



Workforce Information Update

Rockford MSA

Boone & Winnebago Counties

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	December 2025				December 2024				November 2025
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate	Rate
Rockford MSA	156,287	146,546	9,741	6.2	161,081	153,380	7,701	4.8	5.3
Boone County	26,266	24,500	1,766	6.7	26,938	25,558	1,380	5.1	5.0
Winnebago County	130,021	122,046	7,975	6.1	134,143	127,822	6,321	4.7	5.3
Counties									
Bureau County	14,869	13,944	925	6.2	15,275	14,503	772	5.1	5.1
Carroll County	6,483	6,108	375	5.8	6,758	6,460	298	4.4	4.6
DeKalb County	51,878	49,147	2,731	5.3	53,541	51,394	2,147	4.0	4.4
Henry County	22,992	21,627	1,365	5.9	23,788	22,675	1,113	4.7	4.7
Jo Daviess County	10,864	10,354	510	4.7	11,099	10,686	413	3.7	3.6
Kane County	269,183	253,536	15,647	5.8	277,859	265,520	12,339	4.4	4.6
Lee County	14,553	13,756	797	5.5	14,913	14,294	619	4.2	4.8
McHenry County	179,191	171,845	7,346	4.1	180,292	173,141	7,151	4.0	3.9
Ogle County	24,206	22,839	1,367	5.6	24,950	23,841	1,109	4.4	4.4
Stephenson County	20,523	19,464	1,059	5.2	20,925	20,053	872	4.2	4.4
Whiteside County	26,634	25,233	1,401	5.3	27,426	26,296	1,130	4.1	4.6
Cities									
Belvidere City	13,083	12,108	975	7.5	13,421	12,631	790	5.9	5.4
Freeport City	10,449	9,865	584	5.6	10,663	10,164	499	4.7	5.0
Rockford City	64,352	59,986	4,366	6.8	66,346	62,825	3,521	5.3	6.0
Illinois	6,506,578	6,192,880	313,698	4.8	6,619,206	6,335,094	284,112	4.3	4.6
United States (in thousands)	170,723	163,720	7,003	4.1	167,746	161,294	6,452	3.8	4.3

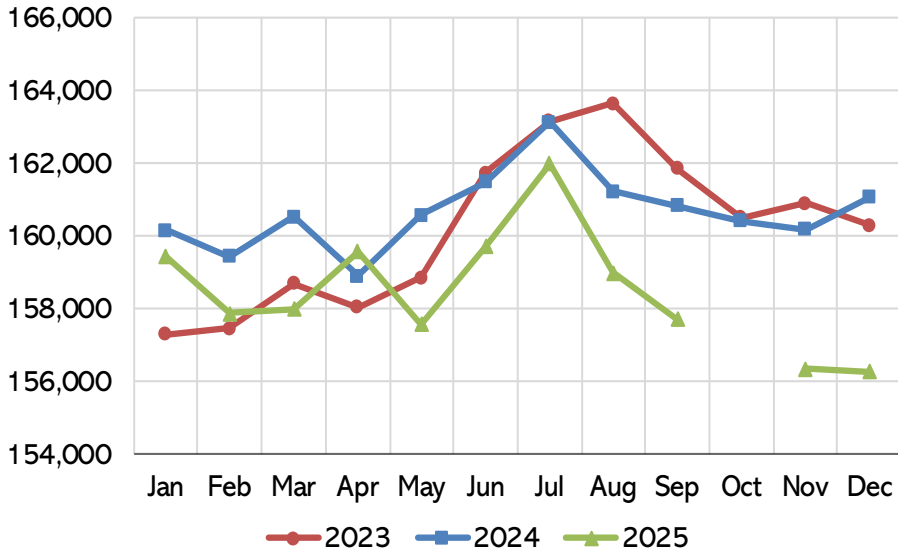
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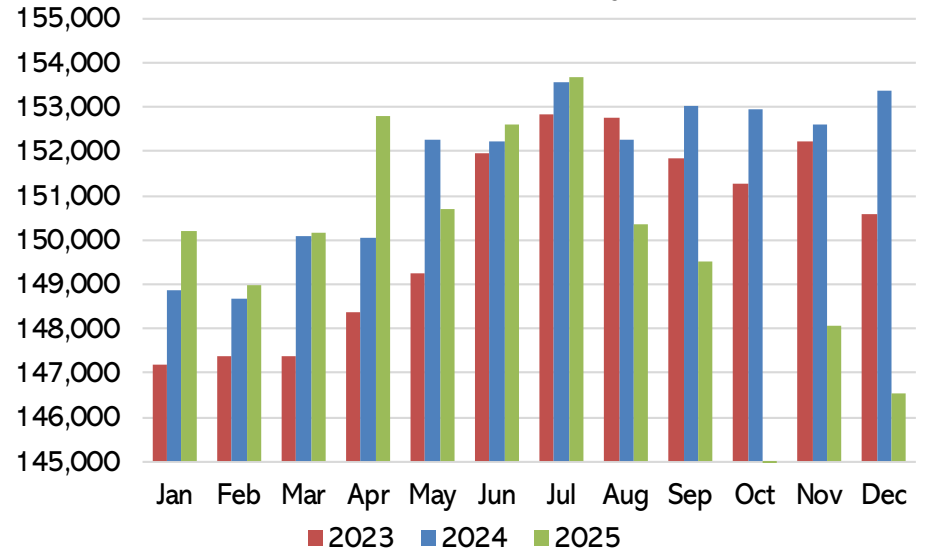
Labor Force Information- Not Seasonally Adjusted

