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## Virginia Employment Report



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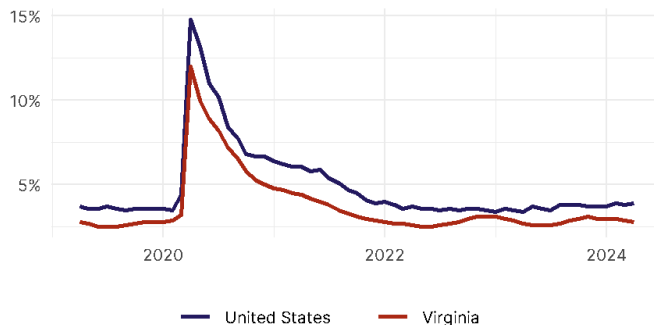
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In April, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 15, rose in 10, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in **California**. The lowest unemployment rate was 2 percent in **North Dakota and South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent.
- In April, **payroll jobs rose in 39 states and fell in 11.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.6 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.6 percent in **South Dakota**.

### Virginia Employment Snapshot

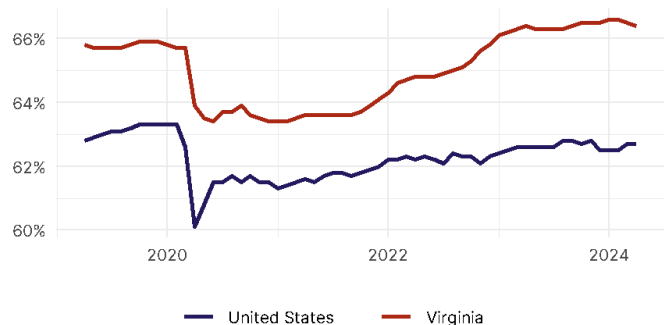
- In April, **Virginia added 3,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 2.8 percent.** In the prior month, Virginia added 18,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Virginia added 76,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 2.7 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 175,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Virginia **is tied for 13th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Virginia's private sector added 7,000 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 62,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Virginia added 12,900 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Virginia **rose by 517**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 30,892.
- **Virginia's labor force participation rate fell to 66.4 percent** in April from 66.5 percent and **ranks 9th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has remained unchanged.

Virginia  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Virginia  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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