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LABOR MARKET  
UPDATE  
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# SUMMARY

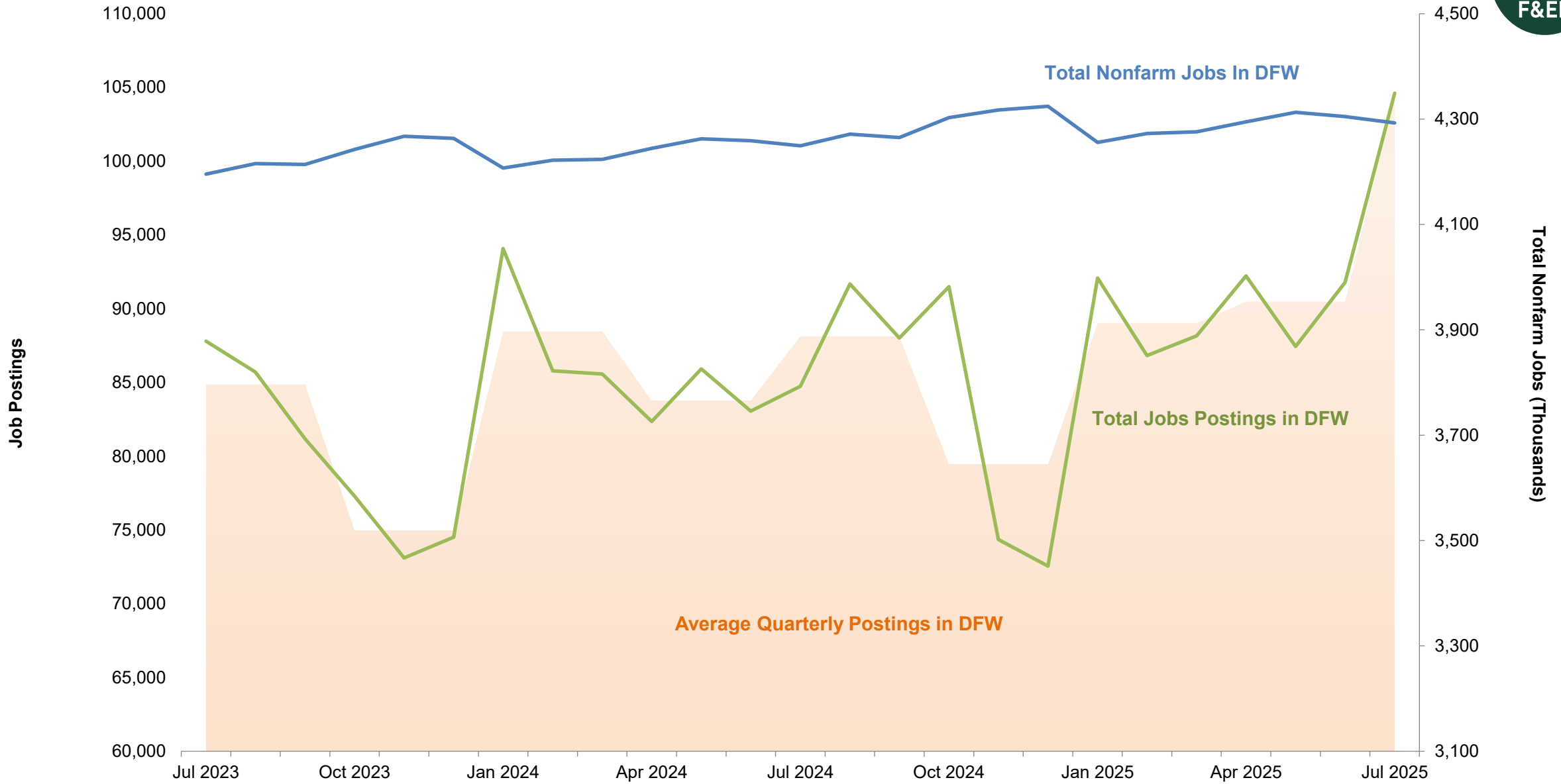
- From June to July, the DFW labor market lost **12,200** jobs, reducing its total workforce to **4,292,600**.
- The **professional and business services** sector saw its employment grow by **0.8%**, while the **government sector** experienced a significant decline of **2.5%**.
- Unemployment rates increased slightly for **DFW** (3.8% to 4.0%), **Texas** (4.1% to 4.2%), and the **U.S.** (4.4% to 4.6%).
- Overall job postings increased by **14%** in July. Postings for **registered nurses** saw a large gain of over 37.7%, while **heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers** experienced a **10.3%** loss.
- The fastest growing occupation was **musical instrument repairers and tuners**, with a massive **10,250%** increase in new postings. *(Note: The significant percentage change in new job postings is due to the low number of postings in the previous month. As the data is sourced from Lightcast, the specific origin of these new postings cannot be identified.)*
- In contrast, **natural sciences managers** saw the largest decrease in job postings, at **34.7%**.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for **DFW** dropped by **0.31%** and state of **Texas** fell by **0.27%**. However, inflation increased in the **Southern Region (0.14%)**, and the **U.S. (0.15%)**.