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Total Labor Force

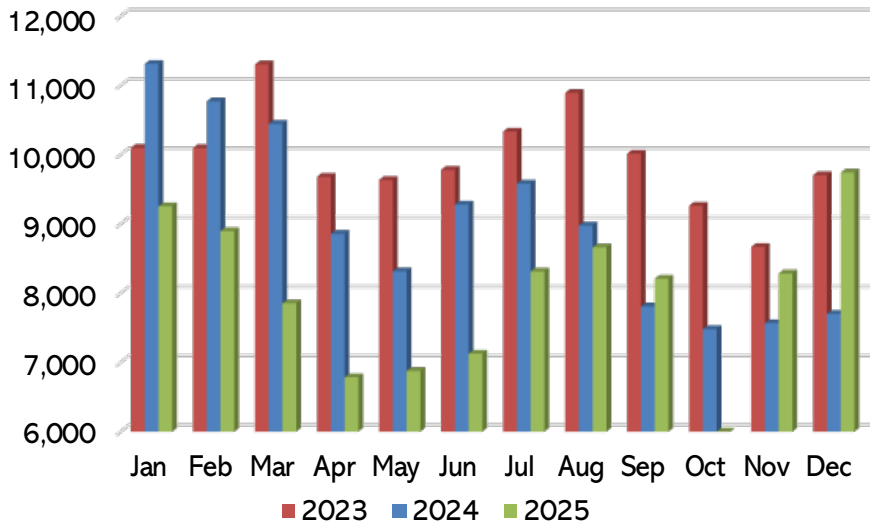


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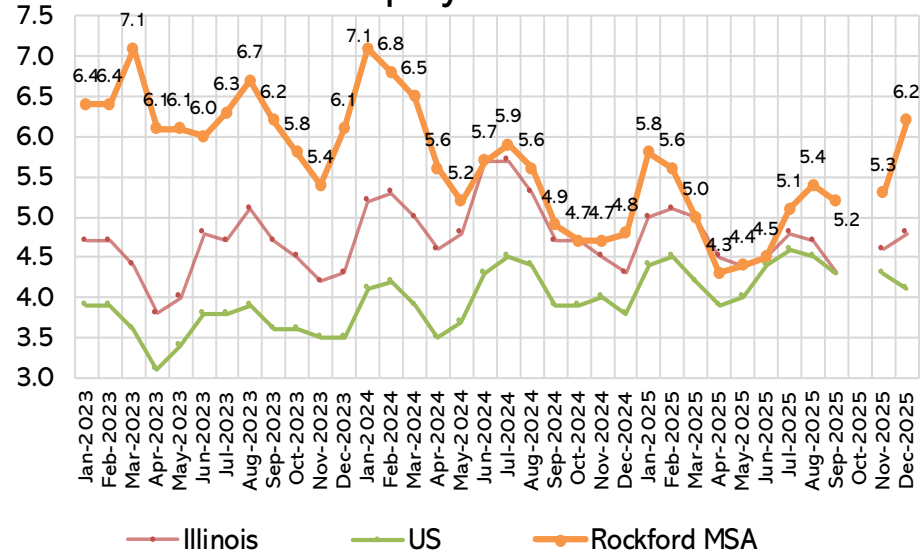


