

# EMPLOYMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## News Release For Business Editor

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.4 percent in September 2020, down from 11.4 percent in August and up from 4.8 percent in the previous year. The national unemployment rate in September was 7.9 percent, down from 8.4 percent in August and up from 3.5 percent in September 2019.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment fell by 56,800 jobs, or 6.6 percent, between September 2019 and September 2020. Most losses came from the private sector, which was down 55,500 jobs, or 8.3 percent. The public sector was down 1,300 jobs, or 0.7 percent. Losses were reported in both components of the private sector. The private service-providing industries were down 44,300 jobs, or 7.8 percent, while the goods-producing industries were down 11,200 jobs, representing a decrease of 10.6 percent.

All major industry sectors experienced over-the-year job losses. Leisure and hospitality continued to report the heaviest employment losses, with a drop of 24,500 jobs, or 24.5 percent, compared to the previous year. Employment in mining and construction was down 9,700 jobs, or 12.6 percent. The majority of losses in mining and construction came from mining, which contracted by 6,900 jobs, or 26.6 percent. Construction employment was down 2,800 jobs, or 5.5 percent, over the year. Employment in education and health services fell by 7,500 jobs, or 5.3 percent. Within this industry, health care and social assistance was down 4,800 jobs, or 4.0 percent, while educational services was down 2,700 jobs, or 12.6 percent. Professional and business services employment was down 4,500 jobs, or 4.0 percent. Miscellaneous *other services* employment decreased by 2,500 jobs, or 8.7 percent. Financial activities reported a loss of 2,100 jobs, or 5.9 percent. Trade, transportation, and utilities was down 1,800 jobs, or 1.3 percent. Within the industry, transportation, warehousing, and utilities was down 2,800 jobs, or 10.9 percent; retail trade was up 900 jobs, or 1.0 percent; and wholesale trade was up 100 jobs, or 0.5 percent. Manufacturing employment decreased by 1,500 jobs, or 5.2 percent. Within this industry, all losses occurred in durable goods manufacturing, which was down 9.4 percent. Non-durable goods manufacturing employment was unchanged from its previous year's job level. Information was down 1,400 jobs, or 12.4 percent.

Within the public sector, all losses came in local government, which was down 6,900 jobs, or 6.6 percent. Within local government employment, local government education shed 3,700 jobs, representing a loss of 6.9 percent. Local government excluding education was down 3,200 jobs, or 6.2 percent. Employment in state government was up 3,100 jobs, or 5.4 percent. Within state government, all gains came from state government education which was up 12.3 percent. Employment in state government excluding education was unchanged from its previous year's job level. Federal government reported a gain of 2,500 jobs, or 8.4 percent.

Further analysis will be provided in the *Labor Market Review* scheduled for release on October 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](http://www.jobs.state.nm.us/analyzer).

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## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

