

West Virginia Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- The U.S. economy added 216,000 jobs in December 2023, and the United States has seen 35 consecutive months of job growth under President Biden.
- Since President Biden came into office, the United States has added over 14 million jobs, and at 3.7%, the unemployment rate remains near historic lows.
- In December, the unemployment rate was 5.2% for Black workers, 5.0% for Hispanic workers, 3.1% for Asian workers, 3.5% for white workers, and 5.9% (not seasonally adjusted) for American Indian and Alaska Native workers.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 42,500 jobs have been created in West Virginia.
- In the month of December, 2,700 jobs were created on net in West Virginia, with some employers adding jobs while others shrink their payrolls.

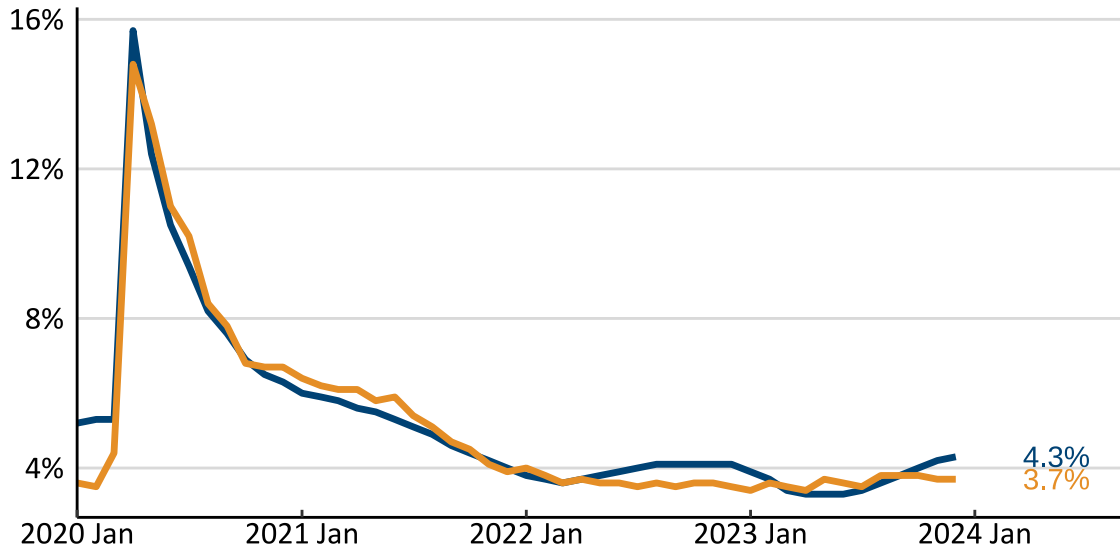
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Total Jobs as of December	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	2,700	712,900	42,500
Total Private	2,300	559,500	32,400
Leisure and Hospitality	1,100	71,100	6,600
Construction	1,000	33,200	2,900
Government	400	153,400	10,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	300	121,000	-400
Manufacturing	0	45,500	600
Information	0	7,800	900
Professional and Business Services	0	73,500	6,400
Mining and Logging	-100	22,100	5,000
Other Services	-200	26,000	3,300

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Total Jobs" refers to the number of employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and selected industry sector, seasonally adjusted.

West Virginia Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



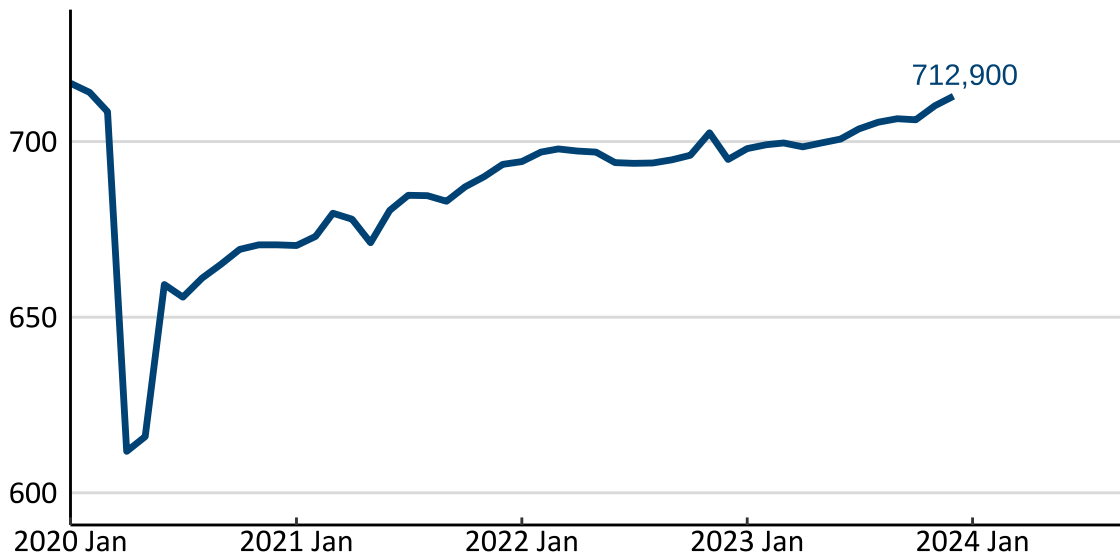
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



West Virginia Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