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Number of Unemployed



Unemployment Rates



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Current Employment Statistics and
Labor Force Information

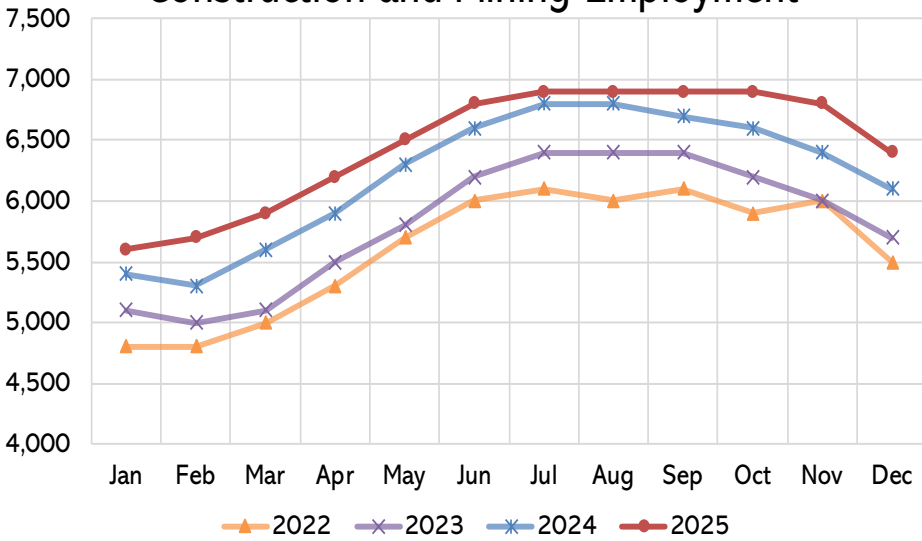
	Dec-25	Nov-25	Dec-24	Month Ago		Year Ago	
<i>Labor Force Information</i>				#	%	#	%
<i>Civilian Labor Force</i>	156,287	156,352	161,081	-65	0.0%	-4,794	-3.0%
<i>Employment</i>	146,546	148,069	153,380	-1,523	-1.0%	-6,834	-4.5%
<i>Unemployment</i>	9,741	8,283	7,701	1,458	17.6%	2,040	26.5%
<i>Unemployment Rate (%)</i>	6.2	5.3	4.8	0.9		1.4	
<i>Employment by Industry Information</i>							
Total Nonfarm	147,300	147,400	147,900	-100	-0.1%	-600	-0.4%
Construction-Mining	6,400	6,800	6,100	-400	-5.9%	300	4.9%
Manufacturing	23,800	23,800	24,400	0	0.0%	-600	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	15,700	15,600	16,200	100	0.6%	-500	-3.1%
Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities	10,500	10,300	10,400	200	1.9%	100	1.0%
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional-Business Services	14,200	14,200	14,400	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
Private Education-Health Services	27,700	27,600	27,000	100	0.4%	700	2.6%
Leisure-Hospitality	14,400	14,400	14,600	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
Other Services	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Government	16,500	16,600	16,600	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%

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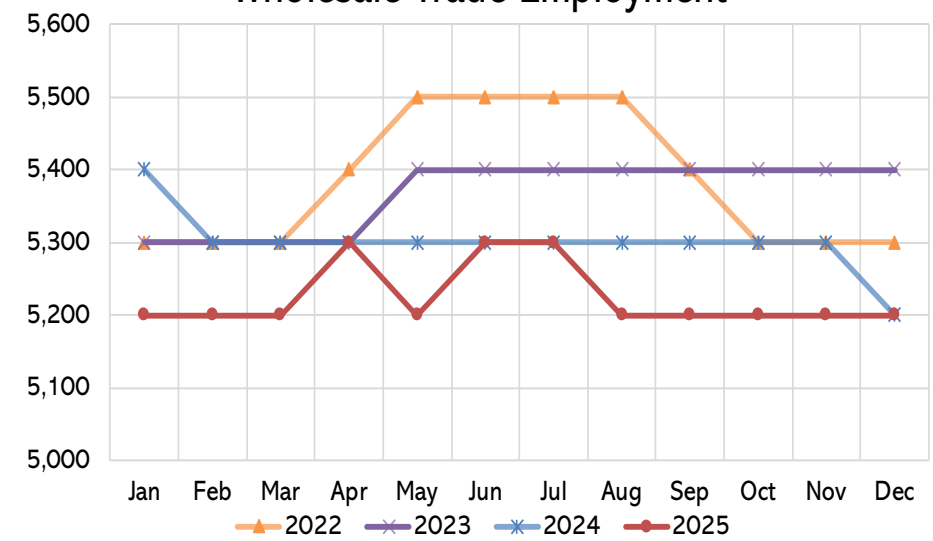
Employment by Industry

