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## Illinois

### Employment Update



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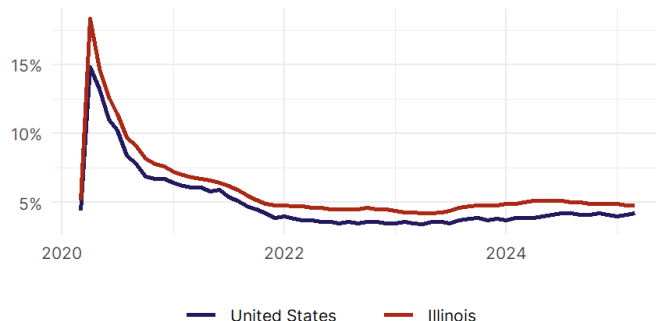
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Illinois Employment Snapshot

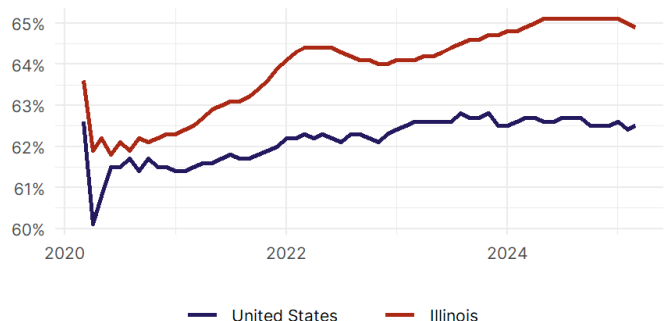
- In March, **Illinois added 14,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8 percent.** In the prior month, Illinois added 900 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Illinois added 34,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 5 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Illinois **is tied for 32nd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Illinois's private sector added 10,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 13,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Illinois added 1,000 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Illinois **fell by 6,584**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 48,966.
- **Illinois'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 remained unchanged.

Illinois  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Illinois  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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