



Workforce Information Update

Local Workforce Innovation Area 4

Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee,
Ogle, Putnam, and Whiteside Counties

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	July 2026				July 2025				June 2026
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Rate
LWIA 4	95,850	92,559	3,291	3.4	96,074	91,753	4,321	4.5	4.1
Counties									
Bureau County	14,997	14,420	577	3.8	15,399	14,627	772	5.0	4.4
Carroll County	6,955	6,731	224	3.2	6,969	6,647	322	4.6	3.9
Jo Daviess County	11,338	11,034	304	2.7	11,458	11,066	392	3.4	3.2
LaSalle County	49,287	47,207	2,080	4.2	50,614	47,896	2,718	5.4	4.8
Lee County	14,995	14,433	562	3.7	15,144	14,433	711	4.7	4.5
Ogle County	24,087	23,229	858	3.6	24,661	23,551	1,110	4.5	4.2
Putnam County	3,000	2,886	114	3.8	2,999	2,865	134	4.5	4.3
Whiteside County	27,077	26,044	1,033	3.8	27,178	25,867	1,311	4.8	4.5
Dixon-Sterling Combined Statistical Area	42,072	40,477	1,595	3.8	42,322	40,300	2,022	4.8	4.5
Illinois	6,512,833	6,214,992	297,841	4.6	6,641,415	6,326,676	314,739	4.7	5.1
United States (in thousands)	170,235	162,800	7,435	4.4	171,646	163,799	7,847	4.6	4.4

Data not seasonally adjusted
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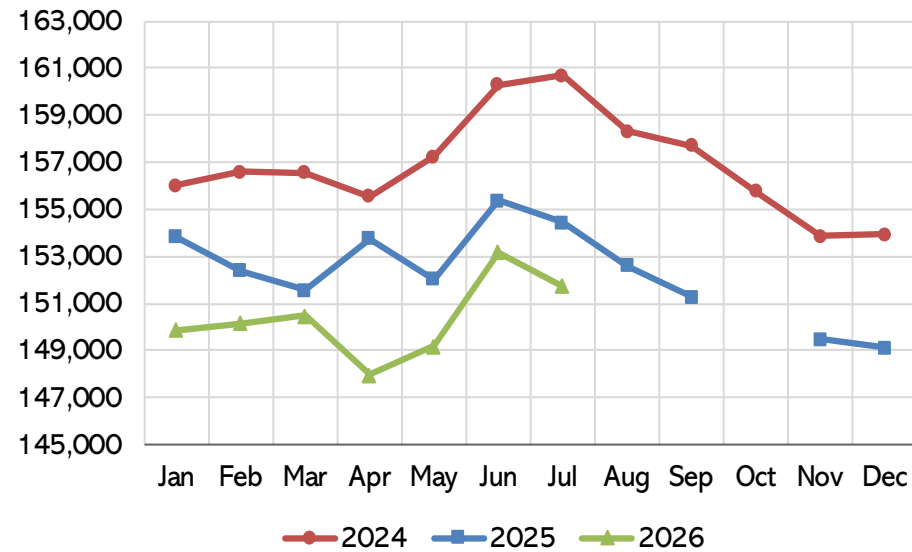
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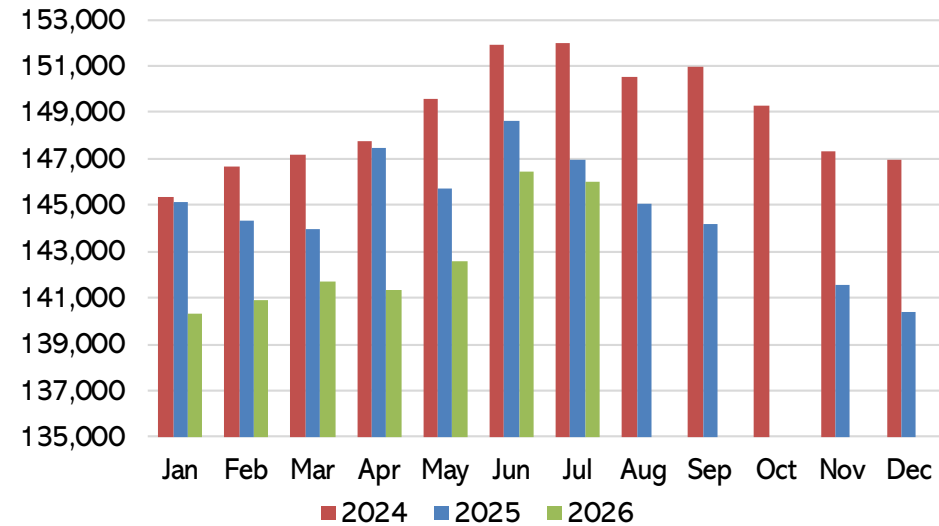
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Total Labor Force

