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California Employment Update



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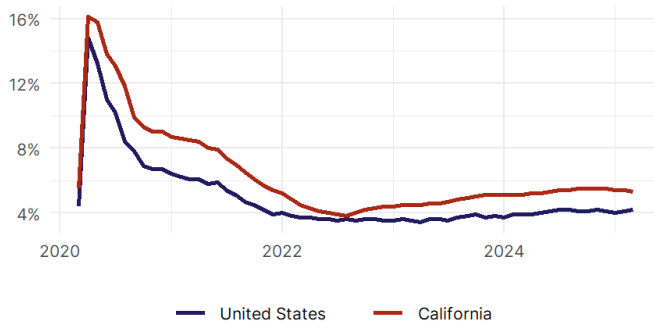
United States Employment Snapshot

- In March, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 15, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 19.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in **Nevada**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent.
- In March, **payroll jobs rose in 38 states and fell in 12.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Connecticut**.

California Employment Snapshot

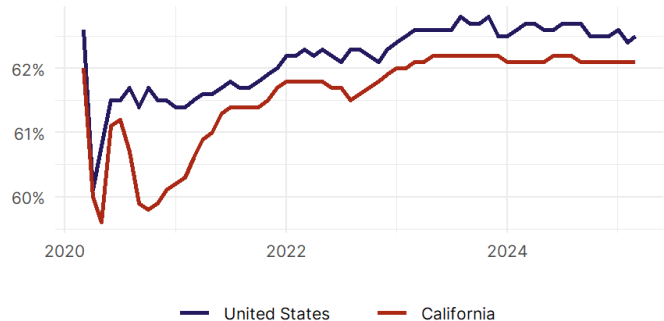
- In March, **California lost 11,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 5.3 percent.** In the prior month, California lost 21,800 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **California added 46,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points from 5.1 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** California **is tied for 41st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **California's private sector lost 16,400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 9,500 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, California lost 23,100 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in California **rose by 14,658**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 92,127.
- **California's labor force participation rate remained steady at 62.1 percent** in March and **ranks 32nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has remained unchanged.

California
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

California
Labor Force Participation Rate



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