,202	3,806	396	9.4%	3,857	3,491	366	9.5%
Socorro	6,405	5,988	417	6.5%	6,396	5,971	425	6.6%	5,967	5,543	424	7.1%
Taos	15,050	13,472	1,578	10.5%	14,908	13,342	1,566	10.5%	13,376	11,167	2,209	16.5%
Union	1,622	1,550	72	4.4%	1,616	1,546	70	4.3%	1,612	1,533	79	4.9%

Notes: Current MSA SA labor force estimates will be released May 28, 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/metrossa.htm>. Totals may not sum because of rounding.

**County Unemployment Rates, April 2021
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