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Construction and Mining Employment

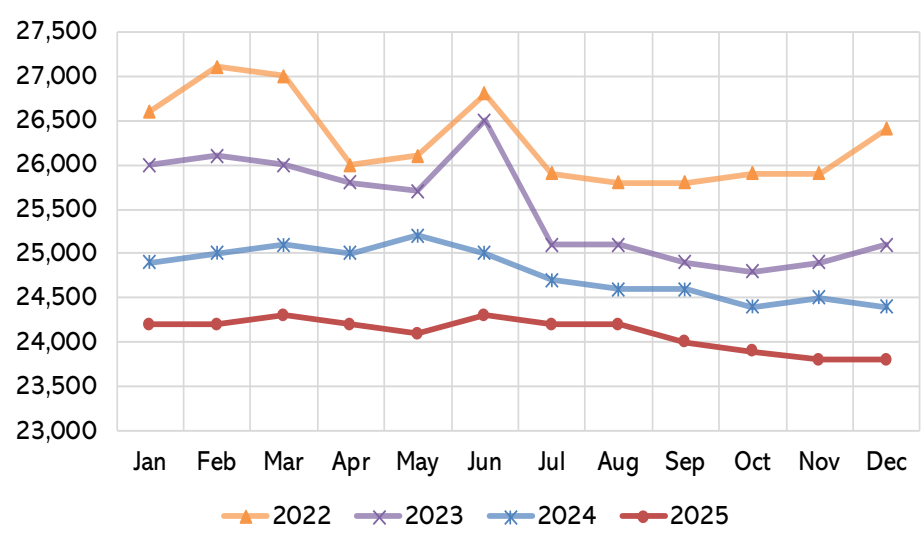


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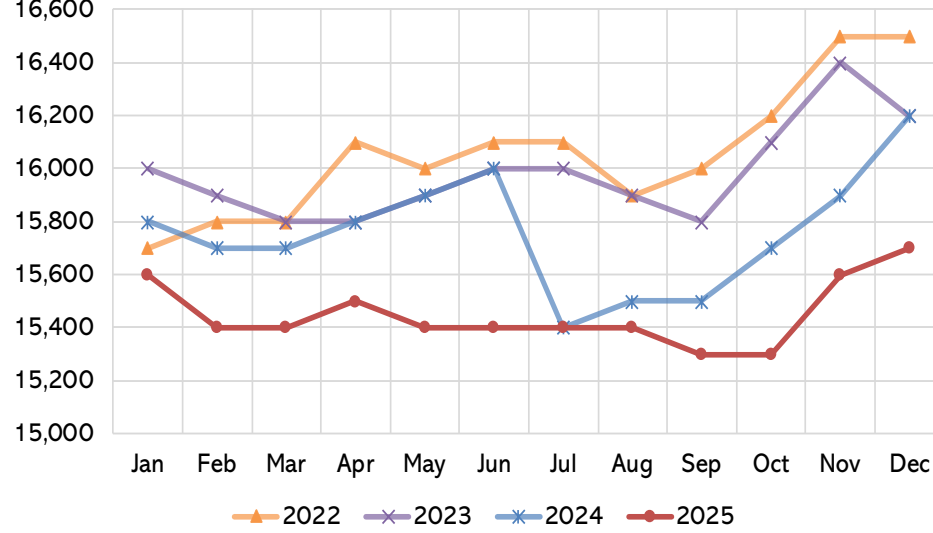


