



Utah Economic Update

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Summary

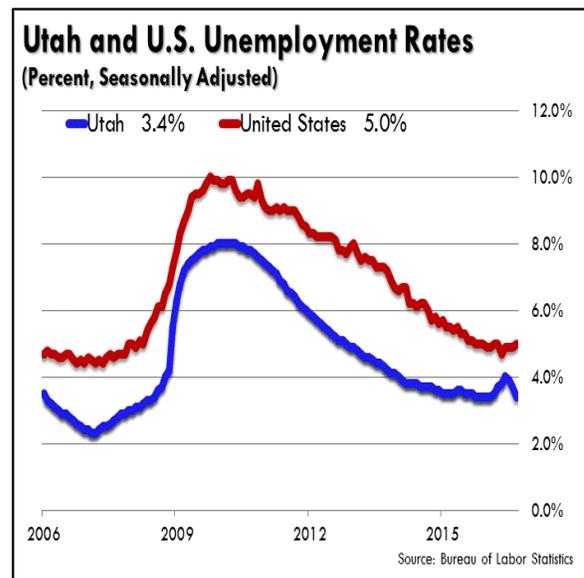
Nonfarm payroll employment in Utah increased by 4,100 jobs, and the unemployment rate fell to 3.4 percent in September according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Utah Unemployment Rate

During September, the unemployment rate in Utah declined by 0.3 percentage point to 3.4 percent. The number of people counted as unemployed fell by 4,114 in September to 50,738, while the labor force grew by 1,983 to 1,501,602. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 6 posted lower unemployment rates for the month than Utah. A year earlier, the unemployment rate in Utah stood at 3.5 percent.

The 10-year peak for the unemployment rate in Utah was 8.0 percent in May 2010. The series high for the unemployment rate in Utah occurred in March 1983 when the unemployment rate reached 9.6 percent. The 10-year low for the unemployment rate was 2.3 percent in March 2007. This also represents the series low for the unemployment rate in Utah. BLS began publishing the state unemployment rate series in 1976.

The national unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5.0 percent in September. September's unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than a year earlier. The 10-year high for the national unemployment rate was 10.0 percent in October 2009. The 10-year low was 4.4 percent in May 2007.



Utah Payroll Employment

Utah nonfarm payrolls increased by 4,100 jobs, or 0.29 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during September. In the prior month, nonfarm payrolls declined by 2,100. Over the past 12 months, nonfarm payrolls in Utah increased by 39,800, or 2.87 percent. Utah nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

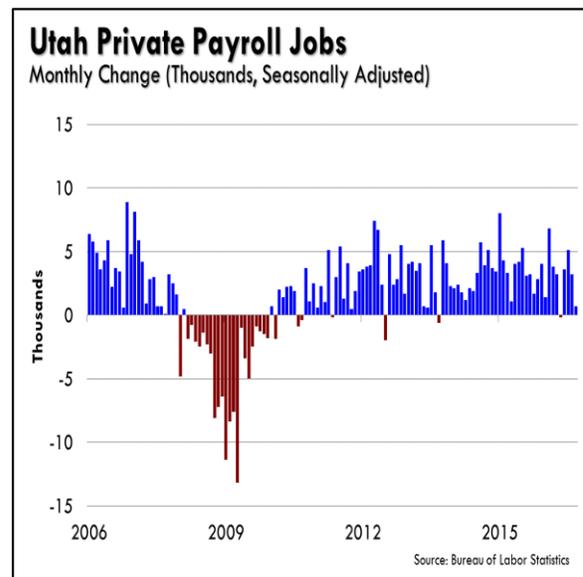
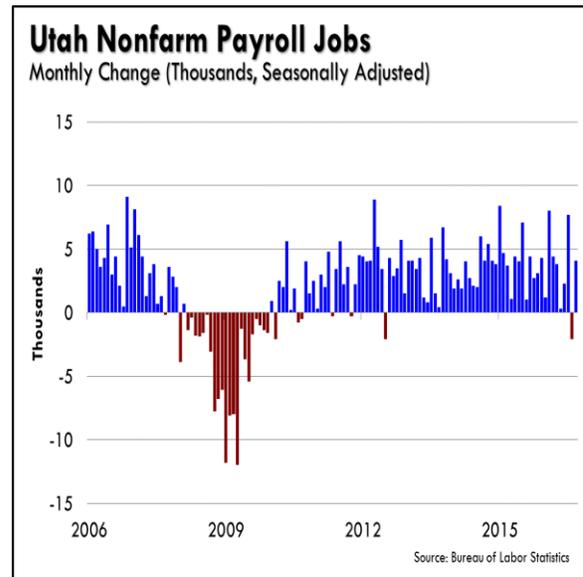
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 156,000 jobs in September, or 0.11 percent. Over the 12-month period ending September 2016, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,447,000 jobs, or 1.72 percent. Utah ranks 6th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During September, Utah private-sector payrolls increased by 700, or 0.06 percent. Private-sector payrolls increased by 3,200 jobs in the prior month. Over the past 12 months, private-sector payrolls in Utah increased by 36,100, or 3.13 percent. Utah private-sector payroll employment has increased in 7 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 167,000 jobs in September, or 0.14 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,302,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.91 percent. Utah ranks 6th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

