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Massachusetts Employment Update



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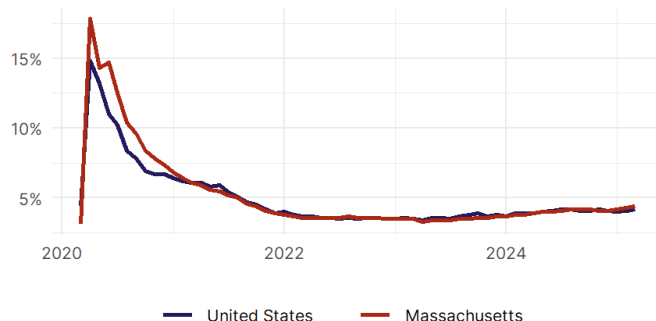
United States Employment Snapshot

- 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**.

Massachusetts Employment Snapshot

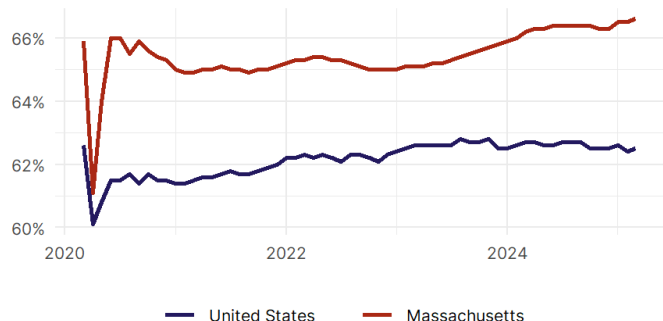
- In March, **Massachusetts added 4,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.4 percent.** In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 4,600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Massachusetts lost 11,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage points from 3.8 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Massachusetts **is tied for 48th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Massachusetts's private sector added 3,900 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it lost 12,100 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Massachusetts lost 4,100 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Massachusetts **fell by 1,645**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 29,265.
- **Massachusetts's labor force participation rate rose to 66.6 percent** in March from 66.5 percent and **ranks 10th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.4 percentage points.

Massachusetts
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Massachusetts
Labor Force Participation Rate



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