

Metro Cleveland Employment Report:

Employment, Unemployment and Labor Force Trends (Sep 2025)

Employment & Labor Force Have Grown Slowly But Consistently Since 2022

Metro Cleveland's employment was 1,076,700 in Sep 2025, about 6,100 more than a year ago. The labor force was 1,112,900, a modest increase of 5,300 since last year. Employment & the labor force have bounced back from a slight downturn in early 2025 and are finally about the same as Sep 2019 before the 2020 pandemic. Unemployment was 36,200, about 800 lower than a year earlier. The unemployment rate was 3.3%, the same as a year ago. Since the Covid recovery began in 2022, employment and the labor force have grown slowly but consistently on an annual basis, and unemployment has decreased.

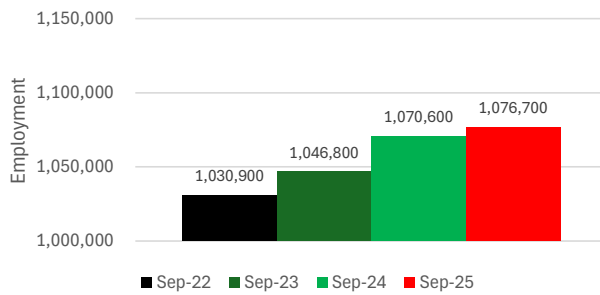
Note: The impact of the government shutdown on data accuracy is unknown.

Metro Cleveland Employment & Unemployment (Sep 2025)

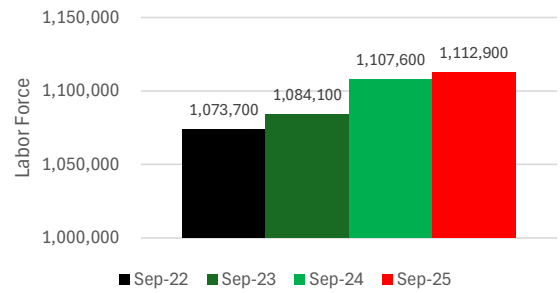
	Unempl %	Unempl	Empl	Labor Force
Sep-22	4.0%	42,800	1,030,900	1,073,700
Sep-23	3.4%	37,300	1,046,800	1,084,100
Sep-24	3.3%	37,000	1,070,600	1,107,600
Sep-25	3.3%	36,200	1,076,700	1,112,900
Since Sep 22	-0.7%	(6,600)	45,800	39,200
Since Sep 23	-0.1%	(1,100)	29,900	28,800
Since Sep 24	0.0%	(800)	6,100	5,300
Last Yr % Chg		-2.2%	0.6%	0.5%

Source: BLS, LAUS. Note: Most recent month is preliminary.

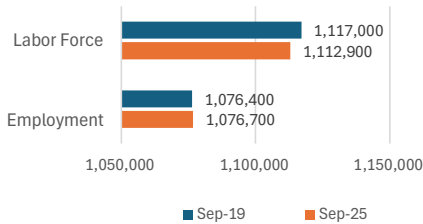
Employment (Sep 25) - 1,076,700



Labor Force (Sep 25) - 1,112,900

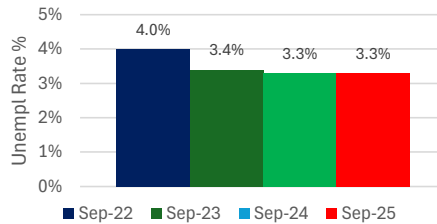


**Employment & Labor Force:
Sep 2019 Vs Sep 2025**

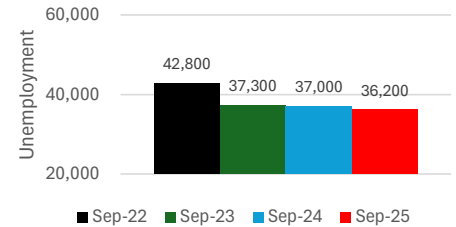


Source: BLS, LAUS. .

