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Ohio tops nation in May job growth

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Ohio topped the nation last month when it added 32,100 jobs, far more than any other state and the most here in a single month in at least a decade.

Kentucky and Indiana saw smaller gains from April to May.

The monthly state jobs report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that most of Ohio's new jobs came from professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, government, education and health services. Growth in manufacturing and financial services was flat.

The state's unemployment rate remained at 7 percent, still better than the national rate of 7.6 percent. Unemployment in Indiana fell from 8.5 to 8.3 percent, and Kentucky's rate rose from 7.9 to 8.1 percent.

The unemployment rate is based on a household survey while the monthly jobs numbers come from employers. Ohio's rate may have remained unchanged, despite the additional jobs, because more people entered the labor force or because employed people took on more than one job.

Thirty-three states saw job growth last month, with Ohio outpacing Texas for the top spot. Texas gained 19,500 jobs and Michigan, which was third on the list, added 18,100.

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Job growth in May

Ohio:

Jobs added: 32,100

Change since April: 0.6 percent increase

Total non-farm payroll jobs: 5.2 million

Kentucky:

Jobs added: 3,800

Change since April: 0.2 percent

Total non-farm payroll jobs: 1.8 million

Indiana:

Jobs added: 7,500

Change since April: 0.3 percent

Total non-farm payroll jobs: 2.9 million

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