For deeper analysis of these dynamics, see the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' [Texas Employment Forecast](#), [DFW Economic Indicators](#), and the Bureau of Labor Statistics' [DFW](#) and [Southwest](#) CPI releases.



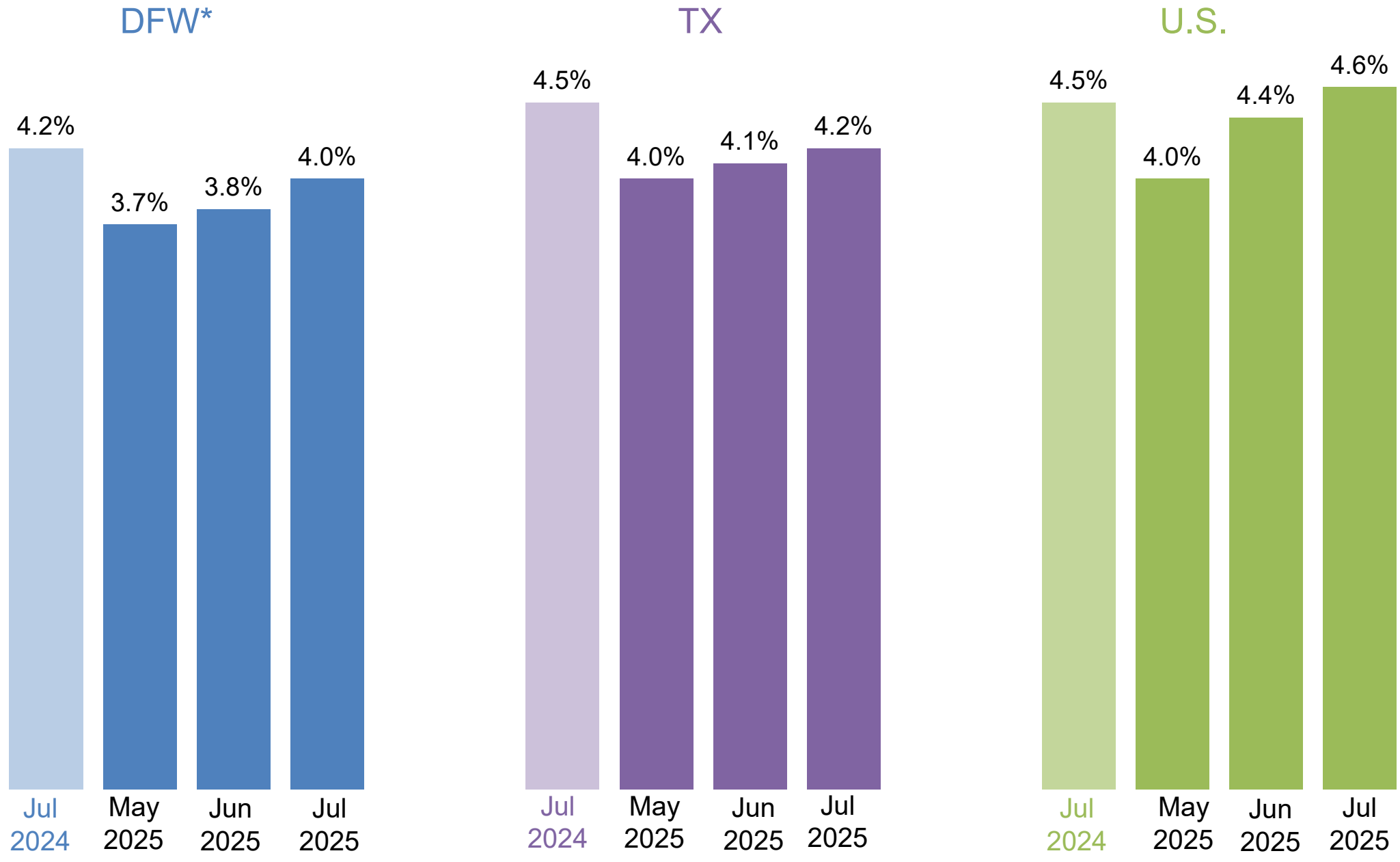


# DFW – Job Postings vs. Nonfarm Jobs



\* DFW includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties.  