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Manufacturing Employment



Retail Trade Employment

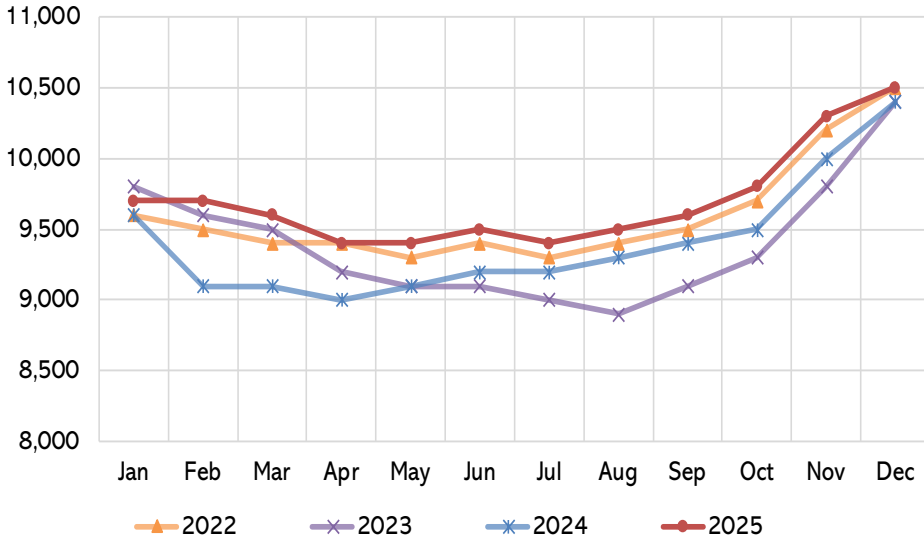


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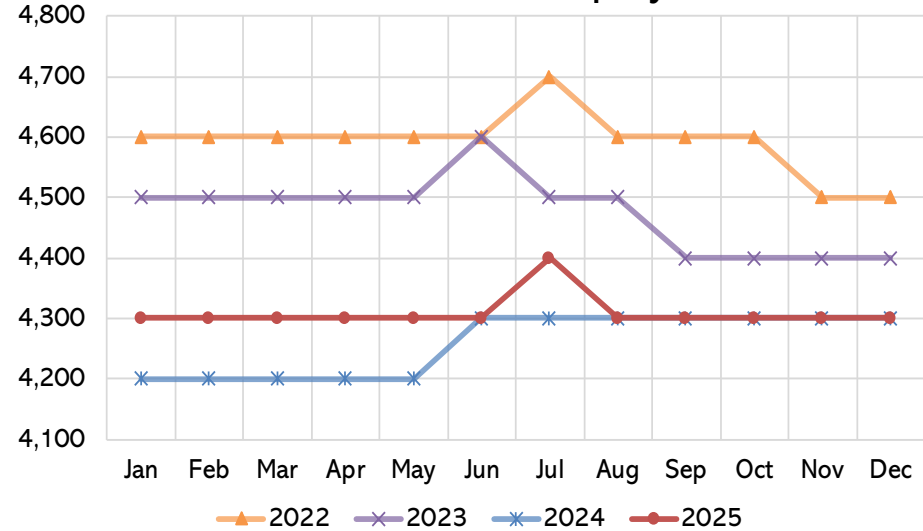
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Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities Employment

