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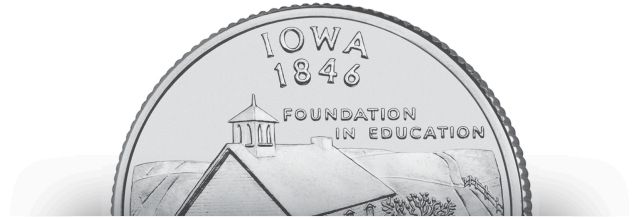
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Employment Update



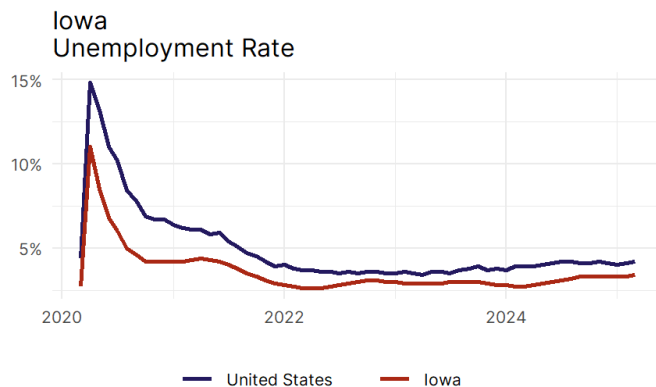
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United States Employment Snapshot

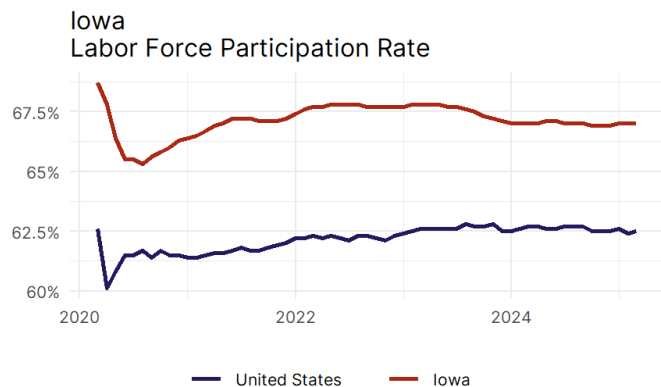
- In March, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 15, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 19.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in **Nevada**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage 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**.

Iowa Employment Snapshot

- In March, **Iowa lost 1,500 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.4 percent.** In the prior month, Iowa lost 2,100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Iowa lost 11,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 2.7 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Iowa **ranks 51st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Iowa's private sector lost 1,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 14,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Iowa added 1,400 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Iowa **rose by 401**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 2,404.
- **Iowa's labor force participation rate remained steady at 67 percent** in March and **ranks 9th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has remained unchanged.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted



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