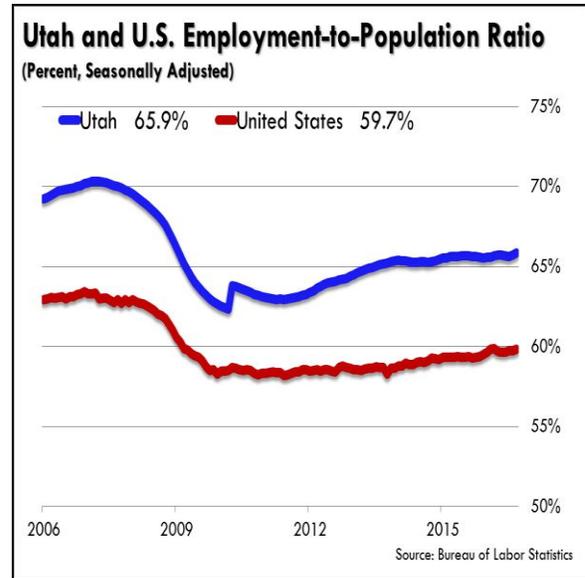
During September, total government payroll employment in Utah increased by 3,400, or 1.45 percent. Federal government payroll employment increased by 400, or 1.10 percent. State government payroll employment increased by 2,900, or 3.88 percent, while local government payroll employment increased by 100, or 0.08 percent.

Over the past year, total government payroll employment increased by 3,700, or 1.58 percent. State government payroll employment increased by 1,100, or 1.44 percent. Local government payroll employment increased by 900, or 0.73 percent.



The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during September were Total Government (+3,400) and Professional & Business Services (+1,800). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Construction (-1,500) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,000).

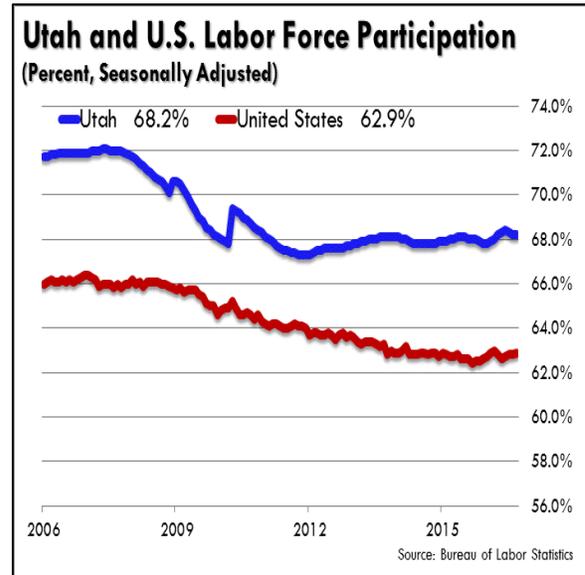
The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Educational & Health Services (+7,400) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+6,900). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Mining & Logging (-700) and Information (unchanged).



Other Utah Labor Force Statistics

The labor force participation rate in Utah was unchanged at 68.2 percent in September. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 8 have a higher labor force participation rate than Utah. The labor force participation rate in Utah is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Utah was 72.1 percent in June 2007. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Utah occurred in June 1994 when the labor force participation rate hit 73.2 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 67.3 percent in January 2012. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in December 1977 when the labor force participation rate hit 62.6 percent.



The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 62.9 percent in September, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Utah civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 65.9 percent in September from 65.7 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the

District of Columbia, 6 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Utah. The employment-to-population ratio in Utah is 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Utah was 70.3 percent in May 2007. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Utah occurred in June 1994 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 70.4 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 62.4 percent in March 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 58.9 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 59.8 percent in September. That rate was 0.5 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

State employment and unemployment data for October is scheduled for release on November 18, 2016. The national employment situation report for October will be released on Friday, November 4, 2016.