NEW MEXICO	Prelim Sep-20	Revised Aug-20	Revised Sep-19	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>805,800</b>	<b>797,900</b>	<b>862,600</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-56,800</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>615,600</b>	<b>613,800</b>	<b>671,100</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-55,500</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>94,800</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>106,000</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-11,200</b>	<b>-10.6%</b>
Mining, Logging & Construction	67,200	67,600	76,900	-400	-0.6%	-9,700	-12.6%
<i>Mining &amp; Logging</i>	<i>19,000</i>	<i>18,700</i>	<i>25,900</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>1.6%</i>	<i>-6,900</i>	<i>-26.6%</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>48,200</i>	<i>48,900</i>	<i>51,000</i>	<i>-700</i>	<i>-1.4%</i>	<i>-2,800</i>	<i>-5.5%</i>
Manufacturing	27,600	27,400	29,100	200	0.7%	-1,500	-5.2%
<i>Durable Goods</i>	<i>14,500</i>	<i>14,400</i>	<i>16,000</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>-1,500</i>	<i>-9.4%</i>
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	<i>13,100</i>	<i>13,000</i>	<i>13,100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>711,000</b>	<b>702,900</b>	<b>756,600</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-45,600</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	<b>520,800</b>	<b>518,800</b>	<b>565,100</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-44,300</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	134,000	133,800	135,800	200	0.1%	-1,800	-1.3%
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	<i>21,500</i>	<i>21,400</i>	<i>21,400</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.5%</i>
<i>Retail Trade</i>	<i>89,500</i>	<i>89,800</i>	<i>88,600</i>	<i>-300</i>	<i>-0.3%</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>1.0%</i>
<i>Transportation, Warehousing &amp; Utilities</i>	<i>23,000</i>	<i>22,600</i>	<i>25,800</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>-2,800</i>	<i>-10.9%</i>
Information	9,900	9,700	11,300	200	2.1%	-1,400	-12.4%
Financial Activities	33,200	34,100	35,300	-900	-2.6%	-2,100	-5.9%
Professional & Business Services	107,100	105,500	111,600	1,600	1.5%	-4,500	-4.0%
Education & Health Services	134,700	135,500	142,200	-800	-0.6%	-7,500	-5.3%
<i>Educational Services</i>	<i>18,800</i>	<i>18,800</i>	<i>21,500</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-2,700</i>	<i>-12.6%</i>
<i>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</i>	<i>115,900</i>	<i>116,700</i>	<i>120,700</i>	<i>-800</i>	<i>-0.7%</i>	<i>-4,800</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>
Leisure & Hospitality	75,600	74,200	100,100	1,400	1.9%	-24,500	-24.5%
Other Services	26,300	26,000	28,800	300	1.2%	-2,500	-8.7%
<b>Government</b>	<b>190,200</b>	<b>184,100</b>	<b>191,500</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Federal Government	32,100	31,700	29,600	400	1.3%	2,500	8.4%
State Government	60,100	56,100	57,000	4,000	7.1%	3,100	5.4%
<i>State Government Education</i>	<i>28,400</i>	<i>24,300</i>	<i>25,300</i>	<i>4,100</i>	<i>16.9%</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
<i>State Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>31,700</i>	<i>31,800</i>	<i>31,700</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0.3%</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Local Government	98,000	96,300	104,900	1,700	1.8%	-6,900	-6.6%
<i>Local Government Education</i>	<i>49,800</i>	<i>48,100</i>	<i>53,500</i>	<i>1,700</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>-3,700</i>	<i>-6.9%</i>
<i>Local Government Excluding Education</i>	<i>48,200</i>	<i>48,200</i>	<i>51,400</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>-3,200</i>	<i>-6.2%</i>

## U.S. Labor Force Estimates

	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted	160,143	147,563	12,580	7.9%	160,838	147,288	13,550	8.4%	164,051	158,298	5,753	3.5%
Not Seasonally Adjusted	160,073	147,796	12,277	7.7%	160,966	147,224	13,742	8.5%	163,943	158,478	5,465	3.3%

Note: Numbers are in thousands.

