

Tennessee Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 98,100 jobs have been created in Tennessee.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 14,500 jobs were created in Tennessee.

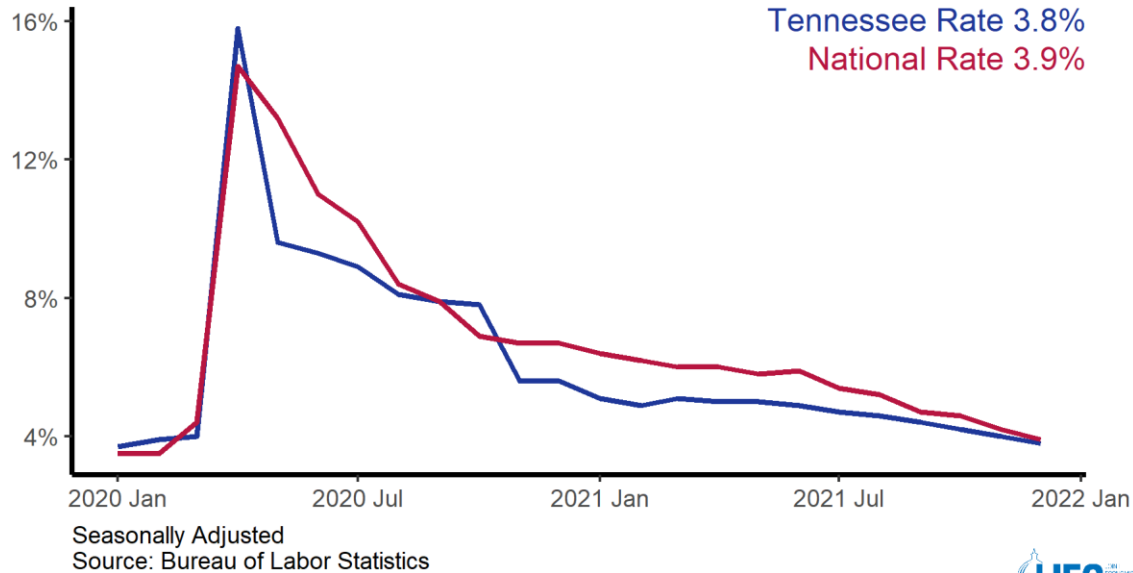
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Tennessee	14,500	93%	98,100
Leisure and Hospitality, Tennessee	4,200	82%	34,700
Education and Health Services, Tennessee	2,300	40%	-3,700
Retail Trade, Tennessee	2,100	104%	6,700
Professional and Business Services, Tennessee	1,700	125%	17,800
Manufacturing, Tennessee	400	97%	8,500
Government, Tennessee	100	61%	7,600
Construction, Tennessee	-400	58%	900

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.

Tennessee Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Tennessee Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