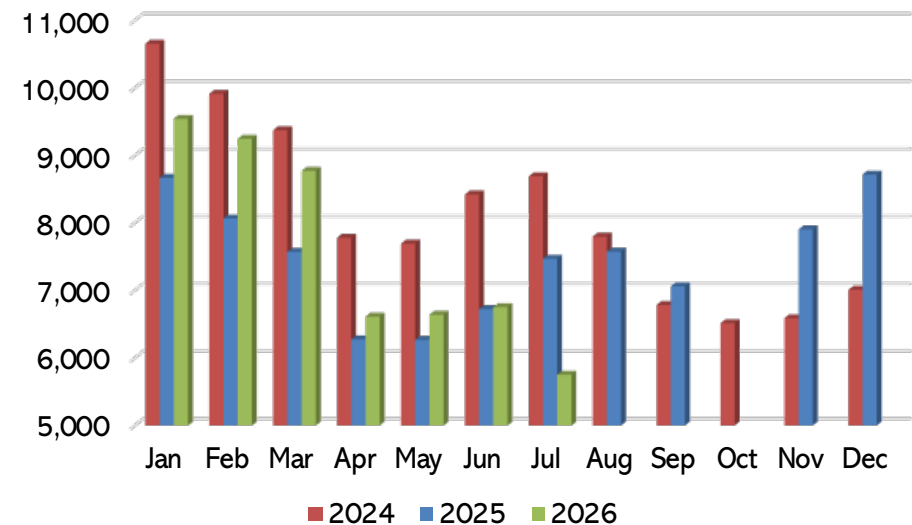


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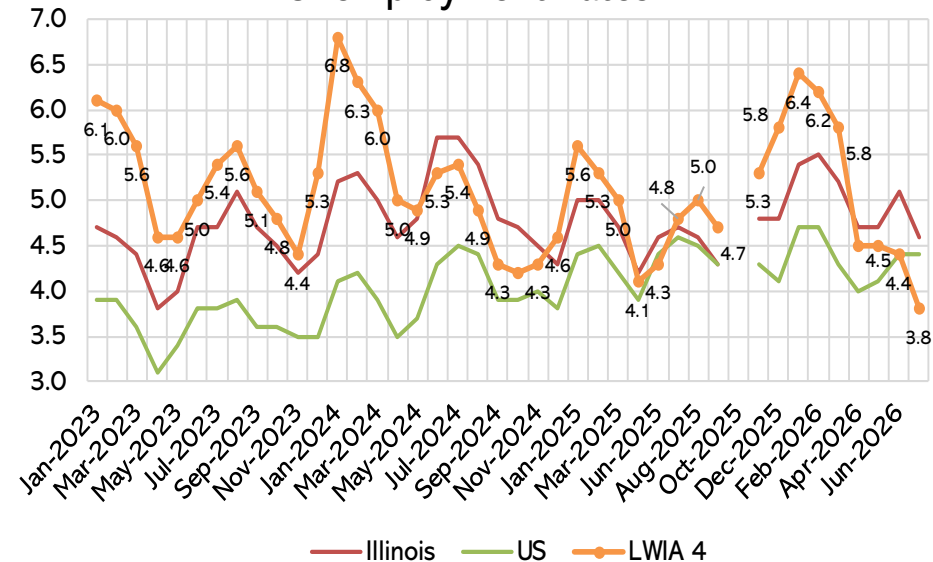