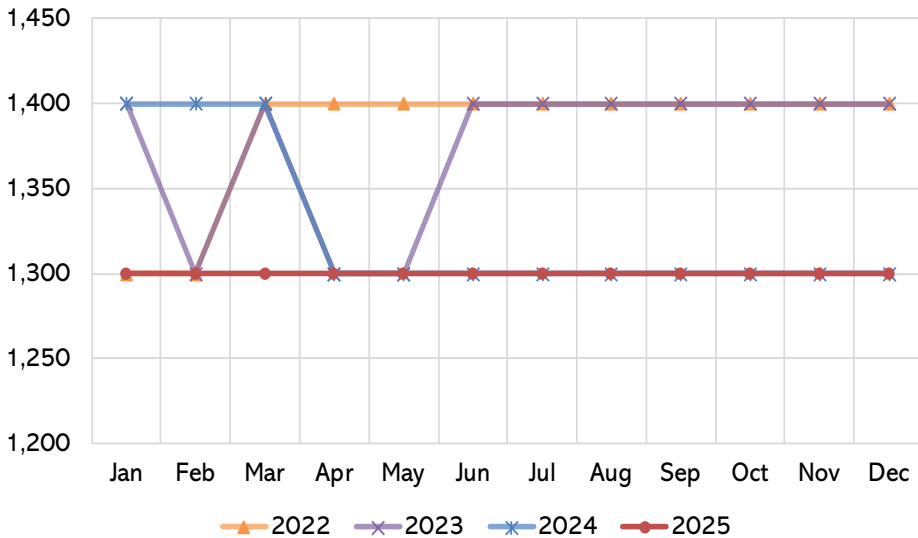


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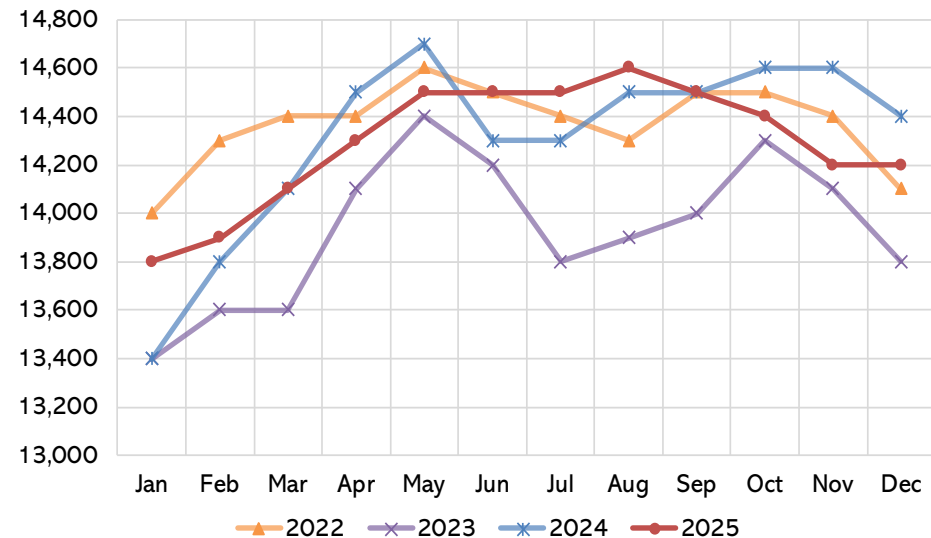


