

South Dakota 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, 3,000 jobs have been created in South Dakota.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 1,300 jobs were lost in South Dakota.

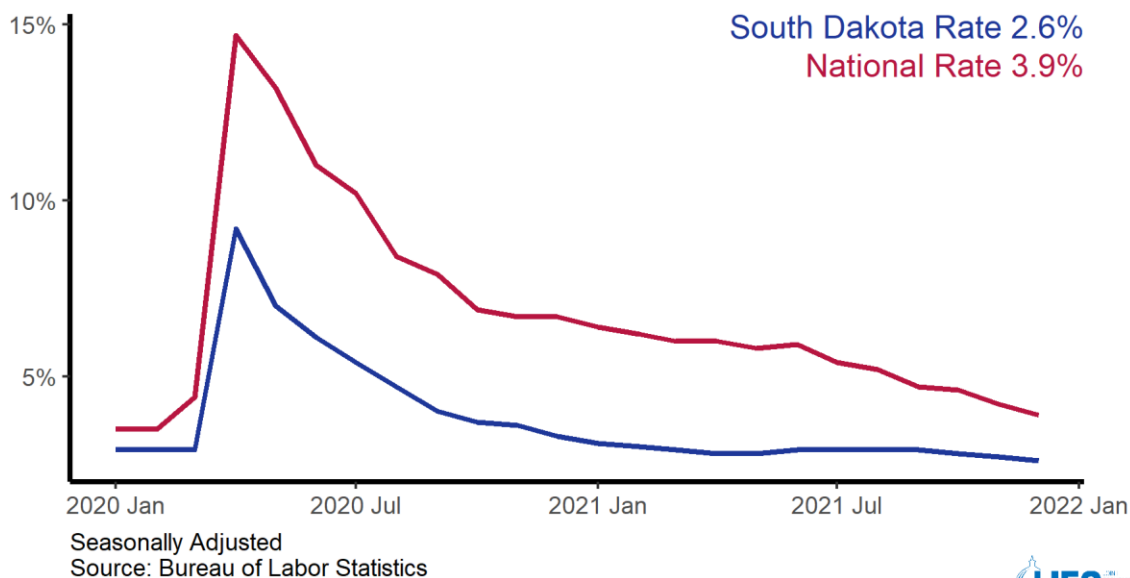
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, South Dakota	-1,300	82%	3,000
Education and Health Services, South Dakota	200	51%	-1,600
Manufacturing, South Dakota	100	91%	800
Construction, South Dakota	0	2 600%	2,300
Retail Trade, South Dakota	-200	98%	-400
Leisure and Hospitality, South Dakota	-200	85%	2,900
Professional and Business Services, South Dakota	-500	31%	200
Government, South Dakota	-900	79%	-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.

South Dakota Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



South Dakota Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