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Number of Unemployed



Unemployment Rates



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Current Employment Statistics and
Labor Force Information

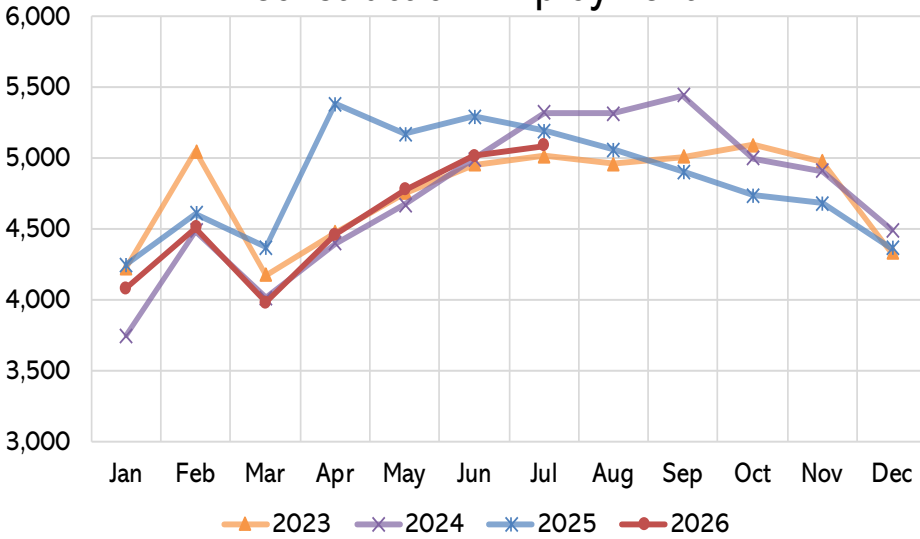
	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25	Month Ago		Year Ago	
<i>Labor Force Information</i>				#	%	#	%
<i>Civilian Labor Force</i>	151,736	153,168	154,422	-1,432	-0.9%	-2,686	-1.7%
<i>Employment</i>	145,984	146,415	146,952	-431	-0.3%	-968	-0.7%
<i>Unemployment</i>	5,752	6,753	7,470	-1,001	-14.8%	-1,718	-23.0%
<i>Unemployment Rate (%)</i>	3.8	4.4	4.8	-0.6		-1.0	
<i>Employment by Industry Information</i>							
Total Nonfarm	109,700	112,027	111,521	-2,327	-2.1%	-1,821	-1.6%
Total Private	88,666	89,273	90,936	-607	-0.7%	-2,270	-2.5%
Goods Producing	22,775	22,800	23,610	-25	-0.1%	-835	-3.5%
Service Providing	86,925	89,227	87,911	-2,302	-2.6%	-986	-1.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	636	701	717	-65	-9.3%	-81	-11.3%
Construction	5,087	5,016	5,198	71	1.4%	-111	-2.1%
Manufacturing	17,052	17,083	17,695	-31	-0.2%	-643	-3.6%
Trade-Transportation-Utilities	27,660	27,661	27,835	-1	0.0%	-175	-0.6%
Information	420	437	470	-17	-3.9%	-50	-10.6%
Financial Activities	3,744	3,728	3,963	16	0.4%	-219	-5.5%
Professional-Business Services	6,517	6,641	6,605	-124	-1.9%	-88	-1.3%
Private Education-Health Services	10,566	10,949	11,166	-383	-3.5%	-600	-5.4%
Leisure-Hospitality	11,655	11,716	11,863	-61	-0.5%	-208	-1.8%
Other Services	5,329	5,341	5,424	-12	-0.2%	-95	-1.8%
Government	21,034	22,754	20,585	-1,720	-7.6%	449	2.2%