Unemployment Rate (Sep 25) - 3.3%

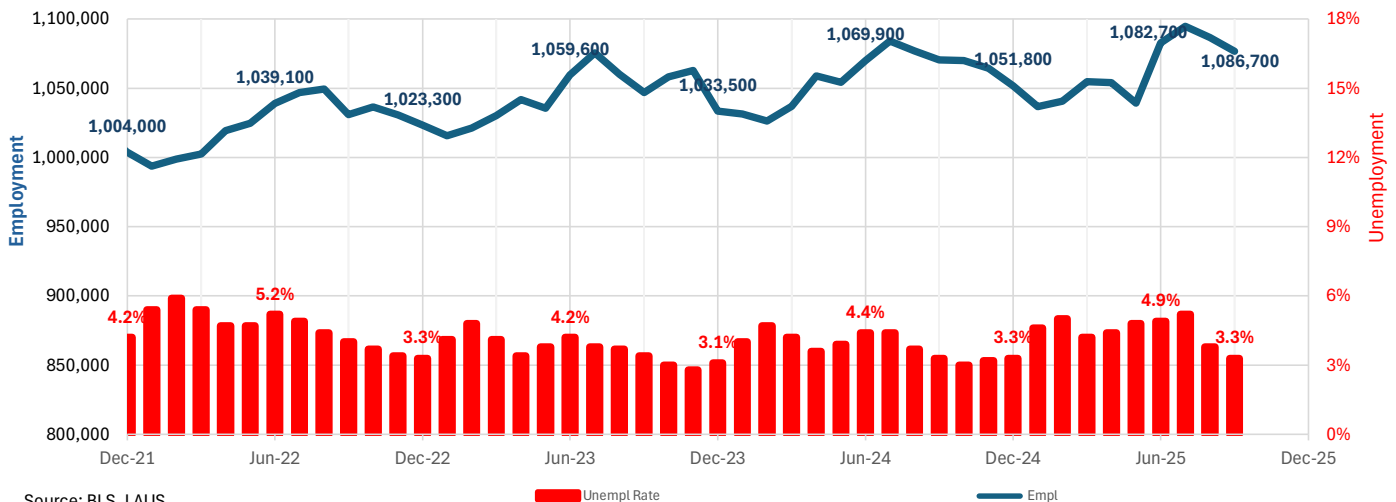


Unemployment (Sep 25) - 36,200



Employment & Unemployment Rate- Post-Pandemic

Employment has gradually increased post-pandemic, but growth is modest.



Source: BLS, LAUS

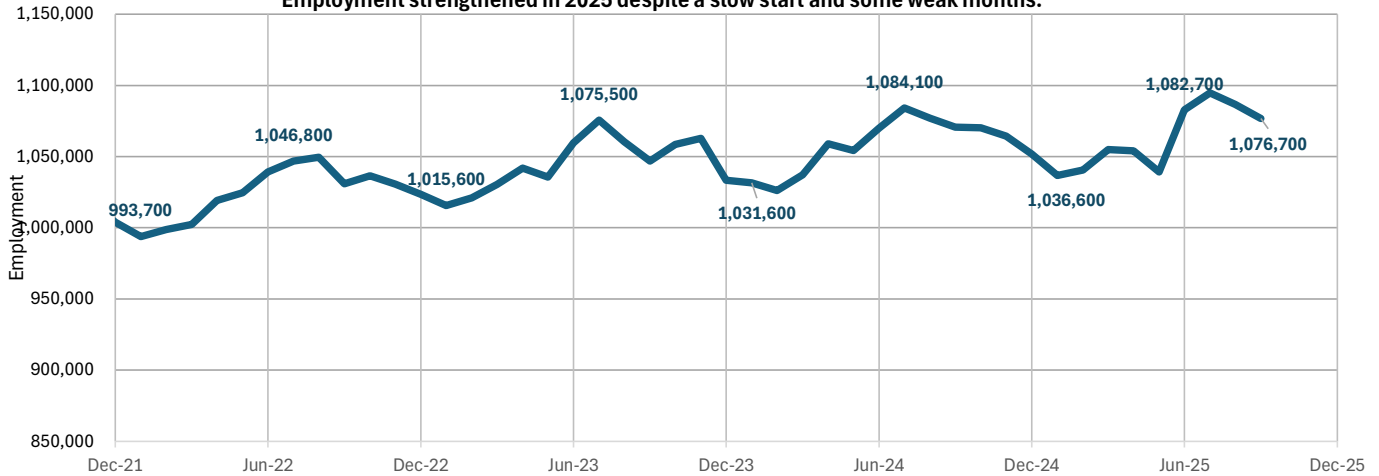
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EMPLOYMENT

