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## Kentucky Employment Update



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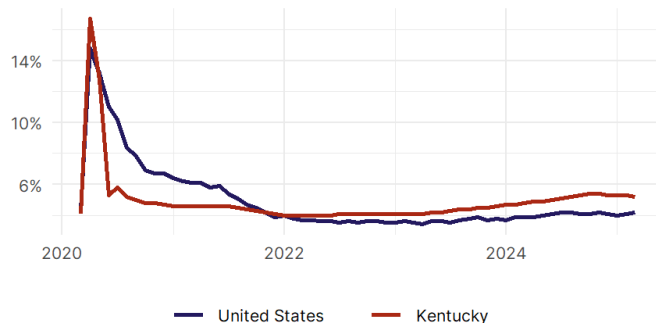
### United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

### Kentucky Employment Snapshot

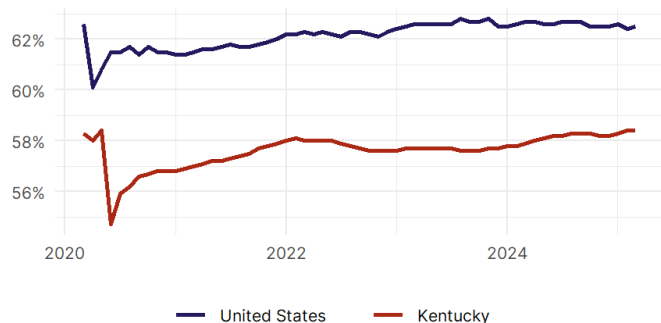
- In March, **Kentucky added 6,300 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 5.2 percent.** In the prior month, Kentucky added 8,000 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Kentucky added 18,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points from 4.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Kentucky **is tied for 21st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Kentucky's private sector added 6,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 14,500 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Kentucky added 5,700 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Kentucky **rose by 3,111**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 26,215.
- **Kentucky's labor force participation rate remained steady at 58.4 percent** in March and **is tied for 43rd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.5 percentage points.

Kentucky  
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Kentucky  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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