

Washington 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, 195,300 jobs have been created in Washington.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 14,000 jobs were created in Washington.

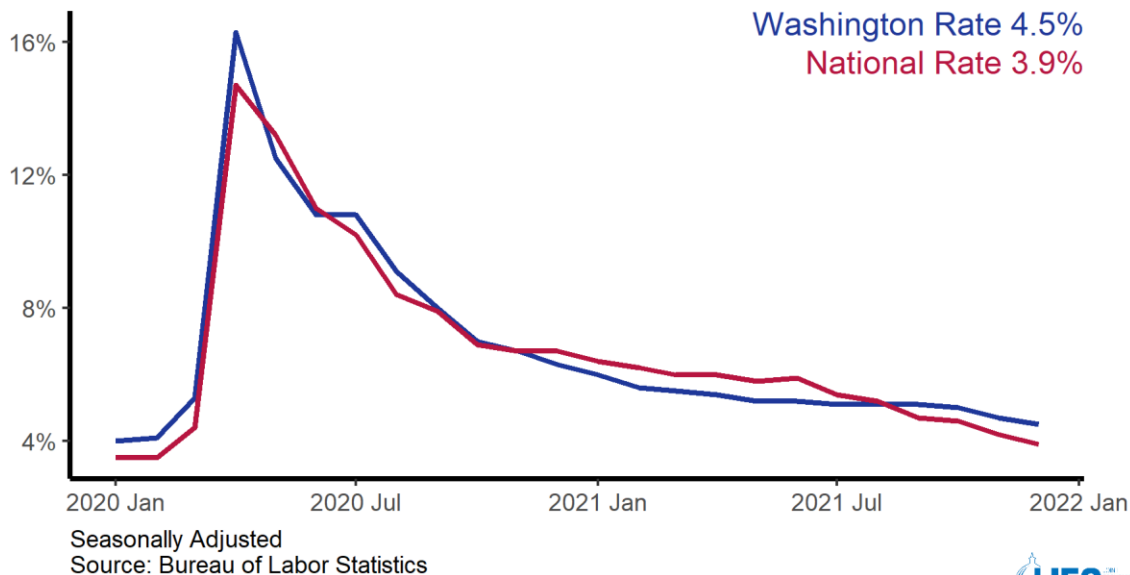
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Washington	14,000	89%	195,300
Government, Washington	3,700	45%	20,200
Retail Trade, Washington	3,200	143%	13,300
Professional and Business Services, Washington	2,800	111%	14,600
Construction, Washington	1,300	121%	9,200
Education and Health Services, Washington	900	134%	20,300
Manufacturing, Washington	-1,000	25%	7,900
Leisure and Hospitality, Washington	-2,200	74%	75,600

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.

Washington Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Washington Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

