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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**.

## **Maine** Employment Snapshot

- In March, Maine added 600 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.5 percent. In the prior month, Maine lost 1,400 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, Maine added 1,800 net payroll jobs and the unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage points from 2.8 percent.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Maine **is tied for 41st** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Maine's private sector added 400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 1,800 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Maine lost 1,100 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Maine fell by 788, and over the past 12 months it rose by 2,958.
- Maine's labor force participation rate fell to 60.2 percent in March from 60.3 percent and ranks 39th in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.