 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics State and Area Employment, Hours, and Earnings, September 2025. Lightcast, 2025.

# Unemployment Rates\* in DFW, Texas, and U.S.



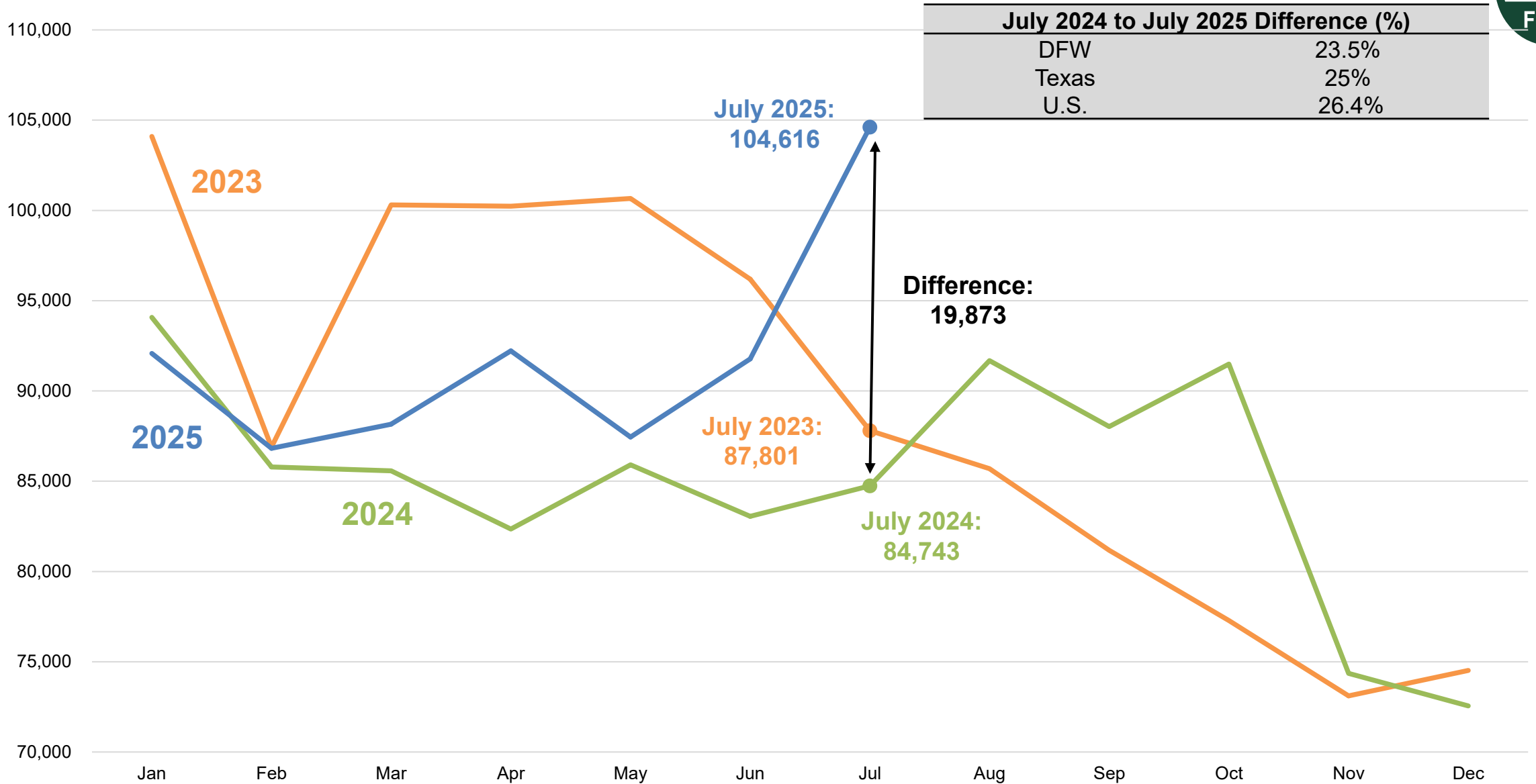
\*Not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Statistics, September 2025.