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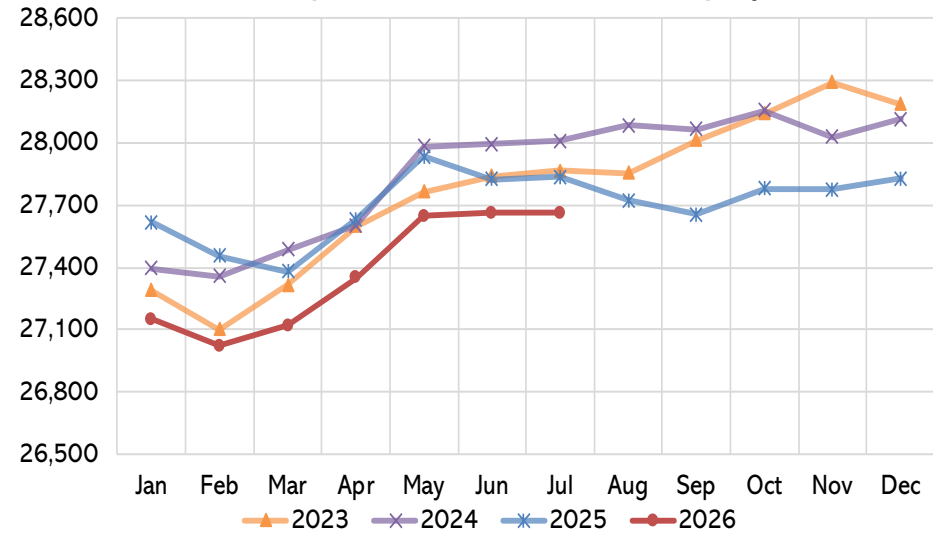
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Construction Employment