Metro Cleveland Employment- 2022-2025

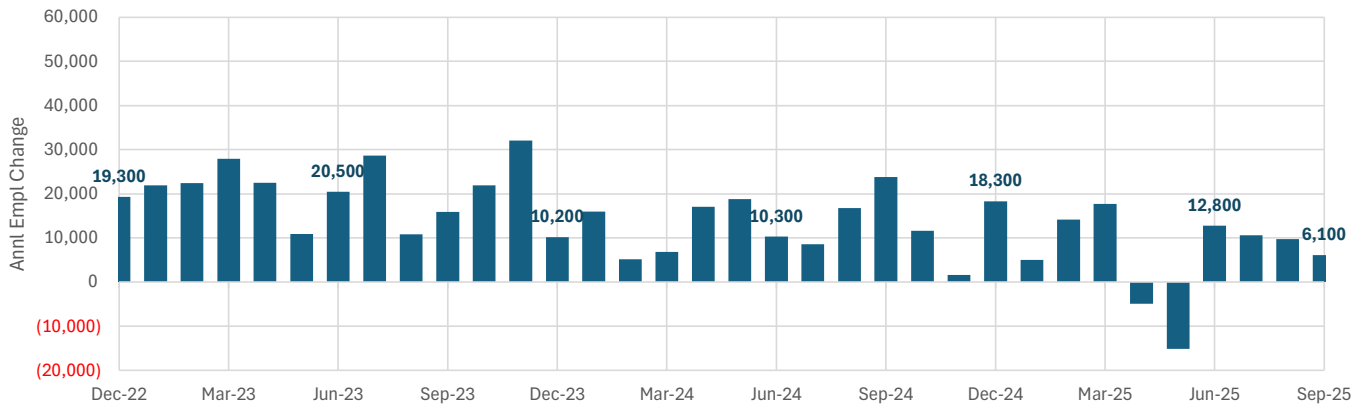
Employment strengthened in 2025 despite a slow start and some weak months.



Source: BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Most recent month is preliminary.

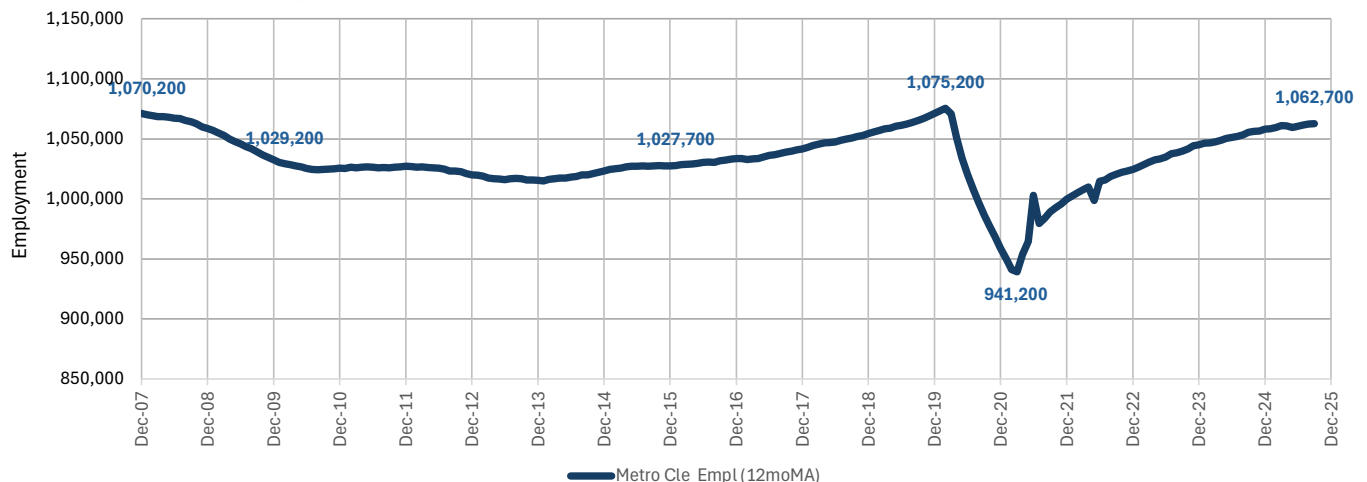
Metro Cleveland Annual Employment Change-2023-2025