# DFW Total Job Postings Over the Years



Job Postings

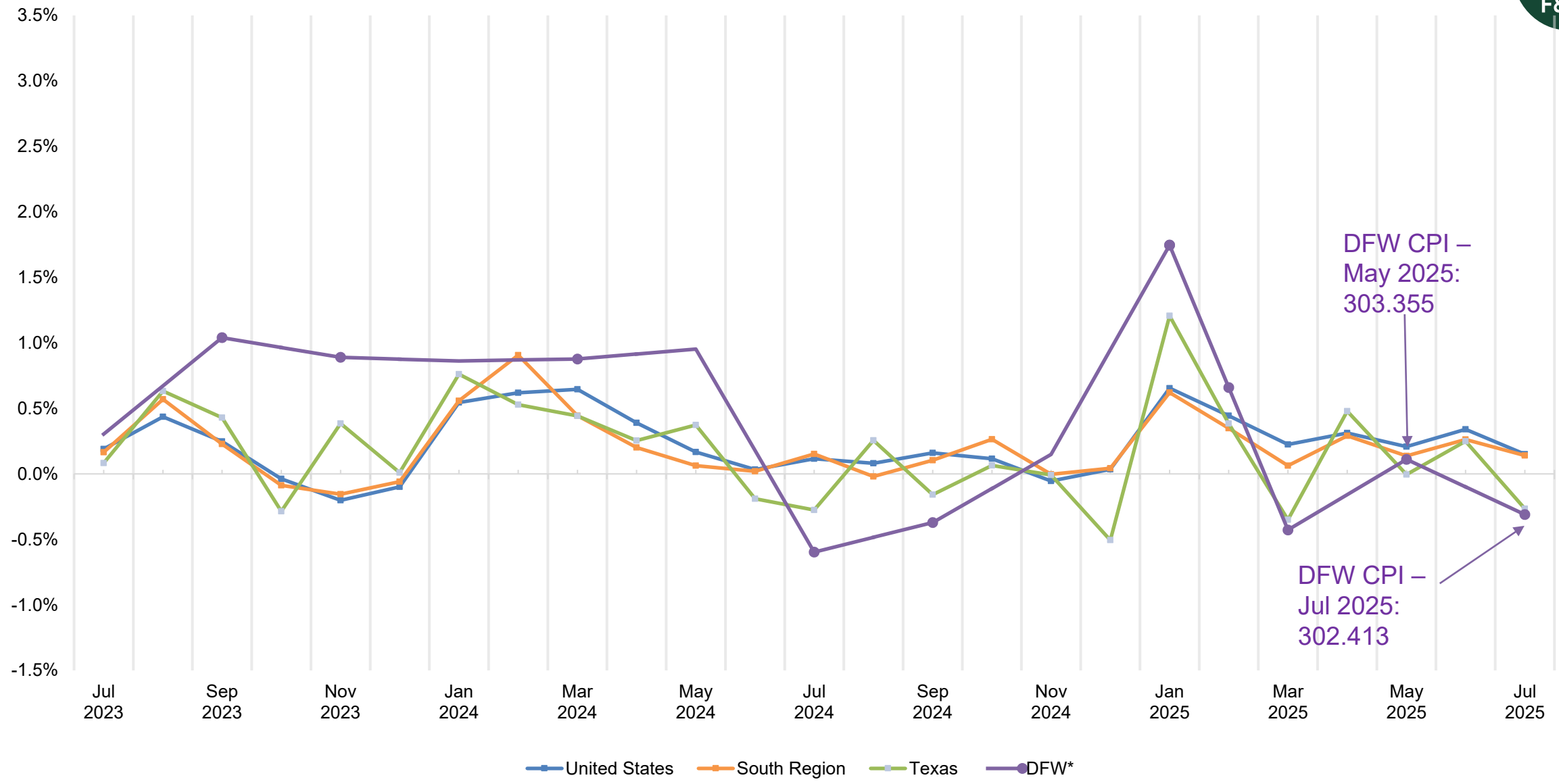


July 2024 to July 2025 Difference (%)	
DFW	23.5%
Texas	25%
U.S.	26.4%



# Change in Consumer Price Index

Monthly Change in Consumer Price Index



DFW CPI –  
May 2025:  
303.355

DFW CPI –  
Jul 2025:  
302.413

Note: Data for DFW is reported every other month. All other figures are reported monthly.  
 Sources: Texas data sourced from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, *Key Economic Indicators*, September 2025.  
 All data for the U.S., South and DFW sourced from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, *CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*, September 2025, and is not seasonally adjusted.

# Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW (Yearly)

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Average Monthly Hires	Jul. 2024 Unique Job Postings	Jul. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Change, Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025 (%)
1	Registered nurses	\$98,548	\$88,448	2,923	3,140	6,226	98.3%
2	Software developers	\$131,982	\$130,816	3,086	2,826	3,117	10.3%
3	Retail salespersons	\$31,929	\$33,920	6,874	2,483	2,555	2.9%
4	Customer service representatives	\$42,305	\$40,576	6,553	1,541	1,750	13.6%
5	Computer occupations, all other	\$120,914	\$142,080	815	1,461	1,722	17.9%
6	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	\$46,442	\$43,648	1,058	1,648	1,653	0.3%
7	Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products	\$63,768	\$80,256	803	1,289	1,626	26.1%
8	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	\$57,250	\$75,648	3,610	1,621	1,584	-2.3%
9	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$38,378	\$37,504	7,986	1,116	1,327	18.9%
10	Maintenance and repair workers, general	\$47,017	\$51,072	1,953	1,172	1,251	6.7%
	<b>All occupations</b>	-	-	-	84,729	104,616	<b>23.5%</b>

Source: Lightcast, 2025.



# Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW (Monthly)