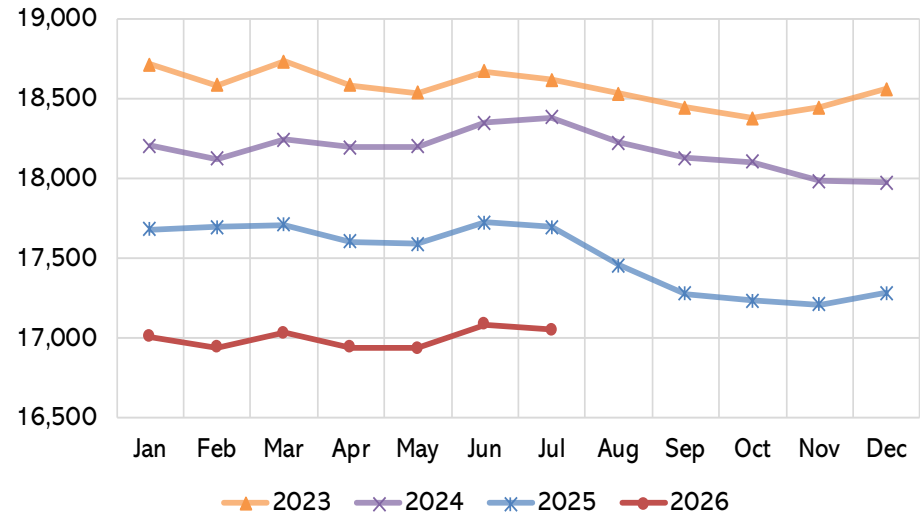


Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Employment

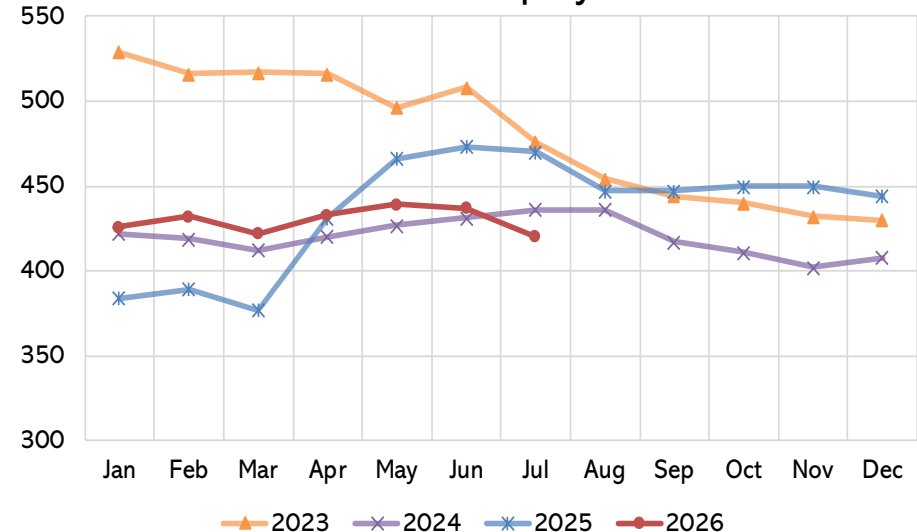


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Manufacturing Employment



Information Employment

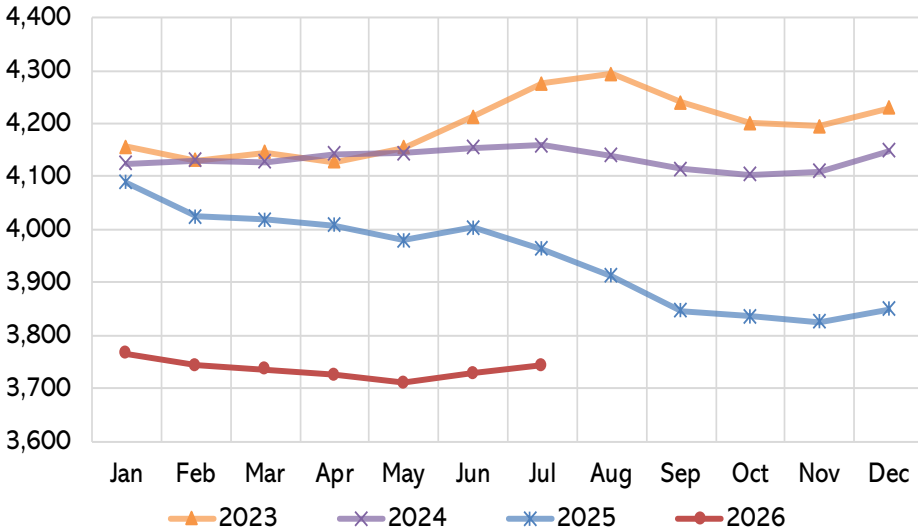


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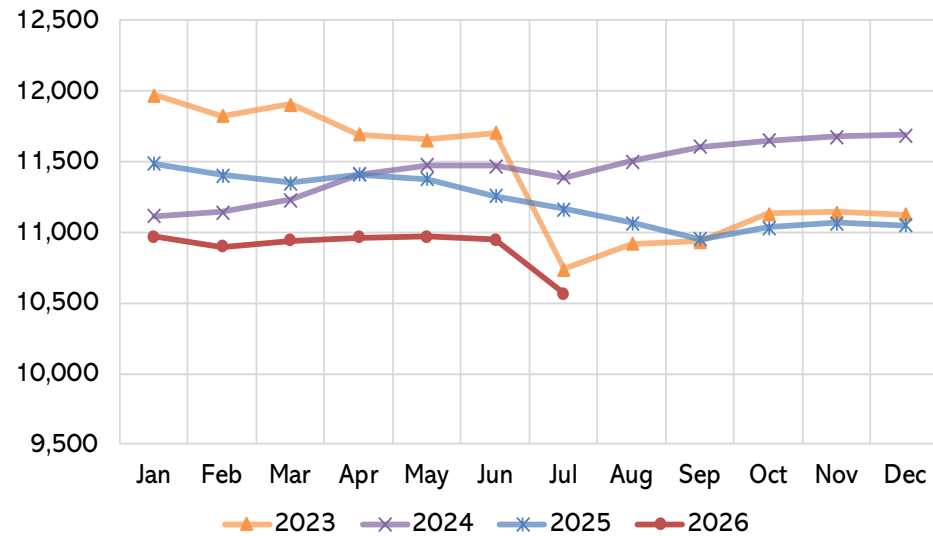
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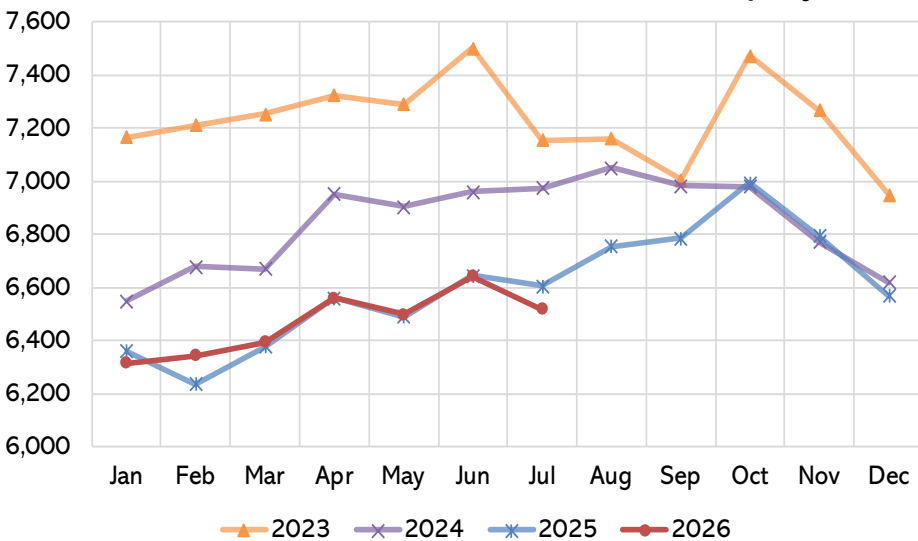