Year-over-year employment growth has been inconsistent in 2024 & 2025.



Metro Cleveland Employment Long-Term Trend- 2007-2025 (12 mo. M.A.)

Annual average employment is below 2007 & pre-pandemic employment levels despite post-pandemic recovery.



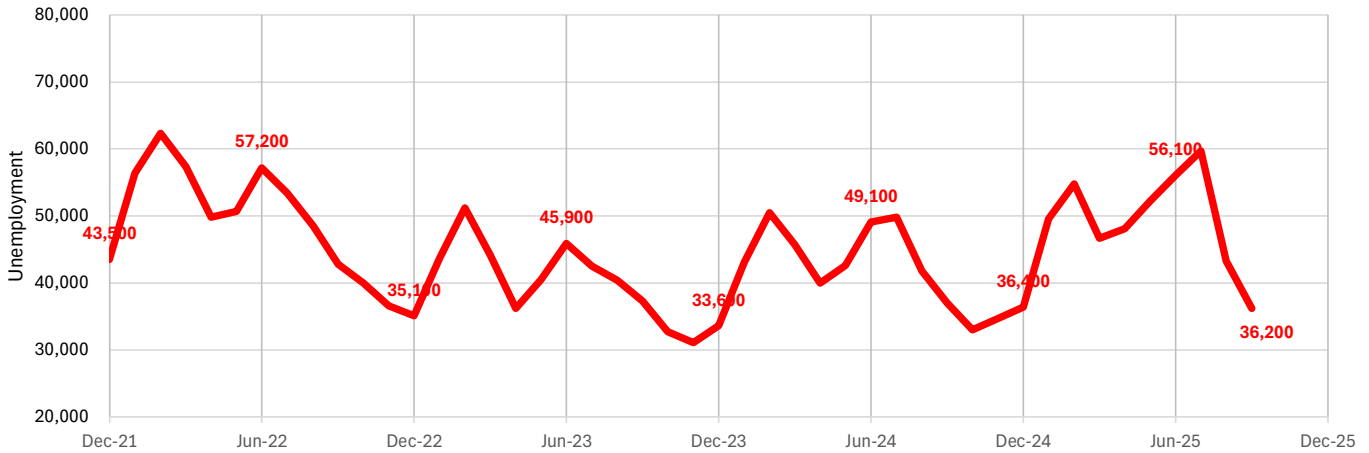
Source: BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Most recent month is prel. Sep. 2020 is est.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Metro Cleveland Unemployment- 2022-2025

Unemployment has followed seasonal patterns & remained in 35,000-60,000 range.



Source: BLS, LAUS.

