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Connecticut

Employment Update



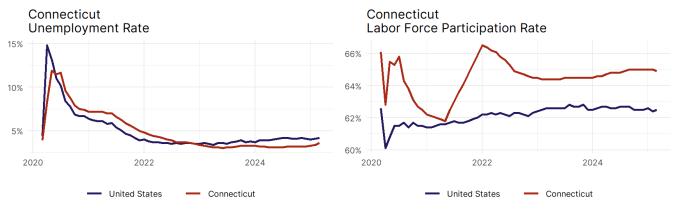
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United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Connecticut Employment Snapshot

- In March, Connecticut lost 4,500 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 3.6 percent. In the prior month, Connecticut lost 1,700 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, Connecticut added 6,000 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.4
 percentage points from 3.2 percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Connecticut **is tied for 39th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, Connecticut's private sector lost 4,800 net private payroll jobs, and over the past 12 months it added 6,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Connecticut lost 1,600 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Connecticut fell by 3,755, and over the past 12 months it rose by 15,397.
- Connecticut's labor force participation rate fell to 64.9 percent in March from 65 percent and is tied for 16th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.



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