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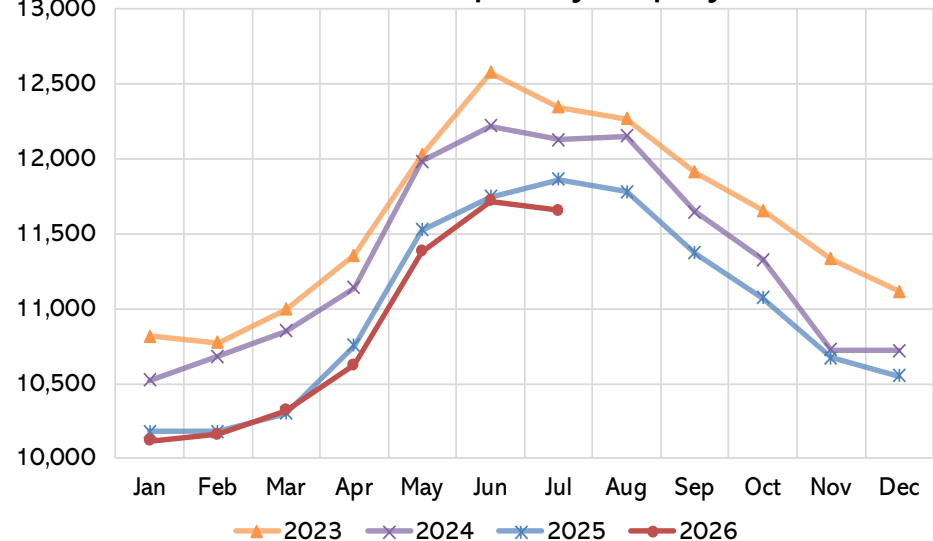


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Professional and Business Services Employment