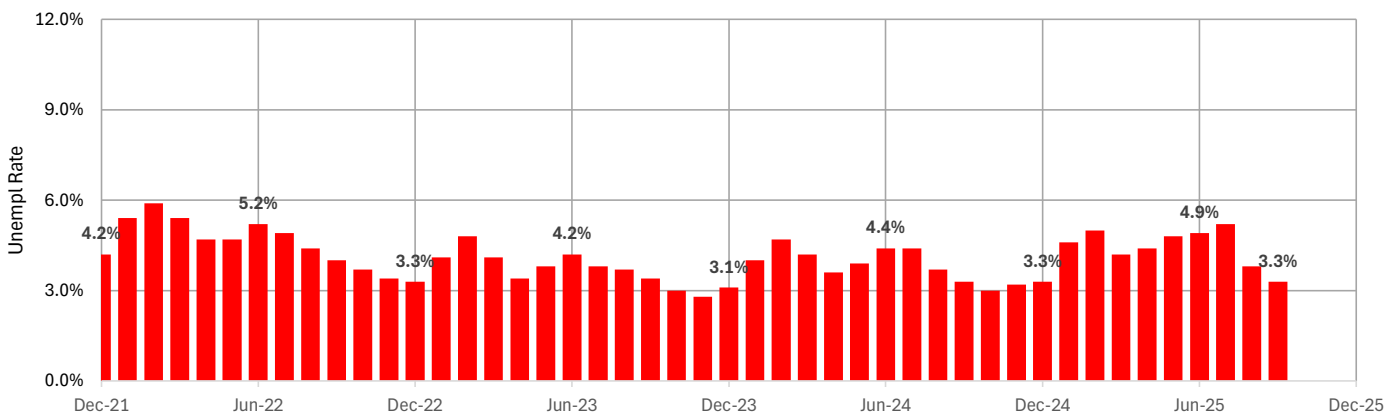
Metro Cleveland Annual Unemployment Change-2023-2025

Unemployment began to grow in early 2024 after several years of Covid rebound.



Metro Cleveland Monthly Unemployment Rate- 2022-2025

Unemployment rate decreased from high pandemic levels but is slightly higher in 2025.



Source: BLS, LAUS.

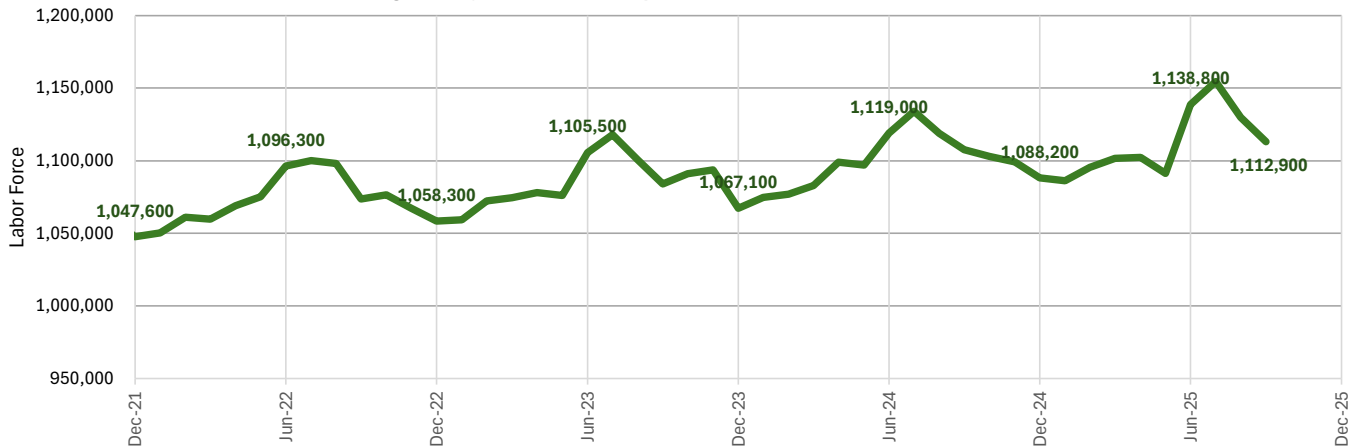
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LABOR FORCE