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

	Preliminary September 2020				Revised August 2020				Revised September 2019			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
<b>STATEWIDE SA</b>	<b>952,327</b>	<b>862,766</b>	<b>89,561</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>896,708</b>	<b>794,751</b>	<b>101,957</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>959,014</b>	<b>913,337</b>	<b>45,677</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>950,489</b>	<b>861,845</b>	<b>88,644</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>895,414</b>	<b>792,003</b>	<b>103,411</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>955,891</b>	<b>911,705</b>	<b>44,186</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Albuquerque MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				438,624	418,839	19,785	4.5%
Albuquerque MSA	441,306	401,892	39,414	8.9%	414,371	368,324	46,047	11.1%	437,729	418,150	19,579	4.5%
Bernalillo	337,739	308,079	29,660	8.8%	317,050	282,326	34,724	11.0%	334,563	320,103	14,460	4.3%
Sandoval	67,287	60,858	6,429	9.6%	63,289	55,810	7,479	11.8%	66,598	63,463	3,135	4.7%
Torrance	5,543	4,964	579	10.4%	5,169	4,524	645	12.5%	5,759	5,402	357	6.2%
Valencia	30,737	27,991	2,746	8.9%	28,863	25,664	3,199	11.1%	30,809	29,182	1,627	5.3%
Farmington MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				52,051	49,088	2,963	5.7%
Farmington MSA	51,069	45,323	5,746	11.3%	48,047	41,460	6,587	13.7%	52,136	49,271	2,865	5.5%
Las Cruces MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				97,825	92,362	5,463	5.6%
Las Cruces MSA	93,867	85,732	8,135	8.7%	87,716	78,133	9,583	10.9%	97,576	92,545	5,031	5.2%
Santa Fe MSA SA	See notes below.				See notes below.				75,648	72,768	2,880	3.8%
Santa Fe MSA	71,759	65,159	6,600	9.2%	68,344	60,486	7,858	11.5%	75,124	72,339	2,785	3.7%
Catron	1,062	976	86	8.1%	996	899	97	9.7%	1,198	1,138	60	5.0%
Chaves	27,049	24,425	2,624	9.7%	25,559	22,529	3,030	11.9%	27,033	25,729	1,304	4.8%
Cibola	8,912	7,983	929	10.4%	8,383	7,346	1,037	12.4%	8,968	8,425	543	6.1%
Colfax	5,145	4,761	384	7.5%	4,835	4,381	454	9.4%	5,225	4,978	247	4.7%
Curry	20,928	19,580	1,348	6.4%	19,625	18,070	1,555	7.9%	21,651	20,749	902	4.2%
De Baca	686	650	36	5.2%	635	598	37	5.8%	787	757	30	3.8%
Eddy	35,139	32,190	2,949	8.4%	33,426	30,093	3,333	10.0%	34,794	33,743	1,051	3.0%
Grant	12,185	10,831	1,354	11.1%	11,472	9,967	1,505	13.1%	12,059	11,497	562	4.7%
Guadalupe	1,511	1,389	122	8.1%	1,381	1,242	139	10.1%	1,560	1,488	72	4.6%
Harding	273	259	14	5.1%	256	240	16	6.3%	271	257	14	5.2%
Hidalgo	2,038	1,912	126	6.2%	1,935	1,781	154	8.0%	2,111	2,017	94	4.5%
Lea	33,306	28,921	4,385	13.2%	31,458	26,544	4,914	15.6%	31,041	29,844	1,197	3.9%
Lincoln	8,648	7,805	843	9.7%	8,227	7,163	1,064	12.9%	9,049	8,674	375	4.1%
Los Alamos	8,989	8,611	378	4.2%	8,372	7,932	440	5.3%	9,739	9,456	283	2.9%
Luna	11,181	9,572	1,609	14.4%	10,835	8,959	1,876	17.3%	10,585	9,715	870	8.2%
McKinley	24,285	21,347	2,938	12.1%	22,960	19,604	3,356	14.6%	24,162	22,543	1,619	6.7%
Mora	2,014	1,842	172	8.5%	1,932	1,731	201	10.4%	2,210	2,095	115	5.2%
Otero	24,589	22,212	2,377	9.7%	23,430	20,466	2,964	12.7%	24,671	23,532	1,139	4.6%
Quay	3,042	2,776	266	8.7%	2,855	2,553	302	10.6%	3,218	3,061	157	4.9%
Rio Arriba	16,087	14,627	1,460	9.1%	15,305	13,504	1,801	11.8%	17,035	16,207	828	4.9%
Roosevelt	7,710	7,172	538	7.0%	7,209	6,565	644	8.9%	7,999	7,653	346	4.3%
San Miguel	10,573	9,640	933	8.8%	9,986	8,908	1,078	10.8%	10,878	10,264	614	5.6%
Sierra	3,746	3,330	416	11.1%	3,577	3,094	483	13.5%	3,860	3,631	229	5.9%
Socorro	6,102	5,649	453	7.4%	5,737	5,190	547	9.5%	6,449	6,080	369	5.7%
Taos	15,676	13,757	1,919	12.2%	14,953	12,744	2,209	14.8%	14,913	14,065	848	5.7%
Union	1,612	1,521	91	5.6%	1,595	1,495	100	6.3%	1,861	1,801	60	3.2%

Notes: Current MSA SA labor force estimates will be released October 30, 2020 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, September 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