Leisure and Hospitality Employment

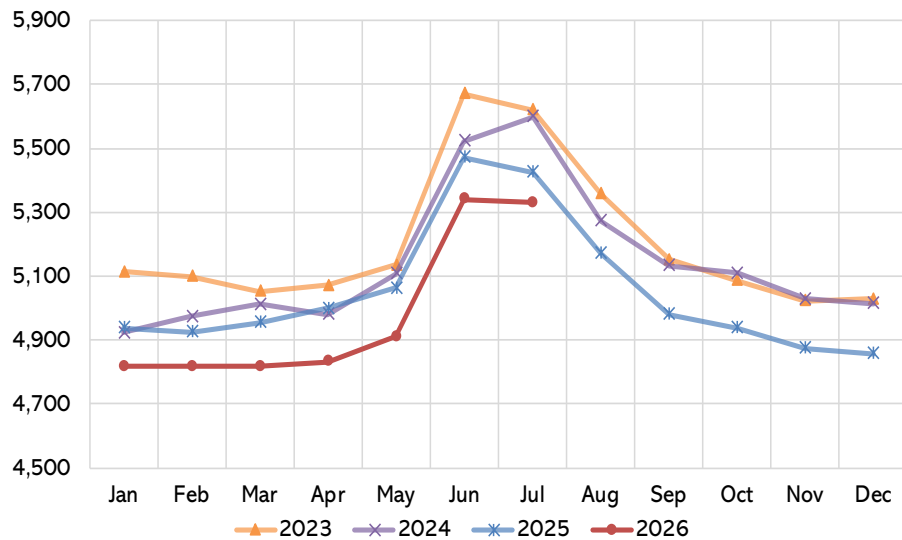


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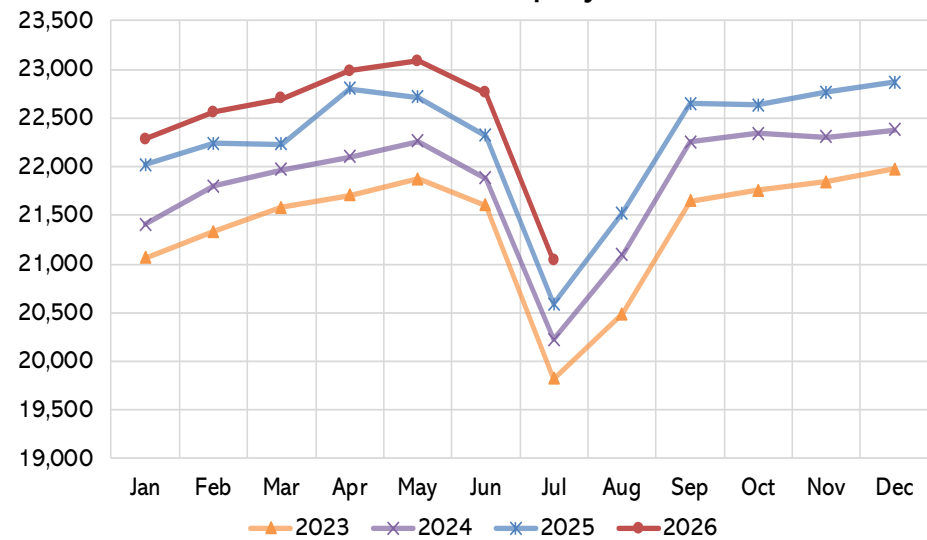
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Other Services Employment