	Occupation	May. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Jun. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Jul. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Change, Jun. 2025 to Jul. 2025 (%)
1	Registered nurses	3,938	4,520	6,226	37.7%
2	Software developers	3,179	2,920	3,117	6.7%
3	Retail salespersons	2,196	2,096	2,555	21.9%
4	Customer service representatives	1,446	1,576	1,750	11.0%
5	Computer occupations, all other	1,710	1,713	1,722	0.5%
6	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	1,390	1,403	1,653	17.8%
7	Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products	1,363	1,350	1,626	20.4%
8	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	1,699	1,766	1,584	-10.3%
9	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	1,030	1,171	1,327	13.3%
10	Maintenance and repair workers, general	1,063	1,095	1,251	14.2%
	<b>All occupations</b>	<b>87,435</b>	<b>91,776</b>	<b>104,616</b>	<b>14.0%</b>

Source: Lightcast, 2025.



## Positive Change in Demand by Jobs Postings in DFW

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Average Monthly Hires	Jun. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Jul. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Month-over-month Change
1	Musical Instrument Repairers and Tuners	\$46,714	Insf. Data	9	2	207	10250.0%
2	Psychiatrists	\$207,880	\$325,376	7	64	266	315.6%
3	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$91,303	\$91,520	343	143	377	163.6%
4	Lawyers	\$158,317	\$145,280	454	381	705	85.0%
5	Driver/Sales Workers	\$39,490	\$39,552	447	411	680	65.5%
6	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$26,469	\$29,056	18,786	728	1061	45.7%
7	Cashiers	\$29,251	\$28,032	7,233	481	784	63.0%
8	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$111,677	\$80,256	529	901	1129	25.3%
9	Financial Managers	\$165,895	\$129,920	783	978	1226	25.4%
10	Waiters and Waitresses	\$28,505	\$35,520	7,165	545	761	39.6%
	<b>All occupations</b>	-	-	-	<b>91,776</b>	<b>104,616</b>	<b>14.0%</b>

Source: Lightcast, 2025.