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Information Employment



Professional and Business Services Employment

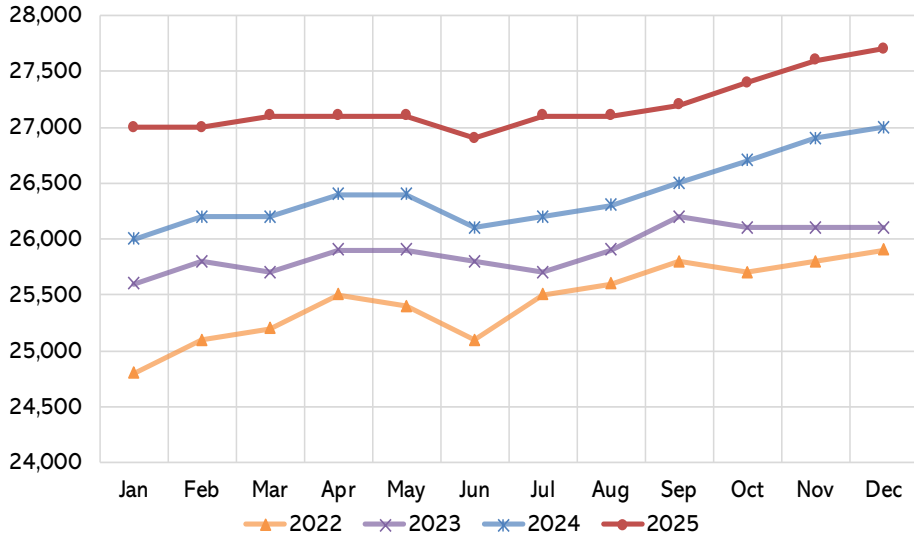


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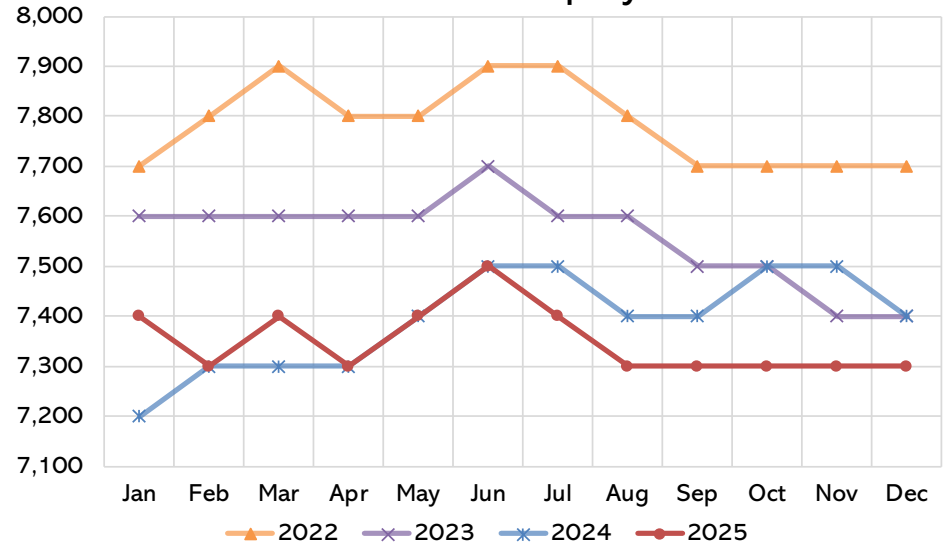
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Private Education and Health Services Employment

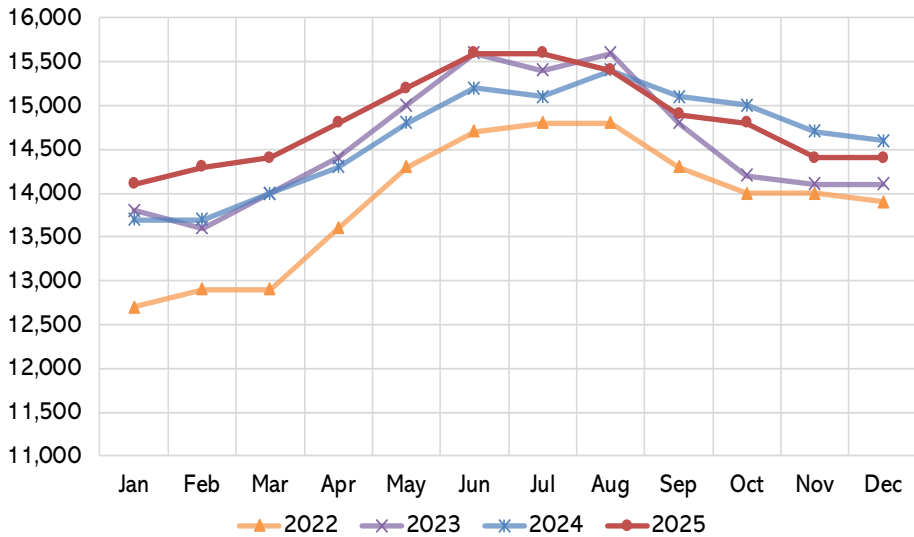


Other Services Employment

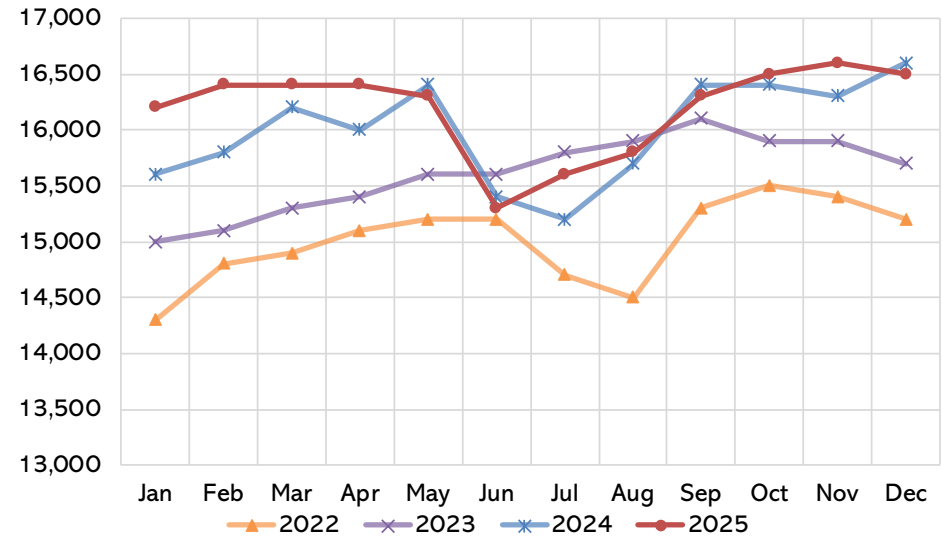


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Leisure and Hospitality Employment



