

Virginia Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 8.3 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 553,000 created each month.
- In the month of April, the latest for which national data are available, 428,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6%—a pandemic-era low and now just 0.1 percentage points above the pre-pandemic rate.
- The unemployment rate declined for adult women (3.2%), Black workers (5.9%) and Hispanic workers (4.1%) and remained steady for white workers (3.2%). The unemployment rate rose slightly for adult men (3.5%) and Asian workers (3.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 138,100 jobs have been created in Virginia.
- In the month of April, the latest for which state-level data are available, 13,600 jobs were created in Virginia.

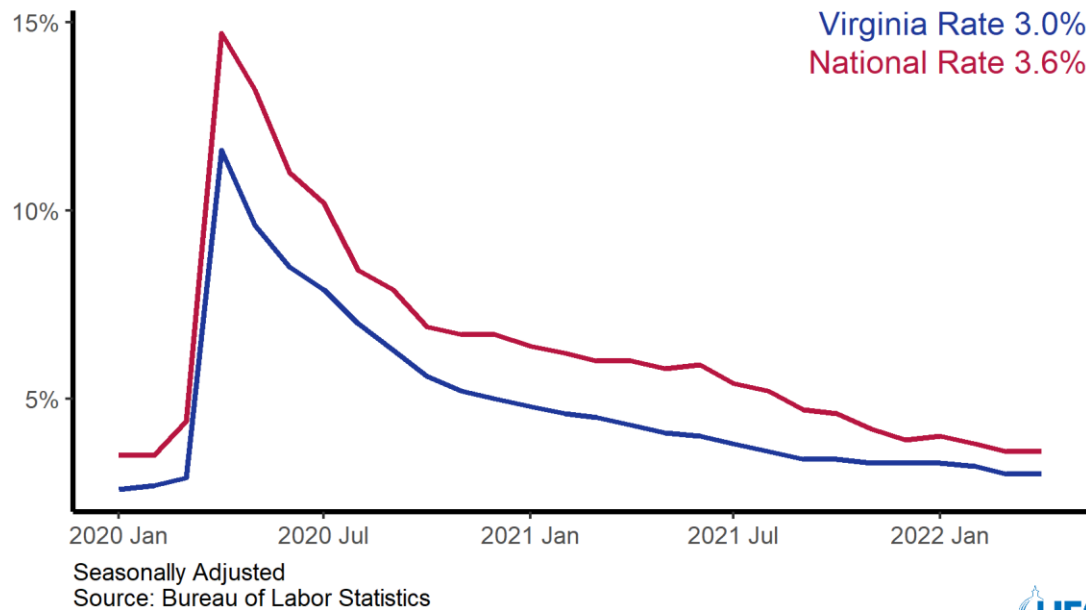
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in April	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Virginia	13,600	89%	138,100
Education and Health Services, Virginia	7,100	94%	20,500
Leisure and Hospitality, Virginia	6,400	90%	63,600
Professional and Business Services, Virginia	1,900	141%	24,100
Manufacturing, Virginia	300	65%	-1,700
Government, Virginia	0	56%	11,600
Construction, Virginia	-1,100	89%	700
Retail Trade, Virginia	-1,600	96%	4,200

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Virginia Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Virginia Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