## Negative Change in Demand by Jobs Postings in DFW

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Average Monthly Hires	Jun. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Jul. 2025 Unique Job Postings	Month-over-month Change
1	Natural Sciences Managers	\$133,032	\$100,096	45	121	79	-34.7%
2	Dentists, General	\$161,647	\$259,584	97	181	122	-32.6%
3	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$92,717	\$101,632	50	211	148	-29.9%
4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$58,319	\$67,968	544	346	247	-28.6%
5	Parts Salespersons	\$35,227	\$42,624	446	166	122	-26.5%
6	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$77,358	\$97,536	245	258	193	-25.2%
7	Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	\$79,432	\$77,568	133	179	138	-22.9%
8	Civil Engineers	\$98,949	\$103,168	319	318	263	-17.3%
9	Demonstrators and Product Promoters	\$37,213	\$52,096	168	224	186	-17.0%
10	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	\$48,941	\$111,872	37	304	266	-12.5%
	<b>All occupations</b>	-	-	-	<b>91,776</b>	<b>104,616</b>	<b>14.0%</b>

Source: Lightcast, 2025.





# DFW Employment by Industry

Industry	Jul. 2024 Employment	May. 2025 Employment	Jun. 2025 Employment	Jul. 2025 Employment	Change, Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025 (%)	Change, Jun. 2025 to Jul. 2025 (%)
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	110,400	112,900	112,600	113,100	2.4%	0.4%
Construction	146,900	148,800	149,900	149,500	1.8%	-0.3%
Manufacturing	313,400	309,300	310,700	310,900	-0.8%	0.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	626,100	634,200	635,800	636,400	1.6%	0.1%
Transportation and utilities	260,900	259,200	258,900	258,600	-0.9%	-0.1%
Information	89,200	87,900	89,300	89,400	0.2%	0.1%
Financial activities	382,900	385,000	385,000	386,500	0.9%	0.4%
Professional and business services	776,100	768,800	761,900	768,300	-1.0%	0.8%
Education and health services	506,400	522,100	526,600	523,100	3.3%	-0.7%
Leisure and hospitality	434,300	443,300	446,500	442,100	1.8%	-1.0%
Other services	142,900	142,500	143,500	142,900	0.0%	-0.4%
Government	459,800	498,800	484,100	471,800	2.6%	-2.5%
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>4,249,300</b>	<b>4,312,800</b>	<b>4,304,800</b>	<b>4,292,600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>

Numbers may not sum due to rounding. Employment is not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics State and Area Employment, Hours, and Earnings, and Current Employment Statistics, September 2025.



# DFW vs. U.S. Employment by Industry

Industry	DFW Jul. 2025 Employment	DFW Jul. 2025 Employment Share (%)	DFW Employment Change, Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025 (%)	U.S. Jul. 2025 Employment	U.S. Jul. 2025 Employment Share (%)	U.S. Employment Change, Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025 (%)
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	113,100	2.6%	2.4%	621,000	0.4%	-1.4%
Construction	149,500	3.5%	1.8%	8,514,000	5.3%	1.0%
Manufacturing	310,900	7.2%	-0.8%	12,800,000	8.0%	-0.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	636,400	14.8%	1.6%	21,767,800	13.7%	0.2%
Transportation and utilities	258,600	6.0%	-0.9%	7,211,200	4.5%	1.0%
Information	89,400	2.1%	0.2%	2,954,000	1.9%	-0.2%
Financial activities	386,500	9.0%	0.9%	9,325,000	5.9%	0.9%
Professional and business services	768,300	17.9%	-1.0%	22,659,000	14.2%	-0.3%
Education and health services	523,100	12.2%	3.3%	27,092,000	17.0%	3.3%
Leisure and hospitality	442,100	10.3%	1.8%	17,775,000	11.2%	1.2%
Other services	142,900	3.3%	0.0%	6,115,000	3.8%	1.0%
Government	471,800	11.0%	2.6%	22,376,000	14.1%	0.8%
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>4,292,600</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>159,210,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

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