Metro Cleveland Labor Force 2022-2025

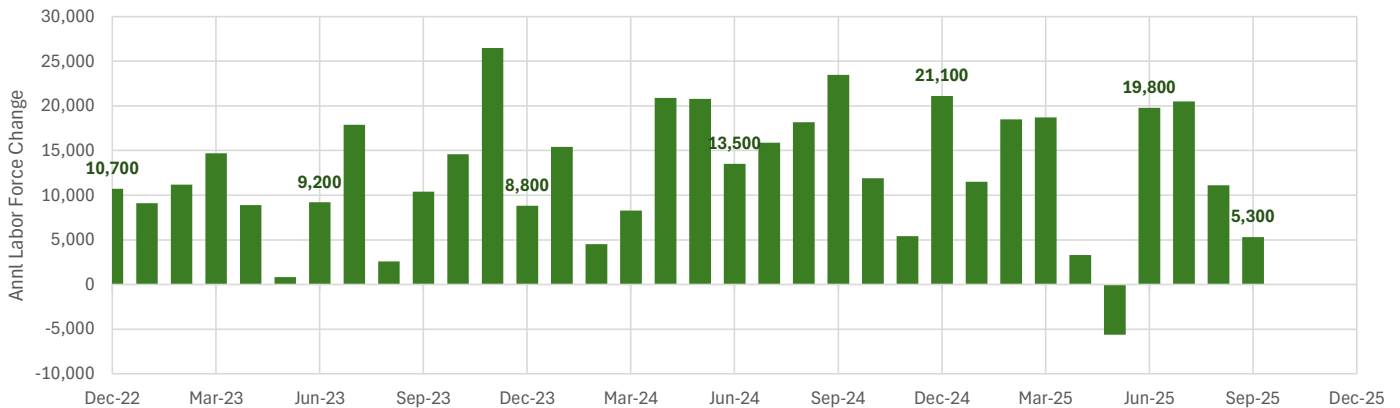
Labor force has gradually increased since pandemic with normal seasonal fluctuations.



Source: BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Most recent month is prel. Sep. 2020 is est.

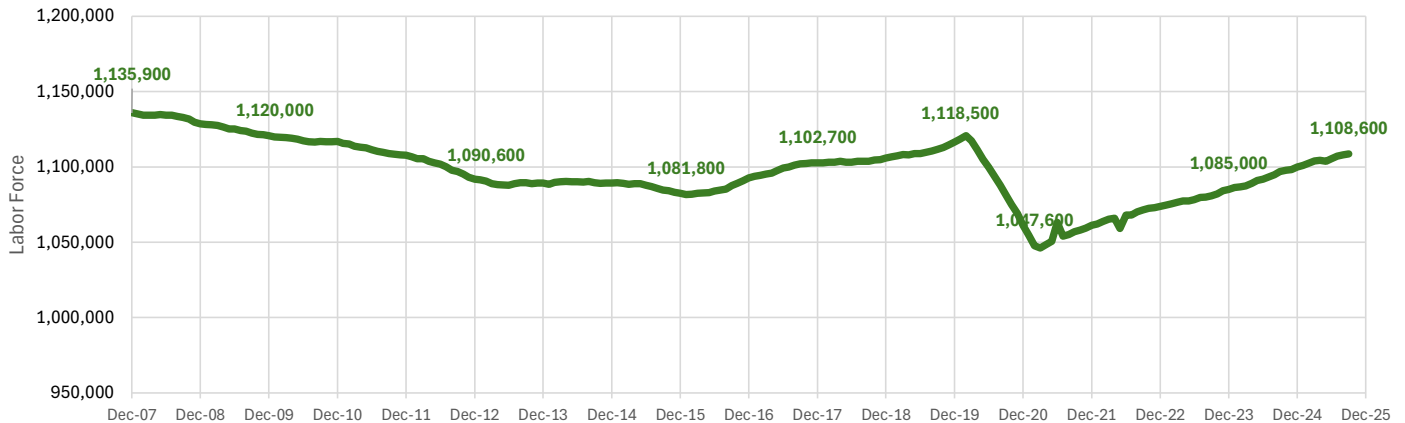
Metro Cleveland Year-over-Year Labor Force Change-2023-2025

Labor Force rebounded in June 2025 after a few months of losses.



Metro Cleveland Labor Force Long-Term Trend: 2007-2025

Labor Force Has Rebounded After Covid But Has Decreased By 30,000 over 15 Years



Source: BLS, LAUS

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