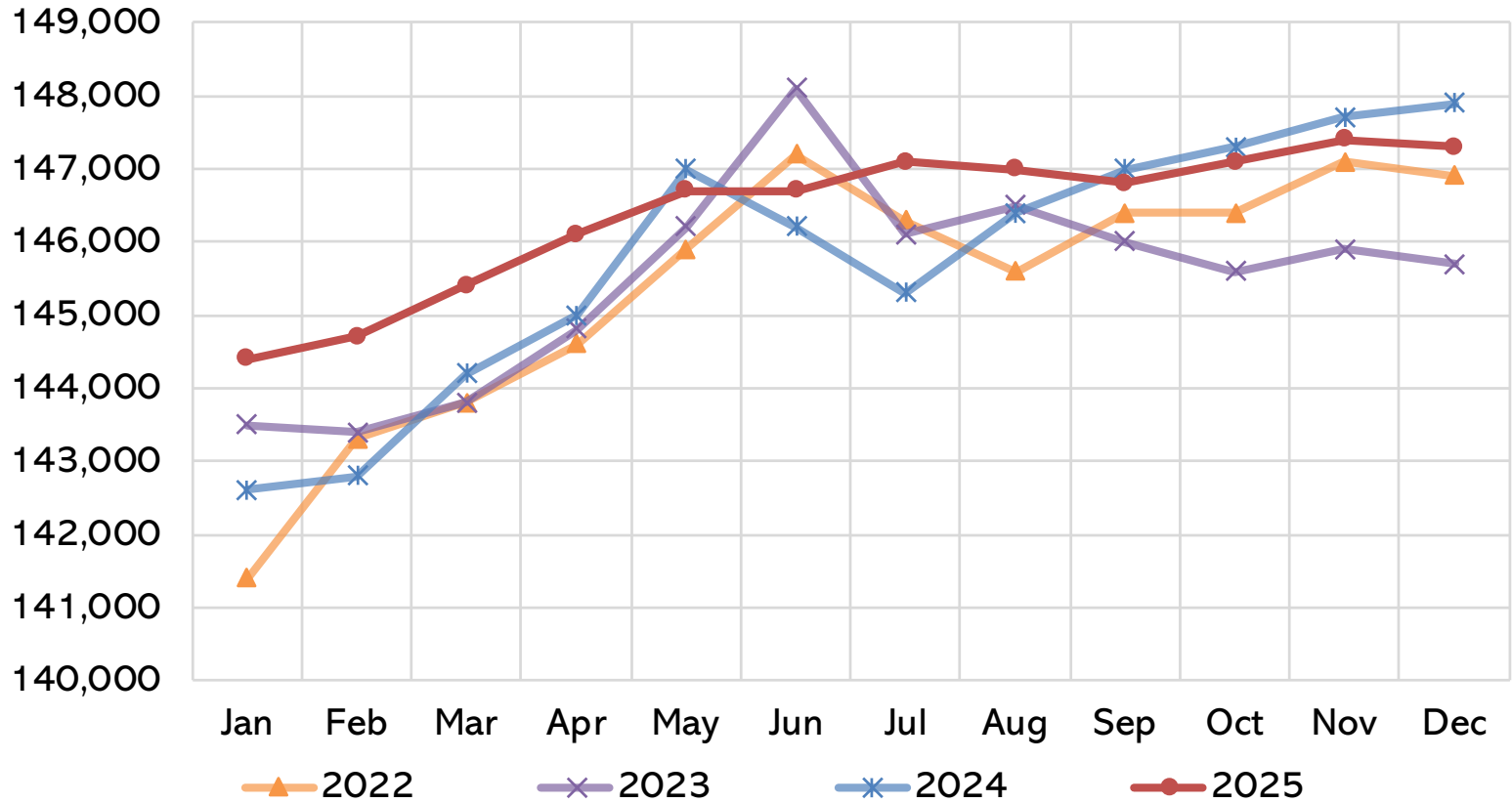
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Total Nonfarm Employment



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Employment by Industry Share

