

West Virginia 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, 23,900 jobs have been created in West Virginia.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 5,600 jobs were created in West Virginia.

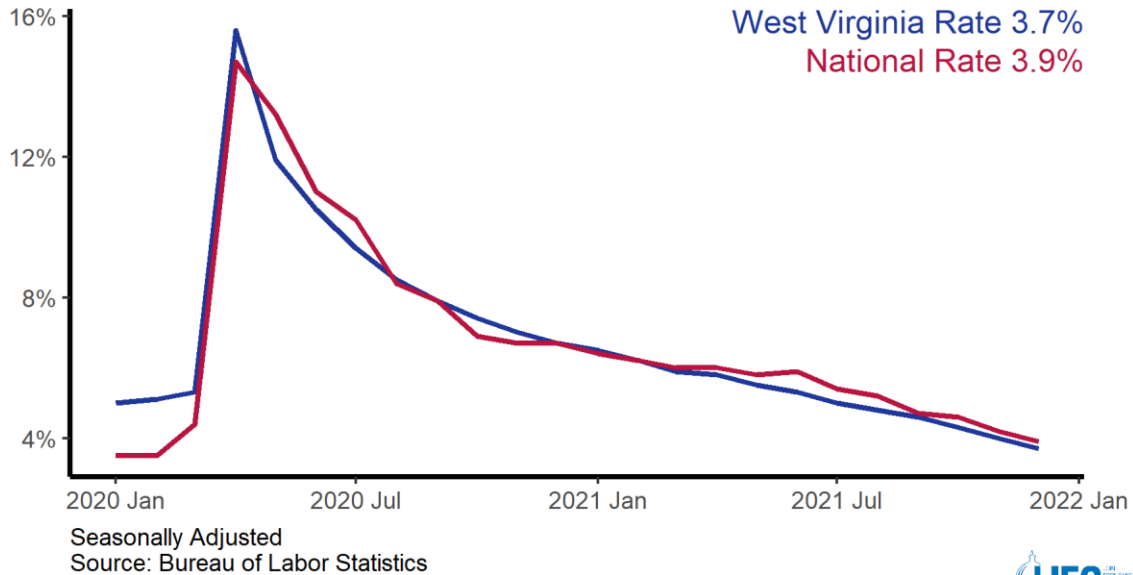
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, West Virginia	5,600	82%	23,900
Construction, West Virginia	1,500	112%	3,800
Retail Trade, West Virginia	1,300	113%	3,000
Education and Health Services, West Virginia	1,100	62%	-100
Government, West Virginia	900	62%	3,400
Professional and Business Services, West Virginia	700	84%	1,400
Leisure and Hospitality, West Virginia	700	87%	7,600
Manufacturing, West Virginia	400	83%	1,800

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.

West Virginia Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



West Virginia Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