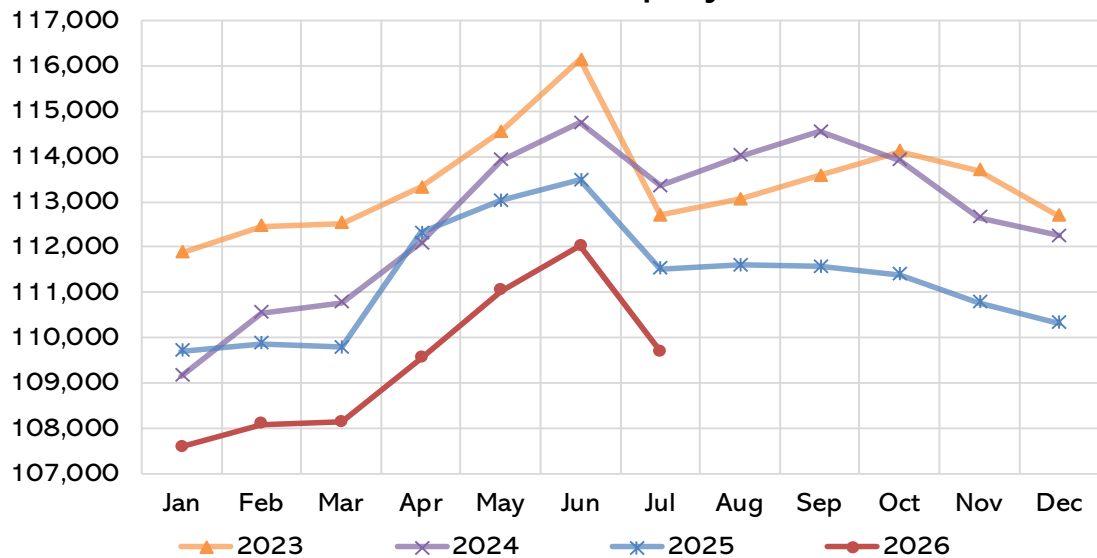


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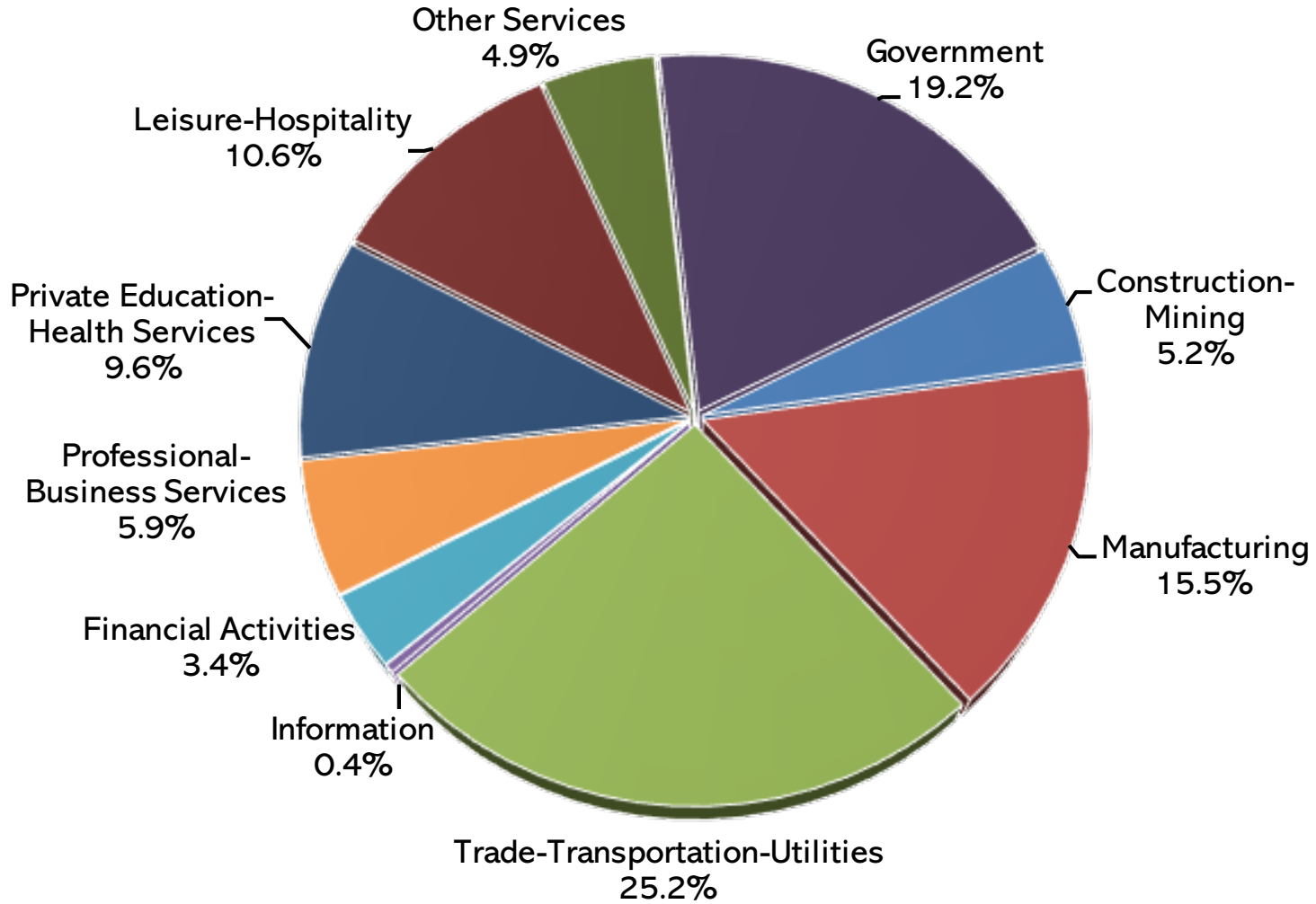
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Total Nonfarm Employment



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Industry Share



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